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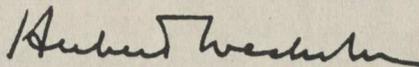
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Tokiye Inouye
(born February 22, 1912, San Jose, Calif.)
7814-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: May 3, 1945



Herbert Wechsler
Assistant Attorney General
War Division

October 20, 1945

Mr. Edward J. Ennis
Enemy Alien Control
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I Tokiko Inouye born Feb 22, 1912
received your notice dated May 3, 1945 of approval for renunciation
of United States Citizenship. I hereby regret the sudden decision I have
made at the time and for which I'm quite sure there could be no cancellation
of such act.

The reason for my renunciation at the time was that due to
evacuation. I had neither rights nor privileges as an American citizen-
but more or less in status as a alien. I know I would not have (or my
husband) renounced our citizenship if given the rights as all Americans,
and also rumors were prevailing here that if a citizen, we were subject
to a forced relocation.

I have four children, the eldest, Jeanne Setsuko now 12 going
on 13 years, who wishes to remain here in an orphanage if in case we are de
ported. The rest of the children all wish to remain too.

More than ever now, I wish to bring up my children in America,
if given another chance, for which I pray may be granted to us again.

I could swear that I can rectify my past fault by bringing up
my children into a group of defenders of democracy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Tokiko Inouye

7814-C

Newell, Calif

Children

Jeanne Setsuko 12
Kenneth Tokiko 10
Anne Setsuko 7
Robert Shinji 5

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 3079

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Tokiye Inouye

Block No. 7814-C

Sex: Male _____ Female X

Age: 33 years Date of Birth: Month: Feb. Day: 22 Year: 1912

Place of Birth: (City) San Jose (County) _____ State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

3221 East Fourth St. Los Angeles, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Housewife

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? Had intended
to.

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

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

Month: About March 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? May 3, 1945.

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? October 1, 1945

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

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

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received

a letter approving your renunciation? No

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

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

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

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? October 20, 1945. October 30, 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: Mitsuo Miyamoto, Matsu Miyamoto _____

Have they been released from detention? Yes _____

Have they been relocated? Planning to relocate. _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? _____

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? No _____ When: _____

Where: _____ Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by anyone at that time? _____

Was any hearing given to you at that time? _____

Who registered you, if you know? _____

Did you protest registering as an alien? _____

Did you write your protest on the form? _____

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

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

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? Repatriated to Spanish Embassy September 22, 1944.

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? October 8, 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 comes. I did not receive notice for alien registration.

Marital status: married. Husband, Tokio age 37 yrs. Four children:

Daughters: Jeanne age 12 yrs., Teruko Ann age 7 yrs.,

Sons: Kenneth age 10 yrs., and Robert age 5 yrs.,

Renuncees of family:; Husband, Tokio and myself.

Date: October 30, 1945.

Tokiye Inouye

Tokiye Inouye
(Name)

MEMBERS:

Upon relocation will you kindly notify Mr. Wayne M. Collins,
1721 Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, the following informa-
tion immediately:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Address</u>	<u>New Address</u>	<u>Committee No.</u>
<i>Jakiye Group</i>	<i>7814 - e Newell, Calif.</i>	<i>3415 Tolson St. Los Angeles, Calif.</i>	<i>3079</i>

Your cooperation on the matter will be appreciated.

DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Tokye Inouye

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October 30, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

On March, 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 perfunctory appearance before a government official, (and I have received a letter dated May 3, 1945, from Mr. Herbert Wechsler, assistant Attorney General, approving the same.)

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract, and revoke the said renunciation upon 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 law:

(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, and undue influence and mistake of fact and law:

(3) I then and there was continuously from May 16, 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, and was thusly discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors:

(4) I was intimidated and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by the reason of Article No. 2, I was deprived of all my constitutional rights and privileges and was put into the Internment Camp since evacuation time I have never believed in U. S. Citizenship rights anymore, this whole matter has caused me to take wrong impression through out my camp life.

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

I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American. I recognize as my sovereign the United States of America, and during my years in America, I have been a law abiding citizen, respecting the law and rules.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is repudiate, withdrawn and revoked by me, and that you recall, withdraw, cancel, and revoke my 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, fraud and undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Lakiye Inanuye
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Newell, Calif.