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Mr. Wayne Collins
Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

9/30/45.
703-A, Newell, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

I've just returned to Lake Lake Center late last night & I am sending via air mail the copy of the notice of approvals which the ~~the~~ each individual renunciant has been receiving. Also enclosed ~~is~~ is the application form to request for hearing of renunciation of U.S. nationality.

I have not ^{at yet} made sufficient contacts to give you the full picture of the situation in this center, but it appears that the Dept of Justice at Bismark & Santa Fe are conducting ^{individual} hearings for deportation purposes. That they are dividing them into 3 classes of those (1) who desire to be deported (2) those who desire to be deported with their family (3) & those who desire to remain in this country. There is nothing special about them, & I am attempting to impress upon them the necessity of immediate action. I shall work very hard to combat this ~~some~~ sense of temporary security & attempt to work for an organized action to bring about a test case.

I shall have the individual renunciants send the form letter of repudiation prepared by you to Attorney General Clark immediately. I wish to thank you for your kind hospitality during my stay in S.F. & please convey my best regards to your wife.

Yours very truly, 703-A
Tex Nakamura Newell

September 25, 1945

Mr. Wayne Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

After my return to this Center, I gave a very extensive report to the respective group of persons in this Center, and I have finally convinced them the necessity of taking immediate action on their pending case.

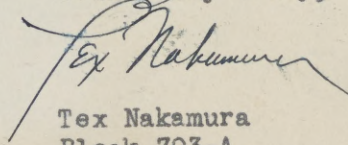
I feel that the persons in this Center are now aroused of the fact that immediate action should be taken. In view of the fact that I am placed in an awkward position since I am not a renunciant, I have asked a renunciant to carry on the work and contact you in person. The latest conversation seems to indicate that there are quite a few persons who are willing to go through with this test case. However, I feel that the time is very short before the Justice Department may contemplate on segregating these renunciants in order to further the relocation program in this Center.

There are presently two Department of Justice officials present in this Center, and they are planning to begin the alien registration and prepare for the mass removal of these renunciants.

In view of these circumstance I feel that your presence in this Center to organize these people will be imperative. I would appreciate your contacting Mr. Hiroyuki Taketaya, who resides at 8007-I this Center. He is a renunciant and is a very capable leader and has taken up the movement from this date on. Thus, when you are present in this Center, I feel that you should contact him and give an explanation to the WRA officials that you wish to contact the above described person.

I feel that Mr. Taketaya will notify you of the necessity of your presence in this Center to carry on the organizational work. I feel that this movement will succeed and your presence in this Center might be the motivating factor in realizing the necessity of taking prompt and immediate action.

Yours very truly,



Tex Nakamura
Block 703-A
Newell, California

Left 10th

~~December 14, 1945~~
December 14, 1945
119 No. Central Ave.,
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Just dropping you a line — that I arrived
in L.A. on schedule. The phone number of Nishi
Hongwanji Temple is Madison 5657.

I've heard from reliable source that Wirin
sent Eliner Yamamoto to Santa Fe — 2 days
ago. It looks as if Wirin is still attempting to
whit cases down there.

Sincerely yours

Tex Nakamura

12/17/45. 5:30 PM. p.H. Madison 5657

September 30, 1946.

Dear Wayne:

Just dropping you a line--as it is Sunday and I have a few minutes to take it easy. Met Ted the other weekend and heard ^{what} was brewing. I hope things turn out to our advantage. Received a letter from Yamasaki at Seabrook Farms asking me to convey his appreciation to you and Ernie. He wrote ^{that} that he was surprised to find some decent white people in this country ^{that} will go out of their way to help people like him. He was indeed impressed with democracy in practice. It is encouraging to find some person that ~~are~~ really appreciative of the good work you have been doing.

I am getting on the goat of my landlord who rents me my apartment. I called our good friend Lou Noyes over the phone as he works for OPA Rent Control--and I am going to put our good landlord over the frying pan for excessive charges on rent. I gave him a warning to reduce my rent, which is 90 buck for 3 room a month. Noyes said he was going to follow it through--but I don't know ^{to} what degree of cooperation I shall receive. In any event I shall raise enough hell, as this vicious racket got to stop. There are many impoverished families out of Tule and other centers living in these ramshackled apartments.

If they kick me out I could always go to the hotel--...

This fruit and vegetable business is sure ~~is~~ a tough one--though anything is very hard. Until I get enough store it will be difficult to hire workers to specialize on certain types of work.

I do not know whether I could return to SF in the near future, as I am expecting my uncle to come down this next week. If anything does come up--I shall appreciate your letting me know. Regards to Chiyo.

