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IWAO SHIMIZU
JAPANESE SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

January 16, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney At Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Mesrs. George Olshausen, Theodore Tamba and Tex Nakamura paid a very brief visit to this camp on January 13th at 2 in the afternoon. They told us of their mission and brought us invaluable information for which we feel very grateful.

In fact, many of us were up in the air when the German test case was turned down by the U.S. Supreme Court. In view of the shaky mental state of residents at this camp, the visit of your representatives has had a very timely remedial value.

Concerning the cases of alien Japanese, it was understood that Mr. Sadamu Nakamura and Mr. George K. Uno will be chosen for the subjects for tentative test cases. The former representing those aliens who were transferred from Santa Fe Detention Station, while the latter person to represent the original Crystal City family group of continental aliens. Both of these persons have agreed to represent their respective group; in the event filing of separate suit in New Jersey and Texas Courts is deemed necessary. All other continental aliens who are presently detained here jointly agreed to the above proposal.

It is understood that Judge St. Sure's decision on the test case filed in San Francisco District Court is being suspended due to Judge St. Sure's prolonged illness. We hope his early recovery will enable him to issue his decision soon.

Despite the weary camp life and the delay of an encouraging news, the renunciants are holding up their morale and spirit. They are seemingly in very good condition both mentally and physically.

Japanese detainees from Peru are expressing their gratitude for your untiring effort to bring about a favorable conclusion

of their cases, and asked me to convey their sincere desire for further assistance in their behalf. It is apparent that they are placing their complete reliance upon you.

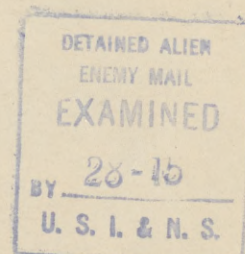
Advisability of using Mr. Toriye (or Torie) for a test case to be filed in a court at New Jersey or District of Columbia needs further and careful consideration. I have already informed your Mr. Tamba to that effect. I would urge you to call Mr. Tamba's attention on this matter immediately, preferably by wire if you deem it necessary, for it may have very important bearing on the case. I am quite certain that another person in his stead may be chosen to greater advantage. Perhaps Mr. Minoru Matsumoto is better advised of more fitting persons or a person for the purpose.

Again thanking you for your courtesy in dispatching your representatives to this camp and anxiously awaiting for reports on development at Seabrook Farms and Washington. With the best wishes of all the detainees at this camp,

Very sincerely yours,

Iwao Shimizu

Iwao Shimizu
Spokesman for Japanese Group
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas.



Iwao Shimizu
JAPANESE SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

January 22, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

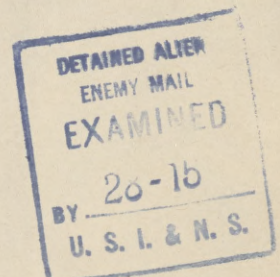
I am in receipt of your favor of January 16th. Concerning parole of aliens, I find it advisable to wait for the return of Messrs. Tamba, Olshausen and Nakamura, for the request for a medical prognostic diagnosis for each one of the aged or sick aliens was not granted by this camp's authorities, for reason that the camp authorities are not authorized to issue medical records to internees. These reports may be furnished only by authority or request of the central office or Mr. Cooley.

I would ask you therefore to have your representatives confer to proper authorities in Washington immediately on this matter.

For your information a list of aged and infirm aliens is inclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Iwao Shimizu
Iwao Shimizu



AGED AND INFIRM ALIEN JAPANESE INTERNEE

CRYSTAL CITY INTERNMENT CAMP, CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>
Adachi, Gentaro	72	m.
Hisamune, Shizuo	47	m
Kuribayashi, Hitoshi	61	m
Nakamura, Sadamu	62	m
Nishimura, Tomio	62	m
Nunotani, Yoshio	50	m
Ohgitani, Yojiro	60	m <i>Release</i>
Shigefuji, Enryo	61	m
Takahashi, Keiji	45	m
Uno, George Kumemaro	60	m

Iwao Shimizu & Committee
P. O. Box 788
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

February 11, 1947

Wayne M. Collins
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

We wish to inform you that Mr. Sakaye Henry Komiya who was officially released last June, but hospitalized here due to his illness, departed this station on February 10th for the Alameda County Hospital.

