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December 5, 1955

Mr. Teruo Senda  
Abe su cho, Kada machi  
Kaiso gun, Wakayama ken, Japan

Dear Mr. Senda:

You have been successful in the administrative remedy pursued in your case. The Justice Department has reached the conclusion that you personally renounced citizenship because of fear, coercion and duress. Therefore, it is willing to withdraw the offer of proof it made against you in the mass class equity suits whereupon a judgment can be entered in your favor in the U.S. District Court cancelling your renunciation on the ground of duress and declaring you to be a citizen of the United States.

As soon as a large enough number of persons have been cleared administratively such a judgment will be entered for you. When the judgment is entered I shall let you know by letter and I shall send you a certified copy of the judgment which you can keep for future use.

I am enclosing a copy of the transmittal letter of the Justice Department (Attorney General) which was sent to the Department of State (Passport Office). You should take the enclosed copy of that transmittal letter promptly to the nearest U.S. Consul in Japan and there apply for a U.S. passport if you have not already done so. The U.S. Consul will issue a U.S. passport to you which will show on its face that you are a citizen of the United States.

When you receive the U.S. passport from the U.S. Consul you can make your own arrangements to return to the United States. You should write and let me know your U.S. address and the time you expect to return to the U.S.

If you have children born in Japan such children are U.S. citizens and you will be able to bring them back to the United States with you.

If you have a spouse (wife or husband) who is an alien such person can enter the United States as a "nonquota immigrant" because you are a U.S. citizen. An application can be made to the nearest U.S. Consul in Japan for a nonquota immigrant visa for such spouse.



If your spouse (wife or husband) is a renunciant who does not recover U.S. citizenship administratively through the Justice Department or by court trial, or does not wish further to try to recover U.S. citizenship, such a spouse, nevertheless, can elect to be an alien and can obtain a nonquota immigrant visa from the nearest U.S. Consul and can return to the U.S. because he or she is the spouse of a U.S. citizen.

If your spouse is an alien or a renunciant who does not recover citizenship but becomes an alien who returns to the United States as a nonquota immigrant he or she here in course of time becomes eligible to apply for naturalization as a U.S. citizen.

It is my conclusion that in due course of time Congress will enact a new law authorizing the return of property or its approximate value to aliens whose property was seized and confiscated during the war under the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

If you intend to remain in Japan for a while you must be careful not to commit any act whereby you might lose U.S. citizenship. You were informed by me in previous letters of various acts of expatriation whereby a U.S. citizenship can be lost.

If you have dual citizenship you can denounce (renounce) Japanese nationality. This can be done by signing a renunciation form before a Japanese consular officer in the United States or before an authorized Japanese government office in Japan.

Very truly yours,



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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
CIVIL DIVISION  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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*Teruo Senda 7/28/14*

Lloyd H. Burke, Require  
United States Attorney  
422 Post Office Building  
Seventh & Mission Streets  
San Francisco 1, California

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Re: Teruo Senda  
Your ref: Abo, et al v. Brownell, et al.  
Furuya, et al v. Brownell, et al. (Consolidated  
actions - Civil Nos. 25294 and 25295).  
Renunciation of citizenship, Title 8 USC 801(i).

Dear Mr. Burke:

On August 4, 1955, you forwarded to this Department an affidavit of the above-named subject for a determination as to whether his case may be considered as coming within the coverage of the ruling of the Court of Appeals in the case of Acheson v. Murakami, 176 F. 2d, 953, in accordance with a letter from this Department dated September 21, 1953, to Mr. Wayne K. Collins.

You are advised that an affidavit of this subject was previously submitted to this Department by the Department of State with a similar request for our views. On July 3, 1953, we advised that Department that we were of the opinion that subject's case could not be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision in the above case.

However, upon reconsideration of all the evidence in this case, and the subject's additional affidavit, we are now of the opinion that his case may be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision in the above case.

We have informed the Department of State of our present view by letter, three copies of which are enclosed herewith. If you disagree with our action please so advise us promptly in order that we may recall our clearance from the Department of State before action is taken thereon. If you do not disagree, please forward two of the copies to Mr. Collins and enter into the arrangements necessary to dispose of



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the case in accordance with the procedure outlined in the above-mentioned letter of September 21, 1953, as modified by this Department's letter to you dated June 9, 1955. We shall appreciate your forwarding to this office a copy of the stipulation and judgment when record entry of the same has been accomplished.

The original and one copy of the subject's affidavit are returned to you herewith.

Yours very truly,

WARREN E. BURGER  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

By:

Enoch F. Ellison  
Chief, Japanese Claims Section

Enclosure No. 103315  
Original and copy of Affidavit,  
3 copies of letter to Department  
of State.



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Attention: Miss Frances Knight  
Director, Passport Office

Re: Teruo Senda  
Your ref: F130

Dear Sirs:

On June 22, 1953, the Department of State submitted to this Department an affidavit of the above-named subject and requested an expression of our views as to whether his case might be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision in the Murakami case. On July 3, 1953, you were advised that we were of the opinion that his case could not be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision in said case.

Pursuant to an agreement entered into with Mr. Wayne M. Collins, Attorney, to stipulate to the introduction of satisfactory affidavits submitted by plaintiffs in the case of McGrath v. Abo, 186 F. 2d, 766, as set forth in the Department's letter of September 22, 1953, to the Department of State, the subject submitted an additional affidavit as to his reasons for renouncing his citizenship. Upon reconsideration of all the evidence in this case, and the subject's additional affidavit, we are now of the opinion that his case may be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision in the Murakami case. We have advised Lloyd H. Burke, Esquire, United States Attorney, Northern District of California, of our views. In accordance with our above-referred to letter of September 22, 1953 to the Department of State, we attach copy of our letter to Mr. Burke, together with affidavit of the subject.



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A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Collins, and in accordance with the agreement, may be presented by the subject in lieu of the usual supplemental affidavit required of renunciant applicants for documentation as American Citizens.

Yours very truly,

WARREN E. BURGER  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Division

By:

Enoch E. Ellison  
Chief, Japanese Claims Section

Enclosure No. 103314  
Affidavit and copy of letter to  
Lloyd H. Burke, Esquire.



3952 Clinton St.  
Los Angeles 4, Calif.  
June 4, 1960.

Mr. Wayne M. Collins,  
Attorney At Law,  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I have been sending in even a small  
amount from the start of this year.  
This is already the 5th time I am sending  
in my check.

Will you please check on this for me for  
on the envelope this is second month they  
typed out \$270. balance.

Thank You.

Yours Truly,  
Teruo Senda.  
Mary Nakashima.



June 3, 1960

Mr. Teruo Senda  
3952 Clinton Street  
Los Angeles 4, California

Dear Mr. Senda:

In answer to your letter of June 1, 1960, this is to inform you that your balance, as well as Mrs. Shizuye Mary Nakashima, now is \$250.00.

The reason you were billed \$270 on April 1 and May 1 was that your balance as of 4/1/60 was \$270. Your payment of \$10 reached us after May 1 and after the billings were already sent out for the month of May. Therefore, you were billed again for \$270. Whenever a payment is sent in to us within the last few days of a month, it is credited to your account for the following month. We trust the above explanation is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss



Senda, Teruo - 10<sup>00</sup> each  
Nakashima, ~~Mary~~ <sup>Shirley</sup> Mary 10<sup>00</sup> each  
3952 Clinton St.  
Los Angeles 4, Calif.  
Oct. 26, 1960.

Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law  
Wells Tower 220 Bush St.  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing \$20. making  
payment for brother and myself.  
Thank You.

Yours Sincerely ..  
Mary Nakashima  
Teruo Senda.



Jerry Senda

p/b 7/63

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WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET  
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Mr. Teruo Senda  
4623 1/2 Pickford St.  
Los Angeles 19, Calif.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW

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AFFIDAVIT

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AFFIDAVIT

This affidavit should be specifically addressed to the circumstances of your particular case and should not consist of generalities. When you are uncertain as to matters related in your affidavit write "uncertain". Where you claim that any action was taken by you as the result of fear, you should state in each instance, with the greatest possible particularity, what was feared and why. If it is claimed that the fears were caused by threats from individuals or groups of individuals, the nature of the threats, the names of the individuals making them, if known, and the time, place and occasion for the making of the threats should be given.

If more space is needed for answers to particular questions, separate sheets of plain white paper should be used. Each separate sheet so used should be plainly marked with the number of the question being answered and your name.

1. Name		Date of Birth	
TERUO SENDA		July 28, 1914	
2. If born prior to December 1, 1924	(A) Have you ever renounced Japanese nationality?	When	Where
	Yes	Dec. 1932	Seattle, Wash.
3. If born since December 1, 1924	(A) Was your name ever registered with a Japanese Consulate for the purpose of reserving your Japanese nationality?		
If so, did you thereafter renounce your Japanese nationality?		When	Where
4. State periods of visits to Japan and purpose of each visit:			
Date		Purpose	
From	To		
5. Give details concerning any formal education in Japan:			
School		Period of Attendance	
		From	To
Specify subjects studied (attach additional sheet if necessary).			
6. Have you ever made application for repatriation to Japan?.....NO.....If so, give date....., and your reasons for so applying:			
7. (A) Have you ever expressly indicated that you would not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States?		Have you ever declined to answer when asked whether you would swear unqualified allegiance?	
Yes		negative	
Or have you ever given a qualified answer to such question asked at War Relocation Centers?.....If so, give your reasons:			
negative			
(B) If your answer to any of the questions in (A) is affirmative, then did you ever subsequently change your mind and express your willingness to swear an unqualified allegiance or would you have been willing to do so if an opportunity had been afforded you?.....If so, state when you changed your mind and your reasons therefor:			
negative			



(C) Did you ever indicate that you would not swear unqualified allegiance to the United States either expressly or by refusal to answer, or a qualified answer, knowing that by so doing you would be sent to the WRA Segregation Center at Tule Lake? Yes If so, give reasons:

Being an American citizen I was forced against my own will with my aged and sick mother to evacuate and be confined in WRA Centers for about 4 long years. Hearing rumors about outside I had fears for myself and mother of being forced to relocate in some unknown place without any financial aid nor friends to help us. There were rumors that American citizens would be drafted in the army which I was against because of the fact being an American citizen I was forced to evacuate and be confined in WRA Centers surrounded by fence and barbed wire and with armed sentries to guard camp. Fear of being seperated from family. Fear and hostility from anti-American groups also.

8. (A)

WERE YOU EVER AT ANY TIME A MEMBER OF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

	Answer		Period of Membership
	Yes	No	
Black Dragon Society (Kokuryu Kai)		X	
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)		X	
Central Japanese Association of Southern California		X	
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan) (Hokubei Kai)		X	
Heimuska Kai, also known as Hokubei Heieki Gimusha Kai Zaihei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and		X	
Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese residing in American Military Conscripts Assoc.) Heimusha Kai		X	
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)		X	
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a Group of Japanese War Veterans)		X	
Hokubei Zaigo Shoko Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)		X	
Japanese Association of America (Zaibei Nihonjin Kai)		X	
Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Kai)		X	
Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940		X	
Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)		X	
Jikyoku Iin Kai (Current Affairs Association)		X	
Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)		X	
Nanka Teikoku Gunyudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)		X	
Nichibei Kogyo Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)		X	
Northwest Japanese Association		X	
Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society or Cherry Association—composed of Veterans of Russo-Japanese War) (Cherry Blossom Society)		X	
Shinto Temples		X	
Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)		X	
Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association Los Angeles)		X	
Hokoku Seinen-Dan		X	
Hokoku Joshi Seinen-Dan		X	
Sokoku Kenkyu Seinen-Dan		X	
Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi-Dan		X	

(B) Give reasons for becoming a member:

NONE

(C) State nature of your activity and offices you held:

NONE

(D) If you voluntarily discontinued membership in any of the aforementioned organizations, give approximate date and reasons for so doing:

NONE



(E) If you claim that your membership in any of the aforementioned organizations, your activities therein, or your acceptance of an office was due to misunderstanding of the purpose or nature of the organization, explain fully:

NONE

(F) If you at any time wished to discontinue membership, activity, or office and were prevented from so doing, explain fully:

NONE

9. (A) When did you decide to apply for forms upon which to renounce your United States citizenship?

Give reasons for so doing: I am not quite certain as to the date I decided to apply for forms of renunciation papers. I think it was sometime in Feb. 1945. I was born in USA so thought to be an American citizen as stated in question 2, but was not so I had my folks cancell my Japanese citizen and had my American citizen approved as stated in question 2. I also had my physical examination through Selective Draft Service but was rejected for my bad health but wanted very badly to serve in US Service and to serve for my country which is USA. Sometime in May 1942 we were forced to evacuate and be confined in WRA Centers surrounded by fence with barbed wire and armed sentries to guard which I did not in the least expect being an American citizen and deprived of my rights and privileges. My mother induced me to renounce because fear of being seperated or deported to Japan because she was considered as alien and wanted me to renounce. Through fears and hostilities from anti-American groups and leaders such as Mr. Hayashi and Mr. Hitomi were the main people who were the cause of my renunciation of U.S. citizenship.

(B) If reasons given in answer to preceding question differ from reasons given to officer who held renunciation hearing, give your explanation for difference: I am not certain nor can not recall my memory so there maybe differences and changes made from my an original of my renunciation hearing. Due to my excitement and fear I could not express my true feelings.

(C) If you claim that your renunciation was caused by fear, you should explain fully why such fear extended from the time of the application for renunciation papers until the date of actual renunciation:

Anti-American group members and leaders such as Mr. Hayashi and Mr. Hitomi who spread rumors of fear and hostility were the direct cause of my renouncing my citizenship. My mother wanted and induced me to renounce for fear of what the Japanese Government would react towards me when she expatriated to Japan, through fears and hostility of the above stated 2 men Mr. Hayashi and Mr. Hitomi.

(D) If the fear did not extend from the date of application to the date of approval by the Attorney General, you should state whether you made any effort to withdraw your application, and if not, explain fully:

I did not have any knowledge that I could withdraw my application for renunciation of citizenship once it was submitted to the Government until it was too late and did not have the opportunity to withdraw my application for renouncing my citizenship.

