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April 12, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about January, 19 45, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. Nationality at the Tule Lake Center, Newell Modoc County, California.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract and revoke the said renunciation form upon the 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 then and there was held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace, undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was and for a period of time prior thereto had been detained in said Tule Lake Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially of my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American Citizen and was treated as though I were an Alien enemy and thus was discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors

(4) I was intimidated, coerced and compelled to sign said renunciation form by reason of the duress in which I was held by the government and the duress, fraud, menace and undue influence of groups and individuals within said Center, against which the government failed to protect me.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation was fictitious and is invalid and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and by choice. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form, and the approval thereof if any approval thereof was given.

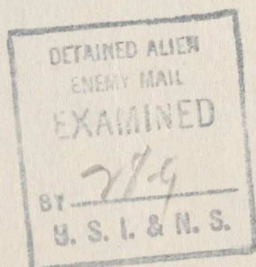
I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing by granted me in order to prove the said renunciation application was executed under the circumstances above-mentioned when I was not a free agent in any sense of the word but was acting under duress, menace, fraud, undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very Truly yours,

Lucius Takemitsu

Address DV-141-D Alien Internment
Crystal City, Texas
Camp.



~~Tule Lake Center,~~
~~Newell, Modoc County, Calif.~~
~~February 12, 1946~~
April

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

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Without waiving any of my constitutional and legal rights asserted by me in Actions Nos. 25294 to 25297, inclusive, now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, at San Francisco, California, and without this request in anywise operating as a bar to said or any actions or as a waiver thereof, I hereby request that the mitigation hearing or examination heretofore given me at the Tule Lake Center to show cause why I should not be deported to Japan by you be re-opened for the introduction of further evidence or that a re-examination or new examination be given me thereon for the following reasons and upon the following grounds:

1. I was not allowed to be represented at said mitigation hearing by counsel of my own choosing or by any counsel whatever;

2. I was given neither the time nor the opportunity to obtain witnesses to appear at said hearing and to testify on my behalf;

3. I was not given time or the opportunity to obtain evidence on my behalf or to submit the same to the hearing officer at said hearing and I was not allowed to subpoena witnesses to appear and testify on my behalf but was arbitrarily summoned to said hearing or examination without any reasonable period of time or any time whatever having been allowed me to prepare for the same;

4. The hearing officer's recommendation made at said examination and the refusal to release me from detention and to restore me to civilian life in this country was based either in whole or in part upon secret data kept in dossiers and files in the possession of the hearing officer and authorities which was not made known to me or exhibited to me but was kept secret from me;

5. The said examination or hearing was arbitrary, unreasonable and oppressive in its brevity, in the manner in which it was conducted and in the circumstances under which it was held;

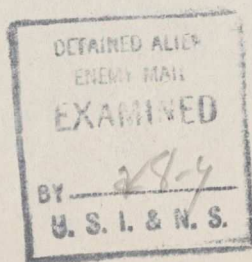
6. The said examination was not under oath and no witnesses were sworn, and no witnesses appeared and testified against me;

7. The said examination was neither full, complete nor adequate and was neither fair nor impartial: I was given neither the time nor the opportunity to answer any unjust charges that may have been brought against me or unjust suspicions that may have been entertained against me and, in fact, there neither then nor now exists nor was there introduced at said hearing any competent evidence whatever upon which an unfavorable recommendation ought to have been made against me or upon which a refusal to release me from detention properly and legally could be based.

For the foregoing reasons and grounds I request that the said examination or hearing be re-opened for the introduction of additional evidence or that a re-hearing or new hearing or examination be given me.

Very truly yours,

August J. Lohr
Alien Internment Camp
DV-141-A Crystal City,
Black Number. Texas,
~~Tule Lake Center,~~
~~Newell, Modoc County,~~
~~California.~~



Q 48 B 2
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

Sept. 13, 1946

*Salmon's Letter
9/20/46*

Mr. Wayne Collins
Mills Tower
220 Bush St.,
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Re: Petition for Pardon and Release

TSUGIO TAKEMOTO

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Dear Mr. Collins:

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of my appeal to Hon.
Thomas M. Cooley.

Please examine and file the same accordingly.

Truly yours,

Tsugio Takemoto
Tsugio Takemoto

COPY

Q 48 B 2
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

Sept. 13, 1946

Hon. Thomas M. Cooley II Jr.
Director,
Alien Enemy Control Unit
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: Appeal for Release

TSUGIO TAKEMOTO

Honorable Sir:

I, TSUGIO TAKEMOTO, age 25, unmarried Kibei renunciant presently detained at Crystal City Internment Camp respectfully appeal to Your Honor for reconsideration of my case and in support thereof, I hereby submit my statement set forth as follows:

1. BREWFAP RECORD

I am a native of Mountain View, Calif., being born on December 11, 1920. I was taken to Hiroshima, Japan in 1926 when I was 6 years-of-age. I returned to Watsonville, California in 1935 when I was 15 years-of-age. I attended San Juan Elementary School. When the war broke out I was working as a farm laborer around San Juan, Calif. I lived and worked together with my elder brother (Japan born alien) and my younger brother MITSUO.