Very truly yours,

Tex Nakamura

Aug 21, 1946

Dear Mayne:

Received your letter of the 17th with detailed information on the pending case.

I have been very busy & thus was unable to write. However we have the veg. market running in good order & I am hoping to find some time to be in San Francisco by the end of this month.

The vegetable market is a fast & furious trade & one has to be out ^{there} toe and put in lots of hours.

The weather here is very warm & during the day & we are ^{sure} sweating it out.

We are having a wonderful time with a competitor across the street & we are expecting to build up a good trade by stressing on the quality of our wares. I will speak to you in detail some of the tricks I learned there last few weeks in this business.

Please convey my regards to Chaps.

Tex

December 29, 1946.

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed find letter received from my friend in Tokyo, Japan who is a Miss and anticipating upon returning to U.S. As in the last paragraph he indicates many of the unfortunates in Japan who desire to return. If I receive enough of these request letters we may work out something for them.

Hope you enjoy a good holiday season.

Tex

Tets



19th December 1946

Dear Tets;

Your missive of the 1st of December was warmly received. Yes dad mom and I had been worried as to what could have happened to you all and according to the post card from your dad which was very vague I thought I'd write directly and find out for myself.

Now that we know that you are all sound and healthy we hope that we may be able to meet again someplace. I'm awfully sorry to hear about your mom Tets but I suppose we can't have them with us forever. You are still much more fortunate than I am since you have your brother and sisters with you.

According to your letter I gather that you are now in a produce business beside working as a lawyer on the side. I wish you'd let me know more about your produce business. And do you think you could hire me if I should decide to go back to the states all of a sudden.

For the present my intentions are to stay here for sometimes at least till the peace treaty is signed so that I will know more definitely which line to pursue in the future. I frankly would like to get into business of some sort. There's plenty of business now but it's all temporary so I've not yet put my hands on to it yet. Instead, I am as I had written in my previous letter working for C.I.&E Civil Information and Education Radio Unit, planning and supervising the Japanese broadcasting network called the Broadcasting Corporation of Japan which has about 450 stations all throughout Japan.

Though I've had a bit of technical training in Radio back in the states I've never been in the production end of it so it's something very new to me, but I find it very interesting and it keeps me more than busy for the time being. The programs I'm directly connected with are such as the Farmers Hour, Labor Program, Management Hour, National Radio Forum and the Man on the Street.

With the National Radio Forum and the Man on the Street, I am about two weeks out of the month travelling on the road. So far I have been as far north as Hakodate in Hokkaido and as far south as Kumamoto in Kyushu. Not to mention the various places such as Morioka in Iwate-ken, Sendai in Miyagi-ken, Fukushima in Fukushima-ken, Nagano in Nagano Ken, Kanazawa in Ishikawa-ken, Nagoya, Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima.

With Christmas and New Years holidays coming on I'll be free from travels till the end of January, then I'll be going to Hiroshima and Onomichi again this time with the Man on the Street program.

I presume you know what a Man on the Street program is like since they have one in the states. We take the mike out on the street and stop the pedestrians and ask them opinions on such topics for the day as the new constitution and what they think about it. At first we found the general public very reluctant in expressing their opinions on the mike since as you know freedom of speech was never allowed in Japan during the war and ever before for fear of being thrown into jail. But lately that is after we have had 36 of these shows on the street they are gradually realizing the fact that

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freedom of speech is a reality and now we find the pedestrians not only expressing opinions but some try to get in front of the mike and make pretty speeches about down with the Yoshida cabinet and all.

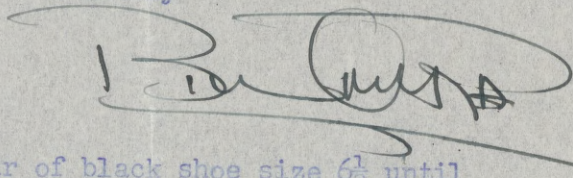
Things are pretty rough out here as yet sinceas you know Japan is not allowed to import anything for her own consumption outside of food. But I believe in another year or so things should be better all around.

As for my citizenship, i've already had my appointment with the American Consulate in Yokohama and everything seems to be running along smoothly. I have another document which I will have to take down in the near future and then the y will gather all of my papers together and forward it to Washington for me. I believe I have a very good chance in regaining my status since i've been very lucky as I have had no military attachments during the war with the Japanese Government nor have I worked for any government organization. The only thing I am trying to prove now is that my koseki had been changed without my knowledge which is true and fortunately the manager of Asano Bussan in Dairen at the time is now in Tokyo and I have asked him to write me a statement to the fact.