(E) If, after approval, you requested the Attorney General to withdraw his approval of your renunciation or to cancel your renunciation, give the reasons for the delay in making such request:

While being in camp such as Tule Lake surrounded by anti-American groups I could not obtain any information as to being able to withdraw my application for renunciation. After I came back to Japan, found out it was possible to withdraw application for renunciation and submitted papers through American Consulate General in Japan.



(F) If there are any other facts which influenced your action in renouncing your United States citizenship, state fully below or on a separate sheet if necessary.

none

10. (A) If you now are in Japan, give your reasons for having returned to Japan.

My deceased mother who was aged and ill of health would not listen to me nor to my sisters pleadings is the cause of my and sisters returning to Japan because of the fact she wanted to return to her native country and I did not have the alternative to let her come to Japan by herself but to come with her for there was no way out for me but return to Japan with her.

(B) If you are in Japan, have you since you returned to Japan taken any action to resume or acquire Japanese citizenship? no Answer Yes or No

If you have, state nature of action taken and reasons therefor.

none

11. (A) If you have served or are serving in the military or naval forces of the United States fill in the following:

I enlisted (or was drafted) on..... in the.....; my Serial number is.....  
State the date State the Branch of Service

I still am in such service.....; I was released from active duty on.....and received my Discharge  
Answer Yes or No on.....

(B) If at any time while in a war relocation center or since then you volunteered for military or naval service but your offer of service was rejected state the time when and the place where you volunteered.

(C) State why your offer of such service was rejected, if the reason was made known to you.

(D) If you were rejected for military or naval service by your Local Draft Board since your release from a war relocation center state the reason for the rejection if known to you.

12. If any member of your family has served or is serving in the military or naval forces of the United States state the relationship of such person to you, the name of such person, the branch of service and serial number of such person:

My oldest sisters 2 sons were volunteers in the navy and marine services.

nephew

Relationship

Jerry and Bobby Fujiwara

Name

navy and marine corp.

Branch of Service

unknown

Serial Number

JAPAN

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CITY OF KOBE

CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SS:

/s/ Teruo Senda

(Signature in full of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 19 55.

Consular Seal

Service No. 12039

No Fee Prescribed

/s/ William A. Mitchell  
American Vice Consul

This affidavit may be executed before any person authorized to administer oaths.



## PERSONAL QUESTIONNAIRE

Please read this questionnaire carefully and then print, type or write your answers legibly to the following questions.

- a. State your full name. Terno Senda
- b. Male? ☒ Female? ☐ Maiden Name? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Birth place? McMurry, Washington Birth date? 28 July, 1914
- d. Present address: Ebesu-cho, Kada-machi, Kaiso-gun,  
Wakayama-Ken, Japan.

## PRELIMINARY QUESTIONS

1. Where did you live before evacuation? 458 North Westmoreland Ave.,  
Los Angeles, California.
2. What was your occupation before evacuation? Gardener.
3. Who, if anyone, was wholly or partially dependent upon you for support at the time you were evacuated? Mother
4. Where did your father and mother reside at the time of evacuation? Same as above  
address.
- Were they aliens? Yes.
- What were their ages at the time of evacuation? Mother was 66 years old.
- Were your parents both evacuated also? yes Was either of them in ill health while in a WRA Center? no Was either of them hospitalized while in a WRA Center? \_\_\_\_\_
- If so, when and in what Center? Mother was ill prior to evacuation  
and was hospitalized in Santa Anita Hospital for about 2 months.
- Were you or any other members of your family in ill health while in a WRA Center? Yes.
- If so, state who was, and, if hospitalized, state when, for what period of time, and in what Center? Mother and myself at times, mother was hospitalized for  
a while in Heart Mountain, but not in Tule Lake.
5. When and where were you married? Single.
- What is the name of your spouse? none.
- Is your spouse (wife or husband) a U. S. citizen, a renunciant or an alien? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the names, birthdates and birthplaces of your children? none.
7. What members of your family were evacuated with you? Mother, sister,  
brother-in-law and one nephew.
8. State what members of your family (spouse, mother, father, brothers, sisters or children), were in Japan during the war? none



9. Who of them, if any, were U. S. citizens? None
10. Did any of them serve in the Japanese armed forces? none
11. State what members, if any, of your spouse's family (your father-in-law, mother-in-law, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, or step-children) were in Japan during the war and whether they are U. S. citizens or Japanese aliens? none
12. Did you suffer any property losses by reason of your evacuation? no. Did you file a claim to recover losses you suffered by reason of your evacuation? no. For what amount did you file your claim? none. What amount did you receive in settlement of your claims? none. Did your parents suffer any property losses by reason of evacuation? no. If so, for what amount did they file claims? none. What amount did they receive in settlement of their claims? none.
13. State whether your husband, father or any other member of your family was interned as an alien enemy after the outbreak of war in an Alien Enemy Internment Camp, for removal to Japan, and, if so, in what camp? none
- When and where were you reunited with such member of your family? none.

### Re: LEAVES

14. Did you apply for "short term", "seasonal work", "indefinite leave", "student's leave" or "relocation" while you were in a WRA Center? none  
 When did you make that application?  
 In what camp were you at that time? Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
 Were you denied leave? By whom?  
 What reasons were given to you for denying your application?
15. Did you go out for seasonal work or on any leave clearance? no. When and where did you go and for what period of time? none  
 What type of work did you do? none  
 Did you experience any discrimination or persecution while on leave? If so, state the experience.  
 To what Center did you return?



16. State the names of any members of your family or any of your friends who went out on leave or relocation and experienced discrimination or persecution. *I don't*

*know of anyone.*

What happened to them?

When and where did the occurrences take place?

From whom or what sources did you hear or learn those things? *anti-American groups and leaders such as Mr. Hayashi and Kitomi, Mr. Kishimoto.*

Did you know or learn of any other persons on leave having been subjected to discrimination or persecution? *no.* What were their names?

What happened to them?

When and where did the occurrences take place?

#### Re: APPLICATIONS FOR REPATRIATION

17. To what Assembly Center were you evacuated? *Pomona*

18. To what WRA Center were you next transferred? *Hearst mountain*

*Relocation Center, Wyoming.*

19. In what Block did you live there? *Block #6.*

With whom did you share quarters there? *mother.*

20. In what Camp were you when you applied for repatriation to Japan? *Pule Lake Center, but did not apply for repatriation to Japan.*

21. Did you make that application *before* or *after* you answered the Army Questionnaire in February or March, 1943? *none.*

When did you make that application? *none.*

Did you personally make that application? *no.* If not, who did? *mother.*

Did any of the following persons also make applications for repatriation to Japan? *yes.*

Your husband? \_\_\_\_\_ wife? \_\_\_\_\_ father? \_\_\_\_\_ mother? ☒ brothers? \_\_\_\_\_

sisters? \_\_\_\_\_ father-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_ mother-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_ brothers-in-law? \_\_\_\_\_ sisters-

in-law? \_\_\_\_\_ When and in what Center were they at the time they did this?