2. POST EVACUATION RECORD

We evacuated to Salinas Assembly Center and were transferred to Poston Center. As a Kibei segregatee I was transferred to Tule Lake Center in September 1943 and was transferred to this camp in March 1946. Meantime, my elder brother relocated from Poston Center when it closed, while my younger brother was released from Tule Lake Center in February 1946.

3. MILITARY STATUS

My draft registration was done in Salinas, California. I notified my change of address to Salinas Local Board each time as I was transferred from Center to Center. No classification was given me. I have sent a letter of inquiry and

am anticipating a definite reply from the Local Board.

4. LOYALTY QUESTIONNAIRE, REPATRIATION AND RENUNCIATION

I and my younger brother both answered the question No. 27 and 28 with "no" and we were transferred to Tule Lake Center. At Tule Lake Center we both applied for repatriation which we repudiated after the cessation of the war. Also at Tule Lake Center, we were lead to renounce our citizenship against our own will. The circumstances which lead us to yield to the pressure of the pro-Japanese require a lengthy explanatory statement. To sum up the situations at the time of our renunciation, I hope the following statement will clarify our circumstances.

- A. Primarily, neither myself nor my younger brother was a member of Hokoku Seinen Dan. We were so far successful in evading the persuasion of Dan leaders, for we knew their false claims, virulent libel and malignant tactics against everything and anything of America, and while we were helpless to blast open their treasonous scheme, we at least kept silent and indifferent. However, having committed ourselves as to reply "no" to the question nos. 27 and 28, which we realized later as an action of betrayal to one's own country, we felt it best to face the destiny due us. Thus, we have signed up for repatriation against our innate desire, with the feeling of unrest and despair. Renunciation issue was too important a problem for us, for we were in a fear that we may be indicted for our betraying commitment for the grave mistakes made by answering negatively, with certain heavy penalty as a result. With mixed thought of confusion and despair, under the vigilance of Dan group, I and my younger brother agreed to renounce our citizenship to take our lot for better or for worse, just to get rid of our agony and to avoid possible bodily harm.
- B. Prior to the Mitigation Hearing, and after the cessation of the war, I and my younger brother immediately repudiated our constrained repatriation, followed by filing a restrained appeal for a repudiation of our renunciation.

5. Re: MY YOUNGER BROTHER MITSUO

Incidentally, my younger brother was released from Tule Lake Center to Berkeley, California in February 1946 and I was transferred to this camp, despite the fact that I was not included in the "stop list", at Tule Lake Center. In view of the fact that I and my younger brother have been following harmoniously concerted policy and actions. It is mystifying to both of us as to the reason of my detention when my case is compared with that of my brother.

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Now therefore, I beseech Your Honor in filing this appeal, to re-examine my case and if warranted grant me a release from internment so that I may voluntarily enlist in the U.S. Army to prove my loyalty to the United States.

Respectfully yours,

Tsugio Takemoto
Tsugio Takemoto

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
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Special Agent in Charge

CROSS-REFERENCE

August 10 1954

FILE OF: TAKEMOTO, Tsugio

CLASSIFICATION: _____

REFER TO FILE: BROTHER
TAKEMOTO, Mitsuo

CLASSIFICATION: _____

Refused to pay
6-24-55

TO. Wayne M. Collins

Attorney at Law

Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.,
San Francisco.

Dear Sir,

Please continue
with my recovering U. S.
Citizenship in mass den-
equity proceedings.

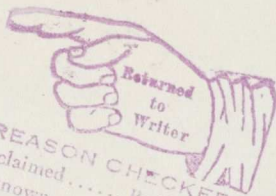
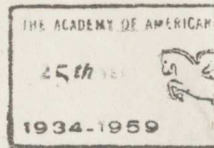
Yours truly

(Tsuqur?) T. Takenoto
15374 West Ave,
Los Batos, Calif.

P.S. I have not received your
notice until 5/31 because of
incorrect address.

WAYNE M. COLLINS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

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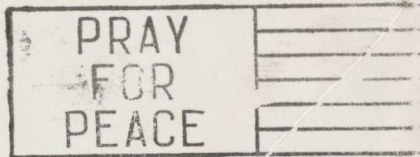
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Mr. Tsugio Takemoto
15374 Dent Avenue
Los Gatos, Calif.

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*Try brothers:
Resent 6/30/59
40 Milnes Takemoto
P.O. Box 21
Madrone, Calif.*



WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
GARfield 1-5827

JUN 29 1960

Mr. Mitsuo Takemoto
Rt. 1, Box 52-A, Hecker Pass Highway
Gilroy, Calif.

Dear Mr. Takemoto:

I would thank you to let me know the present address
of your brother, Mr. Tsugio Takemoto
so that final papers concerning his citizenship status
may be transmitted to him. Please use the enclosed card
and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

W.M. Collins

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
Garfield 1-5827

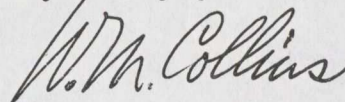
August 19, 1960

Mr. Tsugio Takemoto
c/o Mr. Mitsuo Takemoto
P. O. Box 21
Madrone, Calif.