Just a few days ago, one of your client, Rev. Seimoku Kosaka received a letter from Japan saying that his father has past away and requesting for his immediate return if possible. Being in the case, he doesn't know what necessary step he should take in case he has to return; so we wish to ask you for your opinion and advice.

At this time we wish to ask you what became of the aged and infirmed alien case which you once mentioned in your previous letter. In conjunction, we wish to ask you if you have received any additional information concerning the possibility of renunciant's parole other than submitting the affidavit of the guarantor, which Mr. Olshausen has suggested to us on his returned trip from the East.

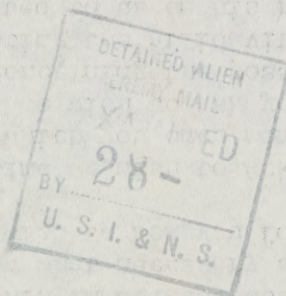
Has there been anything different taken place in the renunciant's case?

We appreciate if you will supply us with some informations in relative to the questions mentioned above.

Yours truly,

Iwao Shimizu

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February 13, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Isamu Myose,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Iwao and Isamu:

I have communicated with Mr. Willard Kelly and requested him to obtain authorization for the public health physician at Crystal City to issue medical prognostic diagnosis certificates for each of the aged or infirm aliens there either directly to the aliens or to Mr. Kelly's office so that their applications for parole may be given immediate consideration.

As you were heretofore informed, the renunciation cases were presented to Judge St. Sure for decision by his order upon extensive affidavits and briefs which were filed with him. Shortly thereafter he became ill and ever since then has been confined to his home. I am informed that Judge St. Sure is on the road to recovery and he is expected to return to court soon. It is my hope that shortly after his return a favorable decision will be made on the detention issue and also on the citizenship issue.

In the meantime those of you at Crystal City who are willing to obtain employment at Seabrook Farms should do so. The aliens still detained at Crystal City who are not physically disabled and are willing to accept such employment also should apply for employment at Seabrook Farms.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Sent: Iwao Shimizu, } Together with copy of Gov't's Conclusions.
Isamu Myose, }
M. Matsumoto, } WAYNE M. COLLINS,
T. Obatake } Attorney at Law,
Y. Miyazawa, } 1721 Mills Tower,
I. Kurotobi } San Francisco 4, Calif.

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February 21, 1947.

Mr.

Dear

The renunciation cases yesterday were ordered by the three district judges transferred and submitted for decision to Honorable Louis E. Goodman, U.S. District Judge. The reason for this is the prolonged illness and absence of Judge St. Sure from the court. It is now expected that Judge Goodman will determine both the detention and citizenship issues by a written judgment and opinion within a period of two months. It is to be regretted that this delay has been occasioned but illness of a judge is a matter over which we can exercise no control.

I am sending you copies of summarized opinions and conclusions concerning a number of the renunciants which appeared in an affidavit of Thomas M. Cooley which the Department of Justice filed in the proceedings. A motion was made and submitted to the court in writing to strike his affidavit on proper legal grounds. You will note from a reading of those summarized statements concerning a number of the renunciants that the material from which it was made is hearsay, opinions and conclusions which, in my opinion, are not admissible into evidence and are not entitled to be given any weight in determining the merits of the cases.

When Mr. Olshausen last was at Crystal City he left with you an erroneous impression that renunciants might be given paroles if they could have affidavits supplied showing that they were guaranteed employment on the outside. That impression is erroneous and if he made any statement to that effect it was a mistake. The Attorney General takes the position at the present time that he will not release any renunciant unless he falls within a classification of an emergency hardship case. The Attorney General has stated that he desired the court to pass on the question whether the still detained renunciants are to be released or not. It is likely, however, that he or his office yet may release a number if not all of the renunciants before a decision is made because of the following reasons, namely:

1. It is desired that the immigration staff at Crystal City be diminished for budgetary reasons,

2. To close out the Crystal City camp, if possible, so as to save governmental expense and

3. The Presidential proclamation issued yesterday indicates that the President in relinquishing additional war powers which were vested in him intends to make a declaration of an end of "emergency conditions" before midsummer and that a declaration of the end of the war itself will follow the end of the "emergency conditions."