*Pule Lake.*

Did they then fear that the government intended to deport all aliens to Japan? *yes;*

that it intended to deport all Kibei to Japan? \_\_\_\_\_; that it intended to deport all Nisei to

Japan? *yes.*



22. Did you make more than one application for repatriation to Japan, and, if so, when and where did you do so? none
23. What members of your family pressured you into applying for repatriation to Japan?  
What did they say to you to get you to apply for repatriation?
24. Did anyone else, not a member of your family, pressure you into applying for repatriation to Japan? ..... Name the persons who did and state whether they were Issei, Kibei, or Nisei. ....  
If those persons were leaders or members of any organization state the name of the organization. ....  
What did those persons tell you to get you to apply for repatriation? .....
25. What did you then believe would happen to you if you did not make an application for repatriation to Japan? .....  
Were you fearful that if you did not apply for repatriation you would be separated from your husband? ..... wife? ..... children? ..... mother? ..... father? ..... brothers? ..... sisters? ..... or other persons? .....  
Were those persons in the same Center with you at the time you applied for repatriation? ..... If any of them were not, state who was not and where they were at the time. ....
26. Did you believe that if you didn't apply for repatriation to Japan that sooner or later you would be forced to relocate in the U. S.? .....; in an area hostile to Japanese? .....; that you might be drafted into the armed forces? .....; that you would be separated from alien members of your family you believed would be deported to Japan? .....
27. Did you make application for repatriation because you believed the Government had no use for you and intended to deport you to Japan because you were a Kibei? .....; or that it intended to deport you to Japan because your parents were there? .....; or because your parents were aliens here and that it intended to deport them on an exchange ship to Japan simply because they were aliens? .....; and that they wanted you to be with them and not be separated from them? .....

**Re: QUESTIONS 27 AND 28**

28. In what WRA Center were you at the time you answered the Army Questionnaire containing Questions Nos. 27 and 28? not sure but I think it was in Lake Lake  
Was the Questionnaire you answered the Army Questionnaire or the WRA Application for Leave Clearance, if you remember? Army Questionnaire



29. Did you give a negative answer to Question No. 27? no.; to Question No. 28? no.  
Did you refuse to answer Question No. 27?.....; Question No. 28? .....

30. Did any members of your family pressure you or threaten you into giving a "No" answer to Questions Nos. 27 and 28 or into refusing to answer those questions? no. Who were the family members who did this? .....

What did they say to you to get you to answer "No" to those questions or to refuse to answer those questions? .....

Did you give a "No" answer to those questions or refuse to answer them because your father? ..... mother? ..... brothers? ..... sisters? ..... or other family members? ..... were in Japan at the time and you feared they might get in trouble with the Japanese government if you were willing to serve in the U. S. Army? ..... or were willing to swear allegiance to the U. S.? ..... Did you give "No" answers to those questions or refuse to answer them because your father? ..... mother? ..... brothers? ..... sisters? ..... or other family members? ..... were in the U. S. but you believed they were to be deported to Japan and that they would get in trouble with the Japanese Government when they arrived there if you had answered "Yes" to those questions? ..... Did you give a "No" answer to those questions because you believed that eventually you would be deported to Japan and you feared that if you gave a "Yes" answer to those questions you would get in trouble with the Japanese Government when you arrived in Japan? .....

31. Did any other persons pressure or threaten you into giving "No" answers to those questions or into refusing to answer those questions? ..... What are the names of those persons and state whether they were Issei, Kibei, or Nisei and the Blocks in which they lived and the organization, if any, of which they were members? .....

What did those persons say to you to get you to give "No" answers to those questions or to refuse to answer those questions? .....

32. What did you fear would happen to you if you didn't give "No" answers to those questions or you didn't refuse to answer them? .....

33. What did you fear would happen to other members of your family if you didn't give "No" answers to those questions or you did not refuse to answer them? .....

34. Did you refuse to answer those questions because you already had applied for repatriation to Japan and you understood that if you already had applied for repatriation you did not have to answer those questions? .....

35. Did you give "No" answers to those questions or refuse to answer them because you resented being evacuated, confined to a WRA Center and treated like an alien? .....

36. Did you give "No" answers to those questions or refuse to answer them because you already had applied for repatriation and believed that if you gave "Yes" answers your application for repatriation would be cancelled and you might be drafted into the armed



forces? .....; or be forcibly relocated in the U. S. while the war still was going on? ..... Did you fear that if you were to be drafted you would be discriminated against and be persecuted in the armed forces? ..... Did you fear that if you were drafted? ..... or relocated? ..... you would be permanently separated from members of your family who were to be repatriated to Japan? .....; from what family members did you fear to be separated? .....

37. Did anyone else, not a member of your family, pressure or threaten you into giving "No" answers to those questions? ..... What were their names and state whether they were Issei, Kibei or Nisei and the names of the organizations to which they belonged? .....

38. Did you fear that if you gave "Yes" answers to those questions that you would have to stay in camp and be separated from your parents or other family members who were to be deported to Japan because they were aliens or because they had asked to be sent to Japan and you did not want to be separated from them? ..... From what parent or family members did you fear separation? .....

39. Did you fear that if you gave "Yes" answers to those questions you eventually would have to relocate in this country during the war and would be in danger from hostile Caucasians? ..... Who told you that this might happen to you? .....

40. Did you fear that if you gave "Yes" answers to those questions that it would mean you might be drafted into military service where you would be discriminated against or be persecuted by fellow soldiers or that you might be used as cannon fodder just because you had Japanese ancestry? ..... Who told you that this might happen to you? .....

41. Did you fear that if you gave "Yes" answers to those questions that you might be attacked and harmed by groups of Issei, Kibei or Nisei in camp? ..... Name the group and its leaders or members from whom you feared this danger? .....

Did you give "No" answers to those questions as a protest against the mistreatment of evacuation and confinement to a camp? .....

42. Were you, or any member of your family, or any friend or anyone else attacked by members of the pressure groups in that Center for showing loyalty to the U. S.? ..... or opposition to the pressure groups? ..... or for giving "Yes" answers to Questions Nos. 27 and 28? ..... If so, state the names of the persons who were attacked. ....

When were they attacked? ..... By whom were they attacked? .....

43. Did you then believe that if you gave a "No" answer to those questions that you would be allowed to stay in the Center for the duration of the war and in this way you and your



family would be free from danger of persecution by Caucasians? ..... Who told you this? .....

44. Did you give "No" answers to Questions Nos. 27 and 28 or refuse to answer those questions because you had been informed by the WRA or understood that because you already had applied for repatriation to Japan that you did not have to answer those questions? ..... Who told you this? .....

45. Did you ever give a "Yes" answer to Question No. 27? .....; to Question No. 28? .....; Did you change your answer to Question No. 27 or 28 to "No" at any time? ..... Did you change your answer to Questions Nos. 27 and 28 to "No" or refuse to give "Yes" answers to those questions by July 31, 1943, because you knew that "No" answers or a refusal to answer those questions would mean that you would be sent to Tule Lake or be segregated there with alien members of your family from whom you did not want to be separated? .....

46. When and where did you first register for the draft? Los Angeles, Calif.

What classification did you first receive? 4-F Did you ever receive a 4-C (alien enemy) classification? yes When did you receive that 4-C classification? sometime in 1944

In what Center were you when you received it? Tule Lake.

Did you receive that 4-C classification before you answered the Army Questionnaire in February or March of 1943 while you were in a WRA Center or did you receive it afterward? Afterward, when I lost my original Registration card.

