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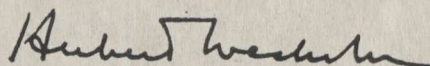
WASHINGTON, D. C.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Kiyoshi Kurashige
(born July 24, 1922, Gardena, Calif.)
7401-E
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

Austust 17, 1945

Edward J. Ennis

Dear Sir:

I am a Nisei, twenty-three years old. Though I had a renunciation hearing last January, I have never been notified of acceptance and I hope this hasty and ill-considered action may be cancelled. Both my parents and three younger brothers are on the Army Free List and only my case is holding them back from going ahead with the family plans of going out.

I am a graduate of Compton Junior College located at Compton California in my old home town, and I had hoped to continue my college training at U. C. Then evacuation destroyed all of my plans for further education and a future in this country. Despite this, my older brother Pvt. Tom Kurashige, has served with the U. S. Armed Forces since 1942 and is now in Army Intelligence at Fort Snelling and my brother-in-law Pvt. Sam Saishyo volunteered in 1941. Our family had intended to go out, but when this renunciation program came along, we were living in block 74 of ward 7 which is a very strong pro-Japanese area in this project. At that time there were rumors that we would be forced to the outside if we failed to renounce and at the same time there was talk of dynamiting, burning and shooting at residents who tried the outside. I didn't want to do it, but to safeguard the family of which I'm going to be the breadwinner, I thought I'd better renounce. The pressures of the Hoshdan ~~expir~~ in our block also made it appear as if that was the only safe way.

I deeply regret this mistake and wish our family could live in normal environment instead of here where the fanatics ruin everyone's business. Can we get paroled or have it cancelled. I'd very much appreciate your help in the matter.

Yours truly,

Kiyoshi Kurashige

C O P Y

Kiyoshi Kurashige
7401-E
Newell, California
Oct. 21, 1945

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

Dear Sir:

On FEB., 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. 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 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 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 Oct. 1943, 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 and compelled to sign the said renunciation form by forces to myself (and members of my family) made by the Hoshi Dan, a pressure group of aliens in said camp, and by members thereof, and I was in constant fear, (as was my family) that said forces 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 any 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. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

Therefore I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form which is repudiated, withdrawn and revoked, and recall, withdraw, 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 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 in stake of law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Kiyoshi Kurashige
Kiyoshi Kurashige

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 24, 1945

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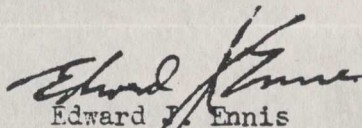
Mr. Kiyoshi Kurashige
7401-E
Tule Lake Center
Newell, California
Dear Mr. Kurashige:

I have for reply your letter of August 17, 1945.

With reference to your statement that you desire to withdraw your renunciation of United States nationality, you are advised that no such procedure is possible. Under the law, neither the Attorney General nor any other official of this Government has any authority whatsoever to permit you to reconsider your action in renouncing United States nationality. Immediately upon the approval of your renunciation by the Attorney General you ceased to be a United States national.

I regret the hardship to which you may now find yourself exposed as a legal consequence of your renunciation. It was to prevent such hardship, wherever possible, that a hearing was required prior to the approval of any renunciation application.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Ennis
Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

FOR DEFENSE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Tule Lake W.R.A., California

OCT 6 1945

TO: Kiyoshi KURASHIGE

ADDRESS: 7401-E

You are hereby notified that in accordance with General Order of August 31, 1945, you have been ordered interned at the Tule Lake Segregation Center by the Attorney General of the United States.

You will be notified by your block manager as to the date and time when you are to be at the Registration Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Ivan Williams
Officer in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

Tule Lake California

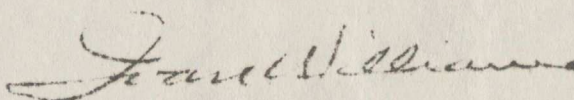
TO: All Japanese Renunciates, Tule Lake Center

This is to advise that since you have renounced your United States citizenship, you are now considered to be aliens. Under the terms of the Alien Registration Act of 1940, it now becomes necessary you register as an alien. This applies to all persons of alien nationalities, 14 years of age or over.

In addition to the above, you have indicated your desire to be repatriated to Japan. It will be necessary, therefore, that the Department of Justice Repatriation Form be completed for submission to the proper authorities.

We have prepared a form for your use and request you complete it fully prior to coming to the Department of Justice Registration Office.

As those of you to whom the above applies live through out the colony, we will begin this program by taking one block at a time. The Block Managers will be notified far enough in advance so as to advise you when to be present for registration. Your cooperation in this program is expected.



Ivan Williams
Officer in Charge

Kiyoshi Kurosaki
2400 Bancroftway
Berkeley, Calif.
April 7, 1946

Wayne M. Collins, Attorney
1720 Mills Tower
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am notifying you my change of
address. From 7401. Newell, Calif. to
2400 Bancroftway, Berkeley California.

yours truly,
Kiyoshi Kurosaki

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 176

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) ^{Kiyoshi} Kiyoshi Kurashige

Block No. 7401-E 2400 Bancroft Way, Berkeley Calif

Sex: Male X (SINGLE) Female _____

Age: 23 years Date of Birth: Month: July Day: 24 Year: 1922

Place of Birth: (City) Gardena (County) Los Angeles State) California

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____
P. O. Box 55, Gardena California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Student

Have you "dual citizenship"? yes

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? _____

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as
a dual citizen: parents When: 1922

Where: Los Angeles, California

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? do not know

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? Beginning part of
Oct. 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? Yes

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S. mail? August 17, 1945

Have you a copy of that letter? Yes

(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? Oct. 21, 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? 4C

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

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

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Takejiro Kurashige (father) Chika Kurashige (mother)

Have they been released from detention? Yes

Have they been relocated? Yes

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? Pvt. ~~Sam~~ Tom Kurashige

Military Intelligence School
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

Cpl. Sam Saishyo

Fort Snelling Minnesota (brother in law)

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? NOT AS OF THIS DATE When: Have not gone to the Alien Registration as yet

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.)

REMARKS

Committee No. 176

Single
Sister, Masako Kurashige - 27 years old, has also renounced.

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

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan?_____ 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? January 1944_____

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? September 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 registered myself as Alien as yet.

I lost my envelope approving my renunciation, but am sure it was dated
about Oct. 7, 1945
around

Date: Oct. 21, 1945

Kiyoshi Kurashige
(Name)