Dear Mr. Takemoto:

If you wish to receive your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the Court that cancels your wartime renunciation of citizenship and that declares you to be a U.S. citizen, you can obtain it from me by sending to me the \$ 225.00 balance due on your account. Sometime in the future you may need this document to prove your citizenship, to obtain a passport, to establish your right to vote, in applying for employment, Social Security benefits, various licenses, loyalty checkup, etc. If it presses you too much to pay your balance in a lump sum, you can let me know and arrangements can be made for you to pay the balance by installments. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,



Enc.

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1960 at the Postoffice, San Francisco,
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Number 4442

Gilroy Pair Burned by Gas Blast

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**Mrs. Mitsuo Takemoto
Suffers Severe Burns
at Hecker Pass Home**

GILROY, April 5—Gasoline on a cleaning rag exploded in the kitchen of a farm home near here Monday and a nisei housewife was severely burned when her clothing caught fire. Her husband was burned as he tore the flaming garments from her.

Mrs. Mitsuo Takemoto, of Hecker Pass rd., suffered second and third degree burns over two thirds of her body. She was reported in "fair" condition at Wheeler hospital here.

Her 38-year-old husband was treated for second and third degree burns on his left hand and arm and lesser burns on his right hand.

The couple's two children, aged 1 and 2 years, were uninjured.

Gas Fumes Explode

Mrs. Takemoto was cleaning grease spots on the kitchen floor with a gasoline saturated rag, according to Chief Emil Zamzow of Gilroy Rural fire department.

Takemoto had been repairing a washing machine, he said. When the washer was turned on the gasoline exploded, Takemoto said.

Contents of the small, three-bedroom frame home were destroyed, including personal belongings. The roof and walls of the house were saved by two fire department crews manning two pumper-tank trucks.

Extent of the loss was not estimated.

June 6, 1961

Mr. T. Takemoto
1771 Tulane Avenue
East Palo Alto

Dear Mr. Takemoto:

If you know the address of Tsugio Takemoto, born 12/11/20 at Mt. View, I would thank you to let me know so that final papers concerning his citizenship status may be transmitted to him. Please use the enclosed card and self-addressed envelope for your reply to me.

Very truly yours,

WMC
ss
Encs.

June 15, 1961

MR

Mr. Tsugio Takemoto
302 Shelby Lane
Menlo Park, California

Dear Mr. Takemoto:

It is time that you paid your obligation to me for legal services rendered to you. My services were rendered on the assumption that you would pay your obligation and I have performed all legal services possible for your benefit.

Your individual certified copy of the "Final Judgment" of the court which declares you to be a U.S. citizen can now be sent to you.

I would thank you to send me the balance of \$225.00 remaining in your account. Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope for your reply.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss
Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA



PRAY
FOR
PEACE



*Please send
all letters to
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Palo Alto*

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WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

GARFIELD 1-5827

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Mr. Tsugio Takemoto
c/o Mr. Mitsuo Takemoto
Hecker Pass Road
Gilroy, Calif.

FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

BALANCE \$225.00

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 4011

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) ~~TAKEMOTO~~ TSUGIO Takemoto.

Block No. D.V. 141-A

Sex: Male ☒ Female _____

Age: 25 years Date of Birth: Month: DEC. Day: 11 Year: 1920

Place of Birth: (City) MOUNTAIN VIEW (County) SANTA CLARE State) CALIF.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

Salinas, CALIFORNIA

Occupation at time of evacuation: FARMER

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: FATHER When: UNKNOWN

Where: UNKNOWN

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:

ON OR ABOUT
Month: JANUARY 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? FEMALE HEARING OFFICER

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.

(Lost Notice of Approval and the ENVELOPE.)
If you have, what date does it bear? _____

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

Who signed that letter of approval? HERBERT WECHSLER

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

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received
a letter approving your renunciation? No.

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

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? No.

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? _____

(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? HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY NOTICE OF DRAFT CLASSIFICATION.

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: TAKEMOTO, KINUYO

Have they been released from detention? LIVES IN JAPAN

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? No.

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? YES When: ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER, 1945

Where: TULE LAKE SEGREGATION CENTER, CALIFORNIA 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? No

Who registered you, if you know? UNKNOWN

Did you protest registering as an alien? No

Did you write your protest on the form? No.

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

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

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

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? YES.

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? No.

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:

(OLDER BROTHER) TAKEMOTO, KENICHI Rt. 2 Box 227 Morgan Hill,
CALIFORNIA. (YOUNGER BROTHER) TAKEMOTO, MITSUO
I AM NOT "DETAINEE" I WISH TO RELOCATE
TO MORGAN HILL, CALIFORNIA WHERE MY BROTHER
LIVES.

Date: 4 / 12 / 46

Luigio Liberman
(Name)