47. While you were in any WRA Center did you sign a petition addressed to the Attorney General, the President, the Army, the WRA or other governmental agency or agent stating in substance that if you were freed and returned to your home you would fight for the U. S. and give your life if necessary for this country? ..... In what Center were you at the time? uncertain

Did you sign such a petition before you answered the Army Questionnaire in February or March, 1943 or afterward? no. Did you sign such a petition before you made a request for repatriation to Japan or afterward? no. When were your parents first placed on the free list or notified that they could be relocated? none that I know of.

Were any other members of your family placed on the WRA free list for relocation purposes and, if so, who were they and when were they placed on the free list? none that I know of.

48. Would you have been willing to swear unqualified allegiance to the U. S. while you were in a WRA Center if the Government had allowed you to return to your home as a free citizen? ..... Would you have been willing to return to your home alone? no; without the citizen members of your family likewise being freed from detention? .....; without the alien members of your family also being freed? ..... Would you have been willing only if the Government would assure you that you would be relocated safe from harm from



Caucasians? .....; that the citizen members of your family would be relocated safe from harm? .....; and that the alien members of your family would be relocated safely? ..... Were the alien members of your family willing to return to their homes during the war if the Government would allow them? ..... Were they willing to be relocated elsewhere in the U. S.? ..... *yes, only under security and aid by Government.*

49. Did you keep in touch with your Local Draft Board while you were in a WRA Center? *yes*. Did you report to your Draft Board after you were released from camp? ..... To what Draft Board? ..... What draft classification did you finally receive? ..... After your release from camp did you volunteer for service in our armed forces? ..... Were you drafted into the armed forces? ..... When .....; into what branch? .....; what period of time did you serve? .....; where did you serve? .....; what was your Serial Number? ..... Have you received an Honorable Discharge from such service? .....; what is the date of that Discharge? .....

#### Re: MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

50. Were you at any time a member of the Hoshi Dan? *no*; Seinen Dan? *no*; or Joshi Dan? *no*; at the Tule Lake Center? *no*. When did you become a member? *no*. How long were you a member? *none*. When did you stop being a member? *none*. In what Block did you live at the time you became a member? *none*. What was the name of your Block Manager? *uncertain*. With whom did you share living quarters at the Tule Lake Center? *mother*. What organizations were active in that Block? *uncertain*. What were the names of the leaders of the organizations in your Block? *uncertain*.
51. Was your father? ..... or mother? ..... a member of any organizations? *no*. Did they persuade you to become a member? *no*. What did they say to you to persuade you to become a member? ..... What other members of your family were members of the Hoshi Dan? *none*; Joshi Dan? .....; Seinen Dan? .....; Why did they become members? .....
52. What are the names of the persons other than members of your family who persuaded or threatened you into becoming a member and state whether such persons were Issei, Kibei or Nisei? .....



53. What did they tell you to persuade you to become a member? .....

What did they say would happen to you if you did not become a member? .....

54. What did you believe would happen to you if you did not become a member? .....

55. What office, if any, did you hold in the organization? .....

What duties did you perform? .....

How did you become an officer? .....

When did you become an officer? .....

From whom did you receive notice that you were an officer? .....

What duties did you perform as an officer? .....

As a member did you attend any morning calisthenic exercises? ..... Approximately how often did you join in the calisthenics? .....

Did you attend any of the organization's lectures? ..... Approximately how many lectures did you attend? ..... What was the nature of those lectures? .....

Did you participate in any of their marching demonstrations? ..... If so, how many? .....

Did you attend any other meetings of the organization? ..... Where and how often? .....

56. Did you tell anyone you wanted to drop membership? ..... State the names of the persons you told you wanted to drop membership. ....

Did anybody warn you that you could not withdraw from membership? ..... Who gave you such a warning? .....

What did they tell you would happen if you dropped your membership or tried to drop membership? .....

Had you learned that anyone who tried to drop membership had been threatened or had been beaten up for trying to drop membership? ..... Who, if you know, was beaten for trying to do it? .....

What group did you hear was responsible for beating persons who tried to withdraw from membership? .....

57. Were you in fear that you would be attacked and beaten up by members if you tried to drop membership? ..... What groups did you fear might do this? .....



58. Were you told that if you tried to drop membership the organization would report this matter to the Japanese Government and that when you were deported to Japan you would get in trouble with the Japanese Government? ..... Who told you this? .....

Did you fear that if you dropped membership you would get in trouble with the Japanese Government when you were deported to Japan? .....

59. Were you told that if you tried to drop membership the organization leaders would report this matter to the Japanese Government and that your alien parents would get in trouble with the Japanese Government when they were sent to Japan for not being able to control your actions? ..... Who told you this? .....

Did you fear that if you dropped membership your parents who were to be sent to Japan would get in trouble there? .....

60. Did you have your hair cut short or shaved? ..... Did you wear any insignia of the organization and, if so, what insignia? .....

61. If you or any member of your family was placed in the "Stockade" at Tule Lake Center state who was, for what period of time and for what reason .....

62. What was the nature of your employment and where did you work while you were in Tule Lake? Truck driver and as swamper on delivery truck.

What were your working hours? 8 to 5 Were you working while you were a member of any organization at Tule? ..... What were the names of some of your fellow workers? .....

63. Were you, or any member of your family, or any friend attacked by any members of any of the pressure groups at Tule Lake? no Who was? .....

When? ..... By whom? .....



**Re: REQUESTS FOR FORMS UPON WHICH  
TO RENOUNCE CITIZENSHIP**

64. When did you send a letter to the Attorney General or the Justice Department asking for forms upon which to renounce your citizenship? Between Dec. 1944 to Jan. 1945.

(Note: On December 19, 1944, General Pratt removed the ban on the return of Japanese to the West Coast. On December 21, 1944, the Newell Star, the Tule Lake Center newspaper, announced that all the WRA camps would be closed in about one year. Notices of this also may have been posted in the block manager's offices, the mess halls and other places in camp.

Therefore, if you sent a letter to the Attorney General or the Justice Department before December 21, 1944, asking for forms upon which to renounce citizenship you probably were not then in fear of the camp being closed and of being forced to relocate in a hostile area without funds or a home to which you could go. If you sent such a letter between December 21, 1944 and January 29, 1945, you probably were in fear of being relocated in such circumstances. On January 29, 1945, the WRA announced that Tule Lake would be kept open and that there would not be any forced relocations. If you sent your letter after January 29, 1945, the Justice Department will be inclined to believe you were not then in actual fear of being forcibly relocated in a hostile area without funds or a home to which you could go unless you convince it that you did not believe the January 29, 1945, announcement that the Tule Lake Center would be kept open and that no one would be forced to relocate.)

65. Did you send that letter to the Attorney General or to the Justice Department *before* that December 21, 1944 announcement that all the WRA Centers will be closed within a year? ..... Did you send it *between* December 21, 1944 and January 29, 1945? ☒ .....

66. Did you send it *after* the announcement of January 29, 1945, that the Tule Lake Center would be kept open? .....

If you sent in your letter to the Justice Department *after* the WRA's announcement of January 29, 1945, that the Tule Lake Center would be kept open and that there would not be any forcible relocations you probably did not send that letter requesting forms upon which to renounce your citizenship by reason of fear that the Tule Lake Center would be closed and that you and your family would be forced to relocate and therefore, you should answer the following questions:

(a) From what source did you learn about that announcement of January 29, 1945: In the Newell Star? .....; from a notice on a bulletin board? .....; from the Block Manager? .....; from what other persons? .....