Either a declaration by the President or a joint resolution of Congress would constitute a declaration of the end of the war which in itself will terminate the Alien Enemy Act and the right of the Attorney General to detain any persons under its provisions.

Mr. Cooley's office is actively engaged in a determination whether or not to grant paroles to those detained as alien enemies at Crystal City who are disabled from working by reason of age or physical infirmity and it is my belief that a determination will be made within a week. If paroles are granted for a majority of the disabled aliens it is my hope that the few remaining aliens at Crystal City will obtain employment at Seabrook Farms until the official end of the war has been declared, and that upon a transfer to Seabrook Farms they may be included in the Philadelphia cases. I shall let you know when the Department makes a decision on this matter.

Mr. Willard Kelly of the Immigration Service in Philadelphia has informed me that Kakuaki Kaneko and his family will be permitted to change their place of parole from Seabrook Farms to California for the purpose of taking up residence and employment with the Reverend G. Nishii at Chula Vista, California, it being understood that they agree to bear the cost of transportation from Seabrook Farms to Chula Vista and from there to their point of departure in the event that they are permitted to return to Peru.

It is my opinion that the State Department and the Peruvian Ambassador will expedite the return to Peru of additional Peruvian Japanese families.

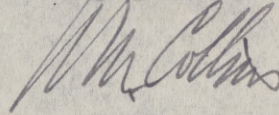
It is my present opinion that the official end of the war will be declared before the government is able to deport any of the aliens held under the Alien Enemy Act by reason of the fact that it appears to me that the Del Rio and Philadelphia cases could not be determined by the Supreme Court before that time.

In the case of Shigemi Kudo who suffers from tuberculosis at Crystal City and who requested streptomycin treatment, I was

informed by Mr. Kelly sometime ago that if the doctor to whose care she is committed would request streptomycine that that medicine would be provided. If the medicine has been refused I would thank you to inform me so that I can discuss the matter with her doctor by telephone.

It is my opinion that the Peruvian families can be paroled from Crystal City and from Seabrook Farms to engage in private employment if they make application to Mr. Kelly's office and are able to bear the expense of their transportation.

Very truly yours,



WMC:cw

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
Attorney at Law,
1721 Mills Tower,
San Francisco, 4, Calif.

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February 24, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Minoru Matsumoto,
Mr. Taro Ohashi,
Mr. Isamu Kurotobi,
Mr. Koshiro Mukoyama

Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Messrs. Shimizu, Matsumoto, Ohashi,
Kurotobi and Mukoyama:

I have received a letter concerning the Peruvians at
Crystal City and Seabrook Farms and on parole from H.
Fernandez-Davila, Minister Counselor, Peruvian Embassy,
Washington, D.C., which reads as follows:

"With reference to your letter of February 8, 1947,
the contents of which we have noted with interest,
we have the pleasure to be able to inform you that
negotiations are being carried on between the Govern-
ments of Peru and the United States to solve these
pressing problems.

"However, we realize that in this matter, as in
all Government negotiations, a certain time must
elapse which is unavoidably prejudicial to the
interests of these people."

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

March 10, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
P.O. Box 788,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Isamu E. Kurotobi,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Messrs. Shimizu and Kurotobi:

On March 3rd Mr. Willard F. Kelly, Assistant Commissioner for Alien Control, U.S.I. & N.S., Philadelphia, wrote me that he had requested the officer in charge of Crystal City to furnish him medical certificates for the following five persons to be considered upon their applications for parole namely:

1. Alfred Masami Adachi,
2. Yoshiaki Fukuda,
3. Seimoku Kosaka,
4. George Jikichi Nagao and
5. Tom Shu Saito.

I was pleased to learn that the ten persons mentioned in your letter of March 6th had received physical examinations on February 24th. Each of the persons should submit an application for parole because of his age or physical disability directed to the attention of Mr. Willard F. Kelly. The applications should be submitted without delay because the Del Rio cases are scheduled for hearing on March 17th and will be heard unless Mr. Cooley consents to postpone the hearing while the applications for parole are being considered.