Tets I believe there are still thousands of nisei's here less fortunate than myself who are trying their best to regain their citizenship but under duress they had been conscripted into the army and had been forced to work with some Japanese government organization who would like to regain their papers, in fact I know a lot of them so if you could help them out i'd appreciate it very much. I'll have these boys write to you directly so if you should hear from them I hope you will help them as much as you can.

Well I promise to write again soon so until then, i'll be wishing you a very merry christmas and I pray that we may be able to see each other again soon.

Sincerely



P.S. Tets could I sponge you for a pair of black shoe size 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ until I can forward you the money.
I would suggest that you send it either 1st class mail or insured then I would be sure to get them.

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CONNECTING GARAGE

"CENTER OF EVERYTHING

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS"

The
Gunter
HOTEL

January 13, 1947
11:30 P.M.

Dear Wayne:

Arrived in Crystal on schedule and
discussed everything with alien, renunciant
& penitents.

Have obtained lists of all the aliens,
renunciants & penitents at Crystal & also
authorization to request.

Will be in Washington D.C. on schedule
morning of 16th.

Will take M&T-Texas Special - \$45.00
to St Louis & from there B&O to Wash.
Obtained drawing room accommodation from
San Antonio to Wash. D.C.

George wandered off trying to see his
cousin. We might lose him in
San Antonio.

Tex.

AIR CONDITIONED

CONNECTING GARAGE

"CENTER OF EVERYTHING

IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS"

The
Gunter
HOTEL

P.S.

Ted & I was surprised that
I passed as a white man. Maybe
I am — a sun burnt Caucasian,
an auto salesman referred to me
as a white man. Don't know
whether it is a complement or insult
ex

February 14, 1947.

Dear Wayne:

I just thought I let you know that my girl friend & I are getting married on March 16th Sunday in Los Angeles. She is planning to come a little earlier than that date. At any rate - I will be in San Francisco - at the beginning of next month or the end of this month.

I've learned from Sarah - that the property settled jointly by Al & Wrigat in Venice was a city lots - 52 acres in all. It's in West Los Angeles - & there are cash offers of \$400,000.00 on it. Thus - the settlement wasn't so bad. The Japanese farmer bought it pretty cheap when it was still in hay ranch.

The Civil Right Defense Union has withdrawn support on the Oyama case - and the fact is getting murder. Maybe ~~this~~ it was instigated by Al himself. At any rate people are getting worse little by little, but often it's too late.

Business is pretty slow during Feb & we won't expect to see it pick up till end of March. It seems as though George Oshauer has given some dope on his return to Capital from Wash D.C. - about sending petition for parole - on renunciants. We've received lots of inquiries & people are getting affidavits made & sending it in to Corley in Wash. I have explained that it was for rich aliens. But they are sending it in anyway. Well - I'll write when anything new develops.
Tex.

February 18, 1947-

Dear Wayne:

Received your letter inquiring as to whether I
received any reply from Fukuhara's father in Chicago.
I have not received any information from him to date - so
I shall write to him asking him what his daughter has
done toward the disposition of that case.

Upon receipt of his reply I shall notify you
of the disposition of that case.

Very truly yours,

Tex

February 23rd, 1947 —

Dear Wayne:

There isn't very much news — except that — my original marriage date was extended another week till March 23rd. I was wondering what arrangements you were going to make on that case coming up in Philadelphia + Del Riv. I hope you could have it extended one way or the other.

I am looking around for other markets — to see whether there are any new possibilities. It might be the solution — I cannot say. Noticed in January — due to strike we made about \$1200. — It was a strike for only 10 days.

I am going to look into Beverly Hills district tomorrow. If anything develops please let me know. If I hear from Fukuoka — I shall inform you immediately.

Yours very truly,

P. S. Iwazora Nakamura + Sasaki — are busy — helping S.A.C.L. Anti-Discrimination Committee on naturalization for Issei. They are going to contact the funds + not the S.A.C.L. Iwazora found out that Al was making too much dough on immigration case — + to stop the activities they are going to help S.A.C.L. leaders away from influence of Al. Well — I told Sasaki — naturalization for Issei is just a waste of effort + time. It does not solve all the headaches anyway.

Iwazora Nakamura

February 24, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Received today from Mr. Fukuhara - a letter written in Japanese - in response to my letter addressed to him recently.

