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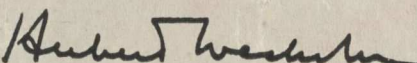
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### NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF RENUNCIATION OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

To: Daiso Inazu  
(born April 18, 1914, San Francisco, Calif.)  
902-B  
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



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REINSTATEMENT OF UNITED STATES NATIONALITY

For: ~~James Earl Ray~~ (San Francisco, Calif.)

90-B

San Francisco, California

You are hereby notified that, pursuant to the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, your reinstatement of United States nationality has been approved by the Attorney General and is hereby notified to the citizens of the United States that you are no longer a citizen of the United States and that you are entitled to the rights and privileges of citizenship.

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Date: May 3, 1945

Harold W. Smith  
Assistant Attorney General  
War Division

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February 13, 1946

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law  
1721 Mills Tower  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

This is to inform you that as a result of the hearings recently conducted at this Center, I have been refused clearance and have been scheduled for interment, presumably at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Inasmuch as I am an honorably discharged veteran, I would appreciate your advice as to whether I can at this time make application for naturalization under that provision of the law relating to veterans of World War II.

I would greatly appreciate your taking whatever action that may be necessary to protect my interest and prevent my deportation to Japan.

Very truly yours,

*Daiso Inazu*

Daiso Inazu  
1013-B  
Newell, California



*From  
C. L. W.  
4/16/46*

CONFIDENTIAL

Committee No. 2126

(For Use Only of My Attorney)  
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Atty. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name (type or print) Daiso Inazu

Block No. ~~900 B~~ New Address 1013 B

Sex: Male X Female \_\_\_\_\_

Age: 31 years Date of Birth: Month: April Day: 18 Year: 1914

Place of Birth: (City) San Francisco (County) \_\_\_\_\_ S. F. State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: Box 329

Santa Maria California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Farming

Have you "dual citizenship"? No

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? No

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as  
a dual citizen: \_\_\_\_\_ When: \_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_ Where: \_\_\_\_\_

What steps were taken to cancel it? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Month: Dec. Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: 1944

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? May 10, 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? 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? Yes

If so, what date did you enroll? March 18, 1942 When were you discharged or released from military service? February 12, 1942

What type of discharge did you receive? Honorable Discharge

What was your last 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? Yes

What are their names: Father Yasujiro Inazu Mother Kato Inazu

Have they been released from detention? Both parents deceased

Have they been relocated? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes When: October 18, 1945

Where: Tule Lake Center Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? No One Were you represented by

anyone at that time? No

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? Not Known

Did you protest registering as an alien? Yes

Did you write your protest on the form? Yes

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (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? Sept. 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? July 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 am Single Both my parents are deseaced I have served in the  
United States Army for 11months have an honorable discharge

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Date: February 13, 1946

Daiso Inazu

Daiso Inazu

(Name)



Newell, California

February 13, 1946

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

Dear Sir:

On or about December, 1945, 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 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 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 all 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 be 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,

Naiso Inazu  
(Name)

Address: 1013 B

Newell, California



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February 18, 1946.

Mr. Daiso Inazu,  
1013-B,  
Tule Lake Center,  
Newell, California.

Dear Mr. Inazu:

In reply to your letter of February 13, 1946 please be informed as follows: Sec. 701, Title 50 App. provides in brief as follows: ".....any person not a citizen, regardless of age, who has served or hereafter serves honorably in the military or naval forces of the United States during the present war and who, having been lawfully admitted to the United States, including its Territories and possessions, shall have been at the time of his enlistment or induction a resident thereof, may be naturalized upon compliance with all the requirements of the naturalization laws...."

A petition for naturalization may be filed in a court of competent jurisdiction. The petition is to include the affidavits of at least two credible witnesses, citizens of the United States, stating that each such witness personally knows the petitioner "to be a person of good moral character, attached to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the United States." The military service of the petitioner must be included in the petition in the form of affidavits of at least two citizens of the United States who are members or former members during the present war of the military or naval forces or by a duly authenticated copy of the record of the executive department having custody of the record of the petitioner's service, showing that he is or was during the present war a member of the armed forces. Such a petition must be filed not later than one year after the termination of the Second War Powers Act, 1942.