I have also received your letter of March 6th notifying me that Mr. Toshima no longer desires to be repatriated and intends to remain in this country.

Mr. Kurotobi has written me that Mr. Katsuki Honda who suffers from tuberculosis, and his wife, Fujie and his children, Takashi, Hiroshi, Tsutomu and Fumiko have returned to Crystal City and that his eldest son and daughter, Yoshinari and Naoko are remaining at Seabrook Farms.

Kakuaki Kaneko and family, Peruvian-Japanese at Seabrook Farms, are authorized to be placed on parole and to move to Chula Vista, California. The permit for him and his family to move to Chula Vista should be received promptly at Seabrook Farms. If there is any delay I would thank you to notify me. His application can be handled directly with Mr. Willard F. Kelly.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Iwao Shimizu
Japanese Group Spokesman
Crystal City, Texas

March 20, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Your letter of March 12th, notifying the dismissal of alin's case which was pending in U.S. District Court in Del Rio has been received. This notice was promptly related to all the 15 aliens of this camp.

We noticed in your previous letters that you have stated the number of aliens in Crystal City who are in the case to 14, but actually there are 15 aliens in the case. Please check the list of names herein enclosed with your list. If someone in the given list is not included, we would appreciate if permissible, to have him included or reinstated to the case.

The given address on the name list are the address of the place where the individuals are taking up residence upon the grant of parole or release. The correspondence can be reached on the address there stated in the event the parole or release are granted to them.

The copies of the previous petition which was sent to Mr. Willard Kelly in Philadelphia by the aliens regarding to the request of parole has been sent to you.

The group is looking forward with a hope to have some effect of the petition before the court case commence. We hope that their previous petitions filed to Mr. Kelly be considered on the facts therein stated and results to be made known before the court commence.

Yours truly,

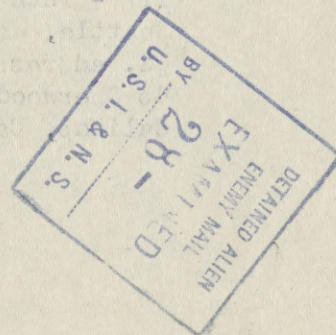
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CRYSTAL CITY CAMP ALIEN GROUP

as of March 18, 1947

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128 North Saratoga St.,
Los Angeles, California</p> <p>X 2. ADACHI, Gentaro <i>OK</i>
128 North Saratoga St.,
Los Angeles, California</p> <p>X 3. HISAMUNE, Shizuo <i>OK</i>
142 3/4 South Gless St.,
Los Angeles, California</p> <p>X 4. KOSAKA, Seimoku <i>OK</i>
1340 Kern St.,
Fresno, California</p> <p>X 5. KURIBAYASHI, Hitoshi
c/o Kokichi Furukawa
1121 South Irolo St.,
Los Angeles, California <i>OK</i></p> <p>X 6. NAGAO, Jikichi
c/o Rev. B. Kuwatsuki
1336 West 36th Place
Los Angeles, California</p> | <p>X 7. NISHIMURA, Tomio
P.O. Box 54
Ivanhoe, California</p> <p>8. OHGITANI, Yojiro
2676 Bush St.,
San Francisco, California <i>Release</i></p> <p>X 9. SAITO, Shu
Route 4, Box 135
Fresno, California <i>Camp Elliot</i></p> <p>X 10. SHIGEFUJI, Enryo
1340 Kern St.,
Fresno, California</p> <p>X 11. TAKAHASHI, Keiji
520 West Worth St.,
Stockton, California <i>Release</i></p> <p>X 12. FUKUDA, Yoshiaki
1743 Laguna St.,
San Francisco, California</p> <p>13. NUNOTANI, Yoshio <i>Imperial</i></p> |
| <p><i>John Santo (R)</i></p> | <p>X 14. UNO, Kumemaro
592 Rodger Young Village
Los Angeles, California</p> <p>X 15. NAKAMURA, Sadamu
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117 - 12th Ave.,
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Salinas, California</p> |



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1721 Mills Tower,
San Francisco, 4, Calif.

Garfield 1218.

March 31, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Minoru Matsumoto,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Iwao, Minoru and Committee Members:

For your information the army is now making it a practice to accept the enlistment of aliens in the regular army. I am attaching hereto a copy of an order of the War Department which is self explanatory.