(b) Did you believe the announcement? ..... If not, state why you did not believe the announcement. ....

(c) Did anyone tell you that you could not trust that announcement? ..... If so, state who told you not to rely on that announcement and what they said to you to make you disbelieve it. ....

67. If the announcement of December 21, 1944, that all Centers would be closed within a year and the announcement of January 29, 1945, that Tule Lake Center would be kept open and there would not be any forcible relocations did not have anything to do with your decision to renounce your citizenship did you send the letter to the Justice Department asking for forms upon which to renounce citizenship because of any of the following fears, namely: (a) fear of separation from *alien members* of your family, such as father? ..... mother? ☒ father-in-law? ..... mother-in-law? ..... step-father? ..... step-mother? ..... other aliens? ..... who you believed were to be deported to Japan? ☒; (b) fear of



being separated from *citizen members* of your family, such as your wife? ..... husband? ..... children? ..... who you believed would have to relocate in the U. S.? ..... or who you believed would be deported to Japan? .....; (c) fear of being deported yourself because you had given negative answers to Questions Nos. 27 or 28 and were considered a disloyal person? .....; (d) fear of threat or harm to yourself? ..... or your wife? ..... or husband? ..... or children? ..... or mother? ..... or father? ..... or other members? ..... of your family from gangs in the Center? .....; (e) fear of mistreatment or physical harm from the Government or its agents? .....

68. Did the announcement of December 21, 1944, that all the WRA Centers would be closed within a year cause you to send that letter to the Justice Department? yes Did you read that announcement in the Newell Star? .....; from a bulletin board? .....; or learn about it from the Block Manager? ✓; or from other persons and, if so, name the persons: .....

69. Did you send the letter to the Justice Department asking for forms upon which to renounce your citizenship because you feared that December 21, 1944, announcement meant that you and the citizen members of your family would be forcibly relocated without money, a home or job in an area where people were hostile to Japanese while the war still was going on unless you renounced your citizenship? yes Were you afraid of being relocated because you had heard that jobs were scarce? yes; that employers did not wish to hire Japanese and you might not get work to support yourself and your family? yes; that the public was hostile to Japanese and you feared mob violence? yes. If you had been forcibly relocated what members of your family would you then have had to support? mother

Had you heard of any relocated persons being discriminated against? .....; refused work? .....; being insulted? .....; being attacked? .....; being shot at? .....; being persecuted? .....; whose homes had been burned? ..... When and where had these incidents taken place? I heard rumors to that effect.

What were the names of the persons who had been mistreated and state what it was that happened to them. ....

70. Did you send that letter because you believed that if you sent for the forms and renounced your citizenship that you would be interned by the Justice Department and could stay in camp until the war ended and then be safely relocated when public hostility to Japanese died down? yes. Who told you that this could be done? mother, Mr. Kishiyama,

71. Did any members of your family fear or tell you that you would be forcibly relocated and run the risk of danger from hostile Caucasians unless you sent that letter and renounced your citizenship and, if so, what members of your family told you this? mother

72. Were any members of your family in fear of what might happen to you or to them if you did not send such a letter and, if so, state of what or of whom they were in fear? such as Mr. Hayashi and Mr. Hitomi of the anti-American groups and leaders.



73. Did you fear that if you did not send the letter and request forms upon which to renounce your citizenship that you would be separated from alien members of your family? yes; and, if so, from what alien members? mother,  
or from citizen members? \_\_\_\_\_, and if so, from what citizen members of your family?  
\_\_\_\_\_
74. Name the members of your family who told you that you would be separated from your family if you did not send for the forms and renounce your citizenship? mother.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
75. Name other persons, not members of your family, who told you that you would be separated from your family if you did not send for the forms and renounce your citizenship and state whether they were Issei, Kibei or Nisei. Mr. Kishiyama, issei.  
Mr. Tanisaka, Kibei.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
76. What members of your family were in the Tule Lake Center at the time you sent that letter to the Justice Department? mother and sister and her family.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
What members of your family pressured, threatened or persuaded you to send that letter?  
mother.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
What did they fear or say to you to get you to send that letter? Being separated, deported to Japan because an alien, being forced to relocate, and anti-American groups and leaders and etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_
77. Did your husband? \_\_\_\_\_ wife? \_\_\_\_\_ father? \_\_\_\_\_ mother? ☒ brothers? \_\_\_\_\_ sisters? \_\_\_\_\_ in-laws? \_\_\_\_\_ force you to send a letter requesting forms on which to renounce your citizenship so that you wouldn't be separated from them by being forced to relocate while they remained in camp or finally were deported to Japan? If such person or persons were citizens of the U. S. state whether they already had sent for forms upon which to renounce their citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did such person or persons say to you to force you to renounce your citizenship?  
Reasons such as stated in question # 76.  
\_\_\_\_\_
78. Did you send that letter requesting forms upon which to renounce citizenship because you heard that alien members of your family who had requested repatriation to Japan would have to stay in the Center until they could be exchanged or removed to Japan and that you ultimately would have to be relocated in this country and thus be separated from them unless you applied for renunciation? yes. Who told you this might happen if you didn't renounce your citizenship? My mother was afraid that it may be true, and Mr. Kishiyama also.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
What alien members of your family already had asked for repatriation to Japan at the time you sent that letter? mother.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Were the alien members of your family on the WRA free list and eligible to relocate at the time you sent your letter to the Justice Department asking for forms upon which to renounce your citizenship? 'uncertain' but I don't believe so.

79. Did you fear that if you didn't send for the forms and didn't renounce your citizenship that you, nevertheless, would be deported to Japan along with the alien members of your family because you had asked for repatriation to Japan and that you would get in trouble with the Japanese government when you arrived there? yes Name the persons who told you this. I renounced because of mother who wanted to go to Japan, who was too old to let go to Japan alone and of which I had no choice but to go with mother.
80. Did you decide to apply for forms upon which to renounce your citizenship because you believed your life was being frittered away uselessly in camp? yes; that you feared that you might be confined to camp until the war ended? yes; which might take many years? yes or that if the war did not come to an end you would be kept in camp forever? yes or that when and if the war ended the Government might deport you to Japan? yes and that you wanted to get away from camp life? yes and feared that you had to go or be sent somewhere or anywhere, even to Japan, just so long as you were made a free man? yes.
81. Did you send a letter to the Justice Department asking for the forms upon which to renounce because you were afraid that the Government had no use for you and didn't care what happened to you and that you were afraid this was true because it had deprived you of citizenship rights by evacuating you and putting you into a WRA Center behind barbed wires and then had armed troops guard you? yes; and then didn't give you any protection in the Tule Lake Center from the threats and violence of gangs? yes; and because the police didn't give any protection to the residents? yes; and you were scared by the soldiers moving in and driving the residents around and searching their quarters? yes; and no protection was given against such things as the murder of Mr. Hitomi, the knifing of Mr. Terasawa and others, and the clubbing and beatings of many persons; and that the Government didn't punish the soldier who shot Mr. Okamoto? yes and that you thought these things clearly meant the Government had no use for you and didn't want to give you any protection and that, to avoid all this violence and trouble, you had to renounce citizenship to insure your own safety? yes and the safety of your wife? yes, husband? yes, father? yes, mother? yes, children? yes, brothers? yes, sisters? yes, other members of your family? yes.
82. Did you decide to send the letter asking for forms upon which to renounce your citizenship because you feared that you were going to be deported to Japan because you had given "No" answers to Questions Nos. 27 and 28 or had refused to answer those questions and were considered disloyal to the U. S. and that it was necessary for you to send that letter to the Justice Department and renounce your citizenship otherwise you would get in trouble when you arrived in Japan? yes. What trouble did you think you would get into in Japan if you didn't renounce U. S. citizenship? such as discrimination, no jobs, not even a place to sleep and etc.  
State what members of your family told you this. mother.