He states in his letter that he had written to both his wife & daughter in regard to the dismissal of such suit & to join ours. He received a reply from them - that they will leave the matter as it stands. He states he tried all means to dismiss such suit - but he states it is a futile task. He claims they are unintelligent on the subject matter & are adamant to stick through.

I am enclosing the letter & you may have chrys look over it. Apparently Fukuhara thought I was a SACLER - as he states he regrets he cannot contribute to the organization's fund.

I shall give him a reply & straighten him out on this matter. Also it appears Fukuhara's old man is the only intelligent one in the family - as he refers to his wife & children as 'unbecome' well - that's that - I hope we could find some other way of persuading that girl to dismiss.

Yours,

Rx Nakamura

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先頃には有難お御座いますとしたことなり
は又飛行便の御手紙正に大層お見返し
下さいた娘晶子に就いて色々御心配を御か
けに誠に済みません事と存じやう

私からも早速で飛行便で妻女子両名に
車からウレシイお母さんと手を切つてカウチ
の向き御依頼する所申送った事でした
が強情にも既に依頼してあるところから
且つまたこれと違つて何おしり聞か
れませんか何れにも此処に加州では他に地す
りや新し御座いますせず私としては誠に
感々思ふ所は次第で御座いますし

多数の方々が依頼して居る方々協力し
ないと言ふ事は誠に不都合であるとも考へ
居る所ですが要するに脳な者共には手
付け柄か御座いますせずたく残念に思われ
る所ですが三月十六日とかにテストケースを起す
からとて今よりが是（たい）に對してあらためて
サインして送つたとかの報知ですから私としては
失望を覚える所（な）に思ふ所か何れに
知として地すりや新し御座いますせんや此
は自然の成行にやがせる他に方法は無い

事と思ひなり。

せうかく色々御配慮。御是方を御掛け
した上は御親切に従ふ事のおまなひ事な
誠に御申譯なく思ひ。此方御座なり。
以上申上りした通り不意御承知下す。

より。御座なり申上りなり。うんぬんの
御儘方に對して此方際あることあるた
けつ等附をなさつて下さる事。心得は
丹より。なすか。何れにも目下運轉
いん。度。して多額。借金。追。は。れ。
丹。の。事。情。を。御。座。なり。して。何。共。致。し。方。無。き。
苦。境。に。御。座。なり。から。特。節。御。座。なり。
待。て。御。高。恩。の。報。や。り。事。に。さ。せ。て。頂。け。度。
と思ひます。

先。は。宜。く。御。礼。言。を。御。返。信。迄。申。上。り。

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福原光雄

中村保

April 13, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Received a letter from Marao Adachi stating that he desires to have his sister & brother-in-law's name added into the list of petitioners. These two are Kiyama, Miyoko & Kiyama, Norio. They will write direct to you from Japan.

I slept about a week - dumb cold. Meanwhile Norman Thomas called but I was unable to see him. I heard he had some difficulty with the Pres. of So Calif Univ as to the use of that auditorium. Reading newspaper that the Supreme Ct granted writ of certiorari on Ab's Oyama case. He is publicizing it for all it is worth.

I suppose you are busy with Gunge's case. Oh yes - went to see Mrs Oba - stepsister of William Minami. She is not bad at all & she states she received letter from Henry Hayashi with a copy of Willie's letter. She replied to Henry that she did not care to receive any portion thereof. It seems that Willie did not show good tactics in going about this deal.

It is awfully warm & business is picking up gradually. I shall see you in near future when you have more time at hand.
Yours,
Tex.

May 27, 1947

Dear Wayhe:

Just thought I drop you a line to let you know my telephone number at the store in Glendale. It is Citrus 3-9451, and is a Glendale phone. My address at this new store is 1328 S. Glendale Ave., Glendale 5, California. Presently I am here with my wife most of the time, as ~~it is~~ still very busy fixing this and that. The store looks very beautiful now, and we are getting many offers from other markets to take over their vegetable stands. I am taking my time and find a very good one, as on the whole business is coming on a down trend.

I met Mr. Sasaki yesterday--and I read the opinion on his hotel case, which he won. He is going to get his hotel back plus all the profit during the last 4 years. However he will have to repay the mortgage with interest accruing the last 4 years. The interest alone is around 20,000 dollars and principal about 50 odd thousand. The present market value is about 130 to 150 thousand dollars.

Mr Sasaki was asking me whether he will have to pay back income taxes on profits of the hotels for the past four years. I always thought it was damages and not subject to income tax, as the original operator has already paid such tax.

Mr. Sasaki also asked me to thank you on the Murakami matter, and he knew it was thorough your effort that those childrens were released immediately.