I believe that the order provides for the enlistment of alien Japanese. To make an alien eligible for enlistment in the regular army all that an alien is required to do is first to make a legal declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States and thereafter apply to enlist in the army.

It is also probable that a renunciant may be accepted into the regular army under that order. If not, then a renunciant in order to render himself eligible for such an enlistment first could make a legal declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States and thereupon seek to enlist. After filing a declaration of intention to become a citizen a renunciant might hold that proceeding in abeyance pending the outcome of the court cases.

It is entirely possible that Congress sometime in the future may again make eligible for naturalization persons who have served or are serving in the military forces and in such an event an alien who had performed or was performing such service would be eligible to become naturalized. It is entirely possible also that any renunciant who has served or is serving in the military forces likewise may be rendered eligible for naturalization in the event that we should lose the cases if he had performed or was performing military service.

Very truly yours,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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AGSE-P 342.06 (11 Feb 47)

21 February 1947

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Aliens in the Regular Army

TO: Commanding General
Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, California

1. Effective immediately any alien, who can present written evidence that he has made legal declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States and who can qualify under the present standards for enlistment in the Regular Army, may be accepted for enlistment in the Regular Army. No loyalty investigation will be required prior to enlistment. At the time of enlistment, in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 26, TM XK 12-230A, 28 September 1945, remark will be entered in Service Record of individual to show:

- a. That soldier is an alien.
- b. Nationality.
- c. Location and name of the court in which his legal declaration of intent to become a citizen has been filed.

2. Post, camp and station intelligence officers will be kept informed of all alien military personnel within their jurisdiction by the appropriate personnel officers and will be advised of the assignment and general class of duty of each such alien.

3. This information will not be given publicity but such qualified aliens as outlined above will be accepted if application is made for enlistment.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/

Verne L. Howers
Adjutant General

Iwao Shimizu and Committee
P. O. Box 788
Crystal City, Texas

March 31, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

We are in receipt of your letter of March 24th concerning the action you have taken in regard to the three renunciants we have previously informed. We are in great hope that their situation be considered immediately by the department.

On March 13th, the application requesting for the grant of parole to the aged and infirm alien Japanese internees has been forwarded to Mr. Kelly in Philadelphia. But to date nothing is heard of concerned to the application. From the view points of curiosity, we are asking you if you have received any information to this matter.

For your information Miss Nobuko GOYA of the renunciant group got released and slated to depart from this station on April 3rd. Also, there is a talk going around here that Mr. Tanemi Obatake at Seabrook Farms got released. Probably you already have received the information from there if the release has been received by any of the renunciants at Seabrook.

We just received an additional information from the officer informing us that Mr. ⁷⁴⁸²Ohashi of the Peruvian Group received a 30 days parole to Chicago, which indicates that his request has been granted.

You have informed us in your letter of February 24th, that there is a likelihood that the cases may be decided before Seabrook Farms is able to use the employment of additional renunciants. If there is a likelihood that the cases be decided upon first, we presume the number of renunciants anticipating Seabrook employment will lessen.

However, if the decision on the cases are stalled, good many are desiring a Seabrook employment. Such are the opinions of most of the fellows here, we request your opinion whether it is necessary to make the name list of those who are desiring Seabrook employment at this time or not.

Sincerely yours,

Iwao Shimizu
Iwao Shimizu

Two British and Canadian
P. O. Box 100
Ottawa, Ontario

March 21, 1967

Mr. James L. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
320 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

A letter of March 14, 1967, from your office regarding the action you have taken in regard to the three respondents we have previously informed. We are in great haste that their affidavits be completed and filed by the respondents.

On March 14, 1967, the applicant is requesting for the grant of a writ of habeas corpus and relief from the respondents. It has been determined to Mr. Bell in Philadelphia. He is also working in the area of concerned to the application. From the view points of contrast, we are asking you if you have received any information to this matter.

For your information also, the 600A of the respondent group has been released and stated to report that this decision on April 1st. Also, there is a talk with a group here in the United States of America at San Francisco. The release already have received the information from the respondents. The release has been received by one of the respondents at San Francisco.