I did not give a 'no' answer to question nos. 27 and 28 but am uncertain as to what I wrote.



Name the Issei, Kibei and Nisei who told you this and state in what Blocks they lived at Tule Lake and the name of any organizations to which they belonged? Mr. Kishiyama Issei, Mr. Tanisaka - uncertain to Block or organization.

83. Did you fear that if you didn't send for the forms and renounce your citizenship that you eventually might be drafted into our armed forces while you were in the Center and thus be separated from your citizen wife? .....; citizen children? .....; or other citizen members of your family? yes who were in the Center? yes. Did you fear that if you didn't send for the forms and renounce citizenship that you eventually would be relocated and then might be drafted into our armed forces and then be separated from your wife? ....., your children? ....., other family members? yes who would have relocated with you? Who told you these things might happen if you didn't renounce your citizenship?

mother, Mr. Kishiyama, Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Watanabe etc.

84. Did you fear that if you didn't send for the forms and renounce your citizenship that you eventually might be drafted into the army while you were in the Center or after you were forcibly relocated which would result in separating you from alien members of your family who were to be sent to Japan because they had asked for repatriation to Japan and wanted to go there? yes or because they believed they would be deported to Japan after the war ended because they feared the Government intended to deport all alien Japanese to Japan? yes. Who told you this would happen? Persons as stated in question no. 83.

85. Did your alien parents fear that if you didn't send for the forms and renounce your citizenship that you eventually might be drafted into the army and be separated from them when they were sent to Japan? yes. Did they tell you this? yes. Name other persons who told you this. Persons as stated in question no. 83.

Did your parents fear that if you served in the armed forces that they would get in trouble with the Japanese Government when they arrived in Japan? yes. Did they tell you this? yes. Name other persons who told you this. Persons such as stated in question no. 83 and Mr. Tanisaka, Mr. Takao.

86. Did any person or persons or group of persons tell you or spread the rumor that if you didn't send for the form and renounce your citizenship you would get into trouble with the Japanese government when you were deported to Japan? yes. Name the persons who told you these things, the Blocks where they lived and the organizations to which they belonged. anti-American groups and leaders such as Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Hitomi, Mr. Tanisaka, Mr. Sakai & etc. Block and organization, uncertain.

87. Name the other members of your family whom you believed would get in trouble there if you didn't renounce your citizenship and state whether they were in the Center with you.

none.

88. If any members of your family were in Japan at the time, did you fear that they might be punished by the Japanese government if it learned that you did not renounce your U. S. citizenship? ..... What members of your family there did you fear might get in such trouble? none



89. With what agents of Japan did you think you or your family members would get in trouble if you did not renounce your citizenship? .....

(The Japanese police? .....; Kempeitai? .....; Army? .....; Neighborhood Associations? ☒; other agencies? *such as Employment Agency, housing*)

What did you fear would happen to you or to them? *Would not be able to make a living on housing and etc.*

Did you believe that you or they would be put in prison? .....; internment camp? *yes*; be forced to work as slave laborers? *yes*; or what else did you fear would happen to you or to them? .....

90. If anyone else told you to send that letter, name the persons who did and state whether they were Issei, Kibei or Nisei and the Blocks in which they lived or where they worked at Tule Lake Center. *Mr. Kishiyama, Issei, Mr. Takao, Kibei,*

What did they tell you would happen to you if you didn't send that letter? *Being separated from family, used as slaves, interned in camp.*

Were those persons leaders or members of any of the organizations in Tule Lake, and, if so, state the names of the organizations. *anti-American groups and leaders such as Mr. Hayashi and Hitomi.*

Who were the Issei leaders of those organizations? .....

The Kibei leaders? .....

The Nisei leaders? .....

91. Were any groups of leaders or members of the Seinen Dan or Hoshi Dan moved away to Santa Fe before you sent in that letter? ..... If so, what groups? .....

Were any groups of leaders or members of the Seinen Dan or Hoshi Dan removed to Santa Fe before you sent in that letter? ..... If so, what groups? .....

(Note. The first group of 70 Issei and citizens belonging to the Hokoku Seinen Dan were taken away to Santa Fe on December 27, 1944. Renunciation hearings started on January 11, 1945. The next group of 144 citizens and 27 aliens, including 50 officers of the Hokoku Seinen Dan, was taken to Santa Fe on January 26, 1945. The next group of about 650 members of the Hokoku Seinen Dan was removed to Bismarck on February 11, 1945. The next group of 125 persons was taken to Santa Fe on March 12, 1945. About June, 1945, some 400 more were removed to Santa Fe and in July, 1945, a few more were taken to Bismarck. Therefore, if you had your hearing after these groups had been removed you were not in fear of them at that time.)

92. Were you in fear that if you didn't send for the forms and renounce your citizenship that your name would be put on the organization's black-list and would be reported to the Japanese government and you would get in trouble with the Japanese government when you arrived in Japan? *yes*. Who told you this would happen? *Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Hitomi, Mr. Zamiska and etc.*



Were you in fear of the leaders of any of the organizations at Tule? yes. Were you in fear of the members of any of the organizations? yes. Of what organizations were you in fear? anti-American groups and leaders.

of what leaders were you in fear? .....

of what members were you in fear? .....

Why were you in fear? Such as knifing, killings and etc.

Were any other members of your family in fear of them or their organizations and, if so, state the names of your family members who were in fear of them? mother.

93. If you or any member of your family or any friends were attacked by any of the leaders or members of any of the pressure groups for not doing what the pressure group leaders wanted state the names of the persons who were attacked, the time and place where attacked and by whom. none

94. Were you in fear of being attacked and beaten up by them or their organizations if you did not send for the forms and renounce your citizenship? yes Had any of them threatened you? no. If so, what were their names and state what they said to you. ....

95. Were you in fear that members of your family might be attacked and physically harmed if you did not send that letter, and, if so, state what members of your family you feared might be harmed by them. mother, sister, nephews.

96. Were you in fear that if you did not send that letter that you might be harmed by the leaders or members of any of the following organizations, namely: Hoshi Dan? ☒; Seinen Dan? ☒; Joshi Dan? ☒; Manzanar gang? ☐; the Poston gang? ☐; Jerome gang? ☐; San Pedro gang? ☐; the Tiger gang? ☐; the Black Dragon Society gang? ☐; or other gangs? ☐; or strong arm groups? ☐. Name the leaders, members, groups or gangs of which you were in fear. anti-American groups and leaders as Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Kitomi, Mr. Zaniata, Mr. Takao.