It is noted in LA that the JACL bunch is not accepted with great respect. Rumors are going around now that Kido and his henchmens are nothing but a gang out to squeeze the residents pocket book. Thus they are not making very much of a head ways here. I told Sasaki not to full around with the JACL group, and it seems as though there is great cleavages arising between the Los Angeles residents and the JACLers from Salt Lake.

Also heard that Chuman failed to pass his bar exam. Apparently he was too busy chasing cases and working for the JACL.

Well if things get settled here I will try to visit you again in San Francisco. My regards to Chiyo and Ted.

Very truly yours,


Tex

June 2, 1947.

1328 S. Glendale Ave,
Glendale 5, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

Relative to your inquiry - I am
unable to furnish the address of the A C L U
group in Japan. I mailed the letter I received
from Frank Karama to you & to be handed
to Ernie. I believe Ernie should have that
letter. I know it was mailed to you during your
absence on the Kitahara case & Chyo may
have handed it to Ernie.

Yours
Tex

June 27, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find two copies of form to be filed with Dep't of Employment. One is to be retained by you and other to be filed in Sacramento. You are to sign the original on ^{the} upper left hand corner and enclose sum of \$55.50. I cannot recall Chiyo's social security number so please ask her to fill it in before mailing.

When sending next batch of withholding tax form please ask Chiyo to list her number of dependents so I could calculate her tax rates. #

I shall be in San Francisco after the 4th of July, as it is too near the end of the month. I finally had to buy a car as it was too inconvenient to operate two stores without any transportation. I shall drive up to save time.

Talked to Sasaki over the phone, and found out that Koda and Sakamoto of Fresno went to Washington--However to their dismay found out that Mike Masaoka is not pushing the naturalization issue very much. So ~~Vik~~ Koda is now suspicious that JACL want to leave that issue to the last so that they could milk the issei for all they are worth. People are now getting wise that there is no need for JACL when the issei naturalization bill is passed.

Business has slowed down considerably these past week. I do not know for what reason ~~is~~ it is//It might be the unrest caused by the passage of the labor law. People are anticipating strikes and saving all what they have. Prices of food stuff is dropping very fast. I feel ~~is~~ it is bound to come ~~where~~ where all stuff will go back to pre-war level. People are not earning very much. Their average payroll is 35 to 40 dollars a week. Many are been laid off, and their unemployment benefits are running out. However I feel rather fortunate in opening ~~the~~ the store in Glendale as we cater more to the little above the middle class group.

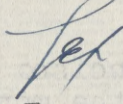
Grape price is going to hit rock bottom this year, as we got Thompson seedless for 8 cent a pound last Saturday. However the growers hiked it back to 20 cent, but it can't last too long. I think it will be around 5 cent or so ~~of~~ this year. Lettuce is rock bottom now we bought 10 crates at \$1.50 today. It cost them around \$2.00 just to cut and ship it to L.A. so farmers are in for some beating this year. Maybe they deserve it as they made a hell of good profit till now. From now on it will be our field day, as we could double the profits. At least it is some consolation that we are in a business that could survive in depression--so it is at least something.

Oh yes last Sunday Mrs Tsukida came to our home with Rev. Kow of the local Buddhist Church. I explained the content of your

letter and told her the ~~in~~ danger in hiring another counsel. She stated that her ~~son~~ son is a dual citizen, but she stated that her son registered as a dual citizen so that he could attend the Japanese school. Otherwise they would not accept his registration into the school system.

On point of dual citizenship Sasaki suggested that the renunciant have their folks write to the attorney general that they are not dual, and in a meantime write to Japan to have their name crossed from the family record. This he said could be done very simply, by writing to their relatives in Japan to take such an action. I do not know whether the Attorney General's office will accept such a renunciation of Japanese nationality as of this date.

Yours truly,



Tex

1328 S. Glendale Ave.,
Glendale, California
September 5, 1947

Re: Irving Yamauchi

Dear Wayne:

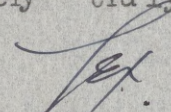
Upon my return home I immediately phoned the residence of Dr. Yamauchi and spoke with his wife.

The wife states that Irving left for Berkeley last Thursday or before the Labor Day Holiday. She stated that Irving was attending UC at Berkeley. To her knowledge she feels that Irving never contacted Al Wirin to proceed with his suit.

I have mentioned to the wife of the doctor the danger of such a suit at this time; and she stated that she will write to Irving, and tell him to contact you so that he may be included in the equity suit.

I believe Irving has not done anything as far as contacting Al, as he had very little time to do anything.