Such a petitioner may be naturalized immediately if prior to the filing of a petition he and his witnesses have appeared before and been examined by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Sec. 705, Title 50 U.S. Code authorizes the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization, with the approval of the Attorney General, to prescribe and furnish such forms and make such rules and regulations as are necessary to carry into effect the provisions of 701 above mentioned.



You will note that Sec. 701 was apparently intended to apply to persons who are immigrants to this country and evidently not to persons who were born here and ever thereafter remained within the boundaries of this country. It is doubtful whether the statute was intended to naturalize a veteran who renounced citizenship after his military service had been finished.

However, inasmuch as the court has not yet been called upon to construe the provisions of the aforesaid statute, there is no harm for a renunciant applying to the Commissioner of Immigration for such forms as may be necessary to apply for his naturalization and thereafter ascertain what disposition the Commissioner of Immigration might make of it. I am informed by the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service that if such an application were presented to it the matter would be referred both to the Commissioner of Immigration in Philadelphia and to the Department of Justice in Washington for disposition. In any event the local office will inform the court where the petition is pending that the renunciant renounced citizenship after his service in the military or naval forces had been completed.

In view of the fact that you are presently detained under claim of color of authority of the Alien Enemy Act, I doubt very much that the Commissioner or the Department would accept the application, and it is my opinion that whether it did or did not accept such an application it would contest the application in the courts. It is my opinion that one who has served honorably in the military or naval forces might wait before filing such an application until it is determined finally whether or not he is to be released by the Attorney General and after until such time as his citizenship rights have been determined in the court test cases. If it should later appear that the test cases might go against you then you could file such an application at that time. You have the right to file such an application not later than one year after the termination of the Second War Powers Act, 1942.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cnw



June 7, 1948

2948-25th St.  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir,

Will you let me know if my

name is in your file to regain U. S. citizenship.  
I joined in suits to be restored to  
citizenship at Tule Lake but I like to  
make sure. Thank you.

Yours truly,

ACTIVE LIST

Daiso Inazu.



May 26, 1960

Mr. Tetsuo Hashimoto  
124 South San Pedro Street  
Suite 215  
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Hashimoto:

In reply to your letter of March 25, 1960, wherein you state that you have the judgment orders of the following renunciants, I wish to inform you as follows:

Re: HORI, Yoshio (F.J. '58, Aff.)  
2907 4th Avenue  
Los Angeles 18, California  
Balance: \$200.00  
He has been billed 4 times and has made no reply.

WIFE: HORI, Matsue Lilliam (F.J. '56 Con.)  
Balance: \$175.00  
She has been billed 4 times and has made no reply.

✓ Re: INAZU, Daiso (F.J. '57 Doc.)  
Last known address from which mail was returned in 1951 was:  
2948 25th St.  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Balance: \$275.00  
He has not been billed.  
We have no information about his whereabouts.  
Please see if you can locate him in your area.

Re: NISHIKAWA, Masato (F.J. '55 Doc.)  
Jap. Directory shows address at:  
2709 Glendon  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
Balance: \$300.00  
He has not been billed. We located his address this month.

Re: SAKAMOTO, Shizu (F.J. '55, Japan)  
We have no U.S. address.  
Her file gave a c/o mailing name of:  
Mary Teruko Shimoda who is a paid judgment at  
627-1/2 N. Madison St.,  
Los Angeles.  
Balance: \$300.00  
He has not been billed.



Mr. Tetsuo Hashimoto

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May 26, 1960

HUSBAND: Haruki SAKAMOTO (F.J. '59)  
Balance: \$500.00  
He has not been billed.

Very truly yours,

WMC  
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NATIONALS - PER LETTER FROM U.S. JUSTICE  
DEPARTMENT OF April 23, 1957, JUDGMENT  
ENTERED ON MAY 3, 1957.



HAS CONTENT

June 13, 1960

Mr. Tetsuo Hashimoto  
124 South San Pedro Street  
Suite 215  
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Mr. Hashimoto:

Enclosed in the envelope which we received from you today was the judgment order of Daizo Inazu. However, there was no notation from you as to Mr. Inazu.

Please let me know whether you were unable to locate him in your area (see our letter of May 26, 1960, concerning him).

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss

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

October 13, 1960

Mr. Daiso Inazu  
1228 Octavia St.  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Inazu:

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 \$<sup>275.00</sup> 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,

*W.M. Collins*

Enc.