97. While you were in Tule were you ever called an inu? ☐; a spy? ☐; a stooge? ☐; an informer? ☐; a White Jap? ☐; a traitor? ☐; kokuzoku? ☐; or other names? ☐, for not doing what the organizations wanted you to do? ☐. What names were you called? none

Were you in fear of being called such names? yes. What were the names of the persons who called you such names? none



98. How many persons called on you or spoke to you and asked you if you had sent for the forms upon which to renounce your citizenship? 3. What were their names? Mr. Hayashi, Mr. Hitomi, Mr. Sakao.

Did anyone check up on your mail in the block manager's office to see whether or not you had sent such a letter or had received an answering letter from the Justice Department? no.  
State the names of the persons who checked up on you in this manner. \_\_\_\_\_

Did anyone take down your name as being a person who did not send such a form or was late in sending for such a form? no. State the names of the persons who did this and whether they were Issei, Kibei or Nisei: \_\_\_\_\_

99. Were any members of your family or friends attacked, beaten or threatened for not sending for the forms? no. Name the persons who were attacked or beaten. none of my friends that I chummed around with.

Were you ostracized for not sending in such a letter promptly? \_\_\_\_\_. Did friends shun or avoid you or refuse to talk to you because you had not sent for the forms? \_\_\_\_\_. Was your spouse? \_\_\_\_\_; your children? \_\_\_\_\_; or other members of your family? \_\_\_\_\_ mistreated for your delay in sending such a letter? \_\_\_\_\_. What mistreatment did they suffer and from whom? \_\_\_\_\_

100. While you were in a WRA Center did the U. S. Immigration Service commence any deportation proceeding against your husband? \_\_\_\_\_; wife? \_\_\_\_\_; father? \_\_\_\_\_; mother? \_\_\_\_\_, for a violation of any immigration law? Did you fear that the member of your family against whom deportation proceedings had been started would be deported from the U. S. to Japan because such person was illegally in the U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_. Did you fear separation from such person and did the fear that such person would be deported cause you to apply for the forms upon which to renounce citizenship so that you would not be separated from such person? \_\_\_\_\_

#### Re: RENUNCIATION HEARING

101. Name the members of your family besides you who had a hearing on an application for renunciation of citizenship. Husband? \_\_\_\_\_; wife? \_\_\_\_\_; brothers? \_\_\_\_\_; sisters? ✓; other family members? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you have your hearing *before* the renunciation of your wife? \_\_\_\_\_; husband? \_\_\_\_\_; brothers? \_\_\_\_\_; or sisters? same time. Did you have it on the same day as your wife? \_\_\_\_\_; husband? \_\_\_\_\_. On what date did you have your renunciation hearing? uncertain. Was your hearing officer a man? ✓; a woman? \_\_\_\_\_. Did you have an interpreter at your hearing? no. Did you need one? no.

102. At your renunciation hearing did you tell the hearing officer that you wanted to renounce because you were loyal to Japan, or that you wanted Japan to win the war, or that you were against the U. S. or make other statements indicating loyalty to Japan or disloyalty to the



U. S.? ..... What, in substance, did you tell the hearing officer as reasons why you wanted to renounce your citizenship? uncertain.

Name the persons who coached you and told you what you were to say at your hearing to make certain your renunciation would be approved and state whether they were Issei, Kibei or Nisei. mother, Issei, Mr. Sawada, Mr. Takao

103. Did the hearing officer tell you that you did not have to renounce your citizenship in order to go to Japan? uncertain Did you believe this? ..... Were you in fear of the hearing officer? ..... Why? .....

Did you fear to tell the hearing officer the real reasons why you were renouncing your citizenship? yes What did you think would happen if you had told him the real reasons? Be black listed.

104. Did you fear that if you did and your renunciation was not accepted that you would get in trouble with your parents? yes; other family members? .....; who were in Tule Lake? yes; or in some other internment camp? ..... Were you then in fear of being forcibly relocated in a dangerous area? yes (If your hearing took place after the January 29, 1945, announcement were you still in fear of eventual relocation in a hostile area? yes.) Were you then in fear of being drafted? yes Were you then in fear of separation from members of your family? yes From what members? mother, sister and her family.

Were they in Tule Lake? yes; or in what other Center? .....

Were they on the WRA "free list" and eligible for relocation at the time? uncertain Had they applied for relocation before the day you had your renunciation hearing? no Were they still expecting to be sent to Japan? ..... Did they still want to go to Japan? ..... Had they cancelled their applications to go to Japan? .....

105. Were you in fear that if your renunciation was not accepted you would be in danger of harm from any of the leaders or members of any of the pressure groups at the time you had your renunciation hearing? yes Had the leaders or members been removed to other camps at the time you had your hearing? uncertain Were some leaders and members still in camp at the time you had your hearing? yes What were the names of those who were still in camp? uncertain

.....; in your Block? yes Were you in fear of them? yes

106. Were you removed from Tule Lake Center to Bismarck? no; Santa Fe? .....; When? .....; with what groups: the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th groups? ..... What members of your family remained at Tule Lake? .....

What other members of your family were removed from Tule Lake Center to Bismarck? .....; to Santa Fe? ..... When? .....



Were they removed from Tule Lake before you had your renunciation hearing? ..... or after you had your hearing at Tule Lake? .....

State when and where you were re-united with them? .....

Name the other members of your family who renounced citizenship. *My sister Mrs. Mary Nakashima.*

107. Did you give such answers because other members of your family had been removed from Tule Lake and you thought that by so doing you would be re-united with them? ..... Did you fear that those family members would be deported to Japan and that if you gave such answers you would be re-united with them and be deported along with them? .....

108. If you applied for relocation in the U. S. after your renunciation state when you did so. *none.*

### Re: MITIGATION HEARING

109. Did you have a "mitigation hearing" between December, 1945, and April, 1946? *uncertain* In what Center did you have this hearing? *WRA Center*. Was your hearing officer a man? *yes*; a woman? ..... At this hearing did you tell the hearing officer that you were loyal to Japan or disloyal to the U. S. or words to such an effect? *no*. If you did, state why you did this. ....

Were the members of your family with you in the same Center at the time of this hearing? *yes*. From what members of your family were you then separated? *none*.

Where were those members of your family at the time of your mitigation hearing? *mother, married sister and her family.*

Were they then on the WRA or Justice Department free list and eligible for relocation? ..... Had they relocated? ..... If they had, state when. ....

Did you then fear that members of your family in other camps were to be deported to Japan? ..... Was it because of your fear that those members were to be deported to Japan that you gave such answers to the mitigation hearing officer so that you would be allowed to rejoin those members and not be separated any longer from them? .....

What members of your family, if any, were removed to other internment camps after you had your renunciation hearing? *none.*

When and where were you re-united with them? .....



When were you released from detention? ..... In what camp  
were you when you were released from detention? ..... If any  
of your family members were sent to Japan, state when they sailed for Japan? .....  
..... From what port did they sail? ..... What other members  
of the family accompanied them to Japan? .....

When were you placed on the "free list"? ..... If your parents,  
spouse or other family members were placed on the free list, state when they were placed on  
that list and the camp from which they relocated. none .....

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LIST: ACTIVE LIST

REFER TO FILE: NAKASHIMA, SHIZUYE

*Mary*

*(sister)*

LIST: ACTIVE LIST