Very truly yours,


Tex Nakamura

P.S. Toshio Kurehige's address is 3802 Compton
Blvd., Lawndale, Calif.

September 15, 1947.

Dear Wayne:

In reference to the Japanese letter enclosed in your envelope - it was a letter from Japan from a man who desires to return to U.S., but is unable to clear his status.

Enclosed is rough translation of it - & I feel the matter is easier to know whether he will be eligible to return to U.S. & under what procedures.

Tex.

In 1936 ^{during} summer vacation - went for study in Japan
passport was issued for educational purposes
entered 3rd grade & graduated in 1939 -
same year ^{entered} Matsunaka Comm. School & grad. 1943.

In 1941 - attempted to return to U.S. - went to Consul
Gen at Kobe, but ^{was} unable to get passport -
returned passport to Consul & have copy of such
passport.

In 1943 ~~due~~ compulsory military draft - was drafted in Japan.
Army was very cruel to ^{poor} rice who did not abide by Army
when - end of hostilities - ^{the} draft
in Army hospital at Beppu on 11/5/1943 - retired
from Army - now at B.O. of as interpreter.

have gone to ^{former} consul 2 or 3 times but will
not hear my case -

My friend was ^{also} in the Japanese army ^{and he} ~~has~~
returned to U.S. - ^{have} returned to Japan as U.S.
soldier.

I wish to know whether my citizenship could
be restored.

presently married & in latter part of this year
child will be born. - wish to know status of child.

September 29, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed find original & duplicate copies of tax report to be mailed to Treasury Dept, Office of Collector of Internal Revenue, San Francisco 2, Calif. with enclosure of 2 checks - one in sum of \$68.40, which is the withholding tax, & another for \$30.00, the social security tax.

In reference to the letter received from my friend in Japan - as to the niece who was drafted into the Japanese army - he desires to return to this country. But he has been having difficulties at the American consulate as he ~~was~~ served in the Japanese army. If there are any way of expediting his return to this country he wishes to be informed of the same. I was wondering whether by filing a suit in S.F. ~~as~~ to assert his U.S. citizenship as he was conscripted into the ^{Japanese} army ~~as by law~~, may assist his return to U.S.

Things are pretty quiet in L.A. Big stores are having headache due to large fixed cost & overheads, & I think unless some kind of break comes money

will be doomed to bankruptcy.

Read in the newspaper where 13 civil
alien enemy in Crystal City were released by
being paroled to your custody. Rev Kone of
the local Buddhist Church brought it to my
attention as Rev. Shizefiji was among the 13.

They claim ^{that} Rev Shizefiji is the only Buddhist
scholar in America & they were very anxious
to have him stay in this country.

Very truly yours,

H. Nakamura

November 20, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Since my return to Los Angeles I have checked into the Launderette business. I've met one of the representative of the Telecoin people, and they have given me a lead on some of the districts.

I've checked the negro district in Pasadena, but I feel the city is better as there is a greater concentration of people in the metropolitan area.

In Los Angeles there is two Launderette run by Chinese that are doing the best business in whole Los Angeles area. They do 2500 washing per week with 20 machines. They even take appointments for washing as there is great demand. I feel that the area which have apartments are the best.

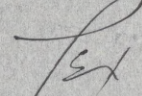
Originally I ^{have} figured on the Little Tokyo area, but now I find that there is too ^{great concentration} of the industrial enterprises which more or less take away the persons living in any certain ^{given} area.

There is a competitor in this same field--which is called the Laundromat, which uses the General Electric's machine. Also there are many wildcats, which uses any kind of machine they can get. The commercial Bendix is different from those used in home, as it can take more rugged uses. The Telecoin people states that their experiences thus far has been very successful. In that the average Launderette ^{begin to} pays off in about 3 month trial. Or that one have to wait 3 month before it gives substantial return. He claimed that many negro have applied, but their application have been turned down as they were not adequately financed. He felt that the Jews and the Japanese are the best people to deal with the colored. He however gave me instances where you might run into difficulties where if you take a colored trade--you will not have the white trade ...so that is the reason why ~~the~~ this field is still open.

The Telecoin people suggested that I take ~~any~~ plenty of time in figuring out the district, as it is the locations which means the success or the failure. Therefore I have figured on taking about a month time in running down all the district in Los Angeles, and comparing the density of the populated areas. After this survey I figured I would be more adequately prepared to get into this business.

I shall keep you posted on my findings, and I am making all efforts to visit all the Launderette in this country.

Very truly yours,



Tex Nakamura

Dec 31, 1947

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find clipping from
Rafu Shimpso on the Canadian matter,
which I spoke to you over the phone.

This clipping seems to indicate a very
liberal policy is being followed by the
Canadian government.

Very truly yours
Tex

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Canada strandeers & repats may request for re-entry

OTTAWA. — Japanese Canadians, whether they were stranded in Japan during war or have been repatriated, now will be permitted to return to their homeland if they wish, the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association here was notified recently.

George Tanaka, executive secretary of the national JCCA, disclosed that the report came from Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, H. L. Keenleyside, dated December 3.

The statement said Japanese Canadians, whether natural born or naturalized, are now re-admissible to Canada.

All persons of Japanese descent who were not in Canada during the war or have left as repatriates were deprived of their citizenship status.

However, latest developments indicated such strandeers or repatriates may re-apply for their papers at the Canadian Mission in Tokyo.

Keenleyside's letter disclosed the position of Canadian Japanese males who served in the Nipponese Army during the conflict is now under study.



March 16, 1948
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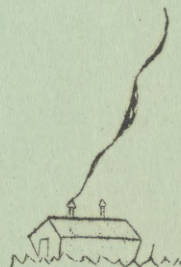
Dear Wayne:

The court case is taking a long time in deciding the renunciation case. The longer it takes the more the trust fund reserve will dwindle. So I want you to know I don't want to receive any further salary from the fund.

I'll continue to prepare the tax forms, audit the accounts and keep the committee advised of the status of the finances and posted on the progress of the cases.

I'm in a partnership here now, but if anything comes up and the committee needs my help I'm willing to give it all my time.

Yours,
Tex



May 10, 1948

Dear Wayne:

How is thing progressing in S.F. I Am
there very many renunciant^s requesting to
be included in the case?

Sasaki was over tonight & he states that
there has been a great number of applicant
coming into the Japanese Amer. Community Council's
office. The Defense Comm. is working together &
are utilizing their office in the Miyako Hotel.

The Defense Committee wants you to keep all
the record of those person with their name
& address - — as to those who entered the
case after the decision. They have requested
if possible that contribution be made in
similiar manner as in July, & they feel
that each renunciant owes it to you to make
your time worthwhile the past 3 years.

So I feel it is best to leave ^{everything} ~~it~~ up to the Defense
Committee as far as the matter of contributions
on these late stragglers ^{are concerned}. They are not trying
to force anything on these unfortunate birds,
but they feel that unless one pays something
toward the case they will never appreciate
the value of their representation.

Thus ~~they are~~ The committee want you to keep
track of ^{all} the Southern California renunciants -
their names & address & the amt of contribution.

The Japanese scandal sheet has been full
of good publicity for you. Sakaki has
been prowling around the office of
Rafe Shumpo & California Daily News &
having good write up made on our case.
Also he is letting them know of the lousy
activities of Al Kestin.

It is easy to get words to the renunciants
& getting them into the case as we don't have
to contend with the censorship of WRA in
putting notice & publication in the newspaper.

I shall write to you & keep you posted.
I read the decision & it was very good. The
Rafe Shumpo is publishing a translation of it
in their paper. John Kiro - local attorney was
the one who translated it for them.

Sincerely yours,

Tex

July 5, 1948.

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find letter from Japan. I believe he desires to be included in the equity suit. — name is Nobuyuki Kuwahara. The enclosed sheets of Japanese document states that he is not a Japanese national.

Yesterday I went to visit Tanaka's hotel, which he gained possession a week ago. It is a pretty sound building, but business is not what it used to be. It is still placed on transient basis & he is planning to rent it all out on a weekly basis. Presently it is grossing only 3,000 a month — with an overhead of 2,000. If it is ~~stopped~~ ~~apace~~ rented out on a weekly basis it may gross in excess of 5,000 — a month.

We will be looking forward for your visit down south.

Yours very truly,

J. Nakamura.

Dear Wayne:

August 6, 1948.

I noticed in the paper that they have granted a month's extension to the government. Reading the Japanese paper I also noticed that Al + Ferriter filed a suit in equity in San Francisco - for a San Leaches Bay name Murakoshi. I noticed the weakness of his suit - charging the directors of private individual.

The thing I had in mind was that somehow Ernie and you must stop the racket, which the IACL boys and my uncle and all the skin-flint racketeers are scheming. That is the matter of the evacuation claim bill! Though very few will benefit from this legislation - the person who have sustained losses will be at these shysters' mercy to about 10% as attorney's fee. I thought it best for Ernie to call I was Shingyo ~~to~~ of the Progressive News and I was Namekawa of the Nichibei Times & explain to them that the Japanese people ought to be wakened up & that the IACL U. will assist as best they can. It is necessary to create such an opinion through the medium of newspaper publicity - as ~~for~~ the Japanese American population must be awakened one time or the other.

I shall undertake a similar program here by stirring the Rafe Shingyo to write that in the

North the ACLA - is at least doing it but to help the people.

I might get Sasaki's group to do some kind of this work as the Southern Cal ACLA is not a ^{very} good outfit.

The other day Harry Uchida called & wanted to know your whereabouts & he was surprised that you left so early.

The other day my dad found a pretty good hotel lease proposition, which was a good money maker. - A 5 yr lease - with an income of 12 to 1400 a month - & with expenses deducted to net about 700 to 800 a month. The lease was on sale for \$12,000. So my dad & I went to Sasaki to see if he will assist me in this deal.

He stated that he was already committed to about \$50,000 on that New Olympic ^{Hotel} & had the rest tied in stock so he could not assist me this time. I suppose that will be the answer from now on. We just thought it appropriate to test him one time or the other as you suggested & he sure had a good excuse.

I have been figuring on something more better than my present business, but I suppose I'll have to stick to it for a while.

I shall be in San Francisco on Labor Day - so until then.

My regards to Ted Zamba & Chigo

Very Truly Yours,
TJ

12/29/55

Wayne:

I am enclosing the photostat of my Bar exam.
Also the grades which I received are noted on
the back of the question, and in front of the
Report of the Calif Bar Examination.

I shall thank you to check my answers, and
furnish me with some comment.

The writing course is helping me very
much, and the instructor states that by
following a good form - 70's could be raised
to 80's.

Tex

P.S. The office phone has been disconnected,
and the new phone number is Michigan 6976
I have made reservation of the 4728 number for
3 months.

7/12/82

Dear Wayne

I noticed a clipping where Mr. Meyer came to testify on a remittance case.

Wern is apparently handling the individual suit.

In the Japanese section it related that all the so called "slobs" were assembled: such as. Incl. Higwigs - "Kaguchi," "Kedo," Kuchida, Atty Chuman, Uchima, Mukaeda and Isogoro Nakamura. Naga also testified at the trial.

I believe all the past memories are now haunting these so called "big shots" for the wrong they had done to so many of the remittance.

I will have completed the last of the questionnaires tomorrow, so please send a new batch to me.

Tex

7/12/53
Raffa S. Myer
JER

242 SO. SAN PEDRO

ESTABLISHED 1903

Former WRA director guest of Nisei leaders

Dillon S. Myer, onetime director of the War Relocation Authority, was feted yesterday at a Kawafuku luncheon, attended by a handful of Li'l Tokio leaders.

The WRA director, who succeeded Milton Eisenhower to the post after all persons of Japanese ancestry were confined in relocation centers in 1942, said America erred twice since Pearl Harbor, first in evacuating Issei and Nisei, and then creating a "segregation" camp at Tule Lake.

He and Louis Noyes, a former officer at Tule Lake, were here on private business, conferring with law office of Al Wirin and Fred Okrand on renunciant matters.

5. The parties further agree that neither this agreement, the execution of the escrow numbers described above, nor the entering into of any of those exchanges shall in anyway limit, modify, or defeat the rights of Janine M. Slater and Rialto Rancho Verde, Inc., or either of them against George Akemi Miyake and Hisako Miyake or either of them in connection with the lawsuits described above except as follows:

Janine M. Slater and Rialto Rancho Verde, Inc. agree not to enforce collection of this judgment prior to July 1, 1968, or earlier ~~date~~ close or cancellation or termination or breach by the buyers of escrow numbers 875921-WM and/or 875926-WM; however, it is further agreed by Janine M. Slater and Rialto Rancho Verde, Inc. that in the event it shall be necessary to extend the closing date of escrow to satisfy the conditions imposed within the escrow and should it be necessary to extend it beyond July 1, 1968, a reasonable ~~time~~ period of extension shall be given but not to be beyond September 1, 1968. That George Akemi Miyake and Hisako Miyake and each of them agree that they will diligently pursue the ~~maxxxx~~ consummation of the closing of said escrow, and also agree that they will not appeal the judgments in the aforesaid lawsuits.

3/26/68

Wayne:

I talked to Joseph & he agreed to give us further time till 9/1/1968 if an extension is necessary. He asked me to rephrase the ~~paragraph~~ wording in P 5. Please review the same so we can be sure that we will have ample time.

Tex