We just received an additional information from the officer informing us that Mr. Oswald of the Texas Group received a 30 day parole to Chicago, which indicates that his request has been granted.

We have informed a letter of February 28, that there is a likelihood that the respondents be decided before San Francisco. In order to use the respondents. It there is a likelihood that the case be decided upon first, we presume the number of respondents anticipated. San Francisco may not still be decided.

However, if the decision on the case is still not any are desired a San Francisco decision. Such are the opinions of most of the following case, we request your opinion whether it is necessary to make the name list of those who are desired San Francisco at this time or not.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy sent:

Isamu Myose,
Sadamu Nakamura.

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April 3, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Iwao and Committee Members:

I have written to Mr. Cooley and to Mr. Kelly concerning the mental condition of the three renunciants you wrote me about. I am awaiting their reply.

I wrote last week informing you that the application of the aged and infirm alien Japanese at Crystal City for parole had been rejected by the Attorney General.

Tanemi Ohtake of Seabrook Farms was released because his mother suffered serious injuries in an accident. Consequently, he was considered to be a special emergency hardship case and was released.

It is my belief that the decision on the detention and citizenship issues will be rendered this month and I hope that it will be rendered by the middle of this month.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Sent: Iwao Shimizu,
Minoru Matsumoto,
Isamu Myose,
Sadamu Nakamura,
Y. Miyazawa.

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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San Francisco, 4, Calif.

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April 3, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Minoru Matsumoto,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Iwao, Minoru and Committee Members:

Pursuant to an arrangement with the Attorney General's office the hearing on the Philadelphia habeas corpus cases filed on behalf of the Japanese aliens detained at Seabrook Farms was postponed to April 28th.

As you were heretofore informed, the Del Rio cases were dismissed because the Attorney General agreed that the rights of the Crystal City aliens would be determined by the Philadelphia cases.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

Iwao Shimizu & Committee
P. O. Box 788
Crystal City, Texas

April 16, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.,
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

For your information, Mr. H. Tanaka who is the brother-in-law of Mr. Geo. H. Toshima made a visit upon receiving our request of his visitation in regard to Mr. Toshima's case. During the time of his visit, Mr. Toshima appeared mentally elated, but again around the following day his action became queer and his mental melancholy has become noticeable.

We were informed that the administration being aware of Mr. Toshima's condition communicated his condition to the central office about a week ago; however, no reply on the communication has been received as yet.

It can be recalled from the case of Mr. Kato who was in Bismarck, North Dakota with the similar condition as Mr. Toshima, that when he got released because of his mental depression to a relative in Chicago, he have overcome such malady and seems to be doing fine.

We believe that Mr. Toshima will regain his normal state of mind if he should be granted a parole of a release.

The three boys, Tetsuo Yamamoto, Sumio Ishihara, Takashi Hanamoto from the renunciants group and Shu Saito from the alien group volunteered and left yesterday for Camp Elliott, San Diego, California to work on the department's project.

In the previous week, April 10th and 11th, Isamu Sam Myose, one of the committee member and Yoshio Tamashiro received their release. Mr. Myose have departed this station yesterday afternoon, but the latter party is still here and is expecting to leave as soon as the transportation is available to Hawaii.

The present committee members left are myself and Yoshio Shibata. Since Mr. Myose has already departed this station, please address one to Yoshio Shibata in place of Mr. Myose.

We wish that the letter we receive from you are the only source that encourages the fellow and we are looking forward to the information from you with much confidence.

Yours truly,

Iwao Shimizu
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Yours truly,

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April 22, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Mr. Shigeru Morinaka,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Iwao and Committee Members:

I am receipt of a letter dated April 16th from Charles M. Rothstein concerning George H. Toshima, Ken Terada and George Mori, reading as follows:

"I have your letter of March 24, 1947, requesting that the above subjects be released because of their mental conditions.

Medical reports on these subjects having been received, George H. Toshima has been released and arrangements are being made to secure his admission to a State Institution for the mentally defective. The condition of the other subjects does not appear to warrant their release."

I have made another application to Mr. Cooley concerning Ken Terada and George Mori and hope to have favorable action taken thereon as soon as possible.

For your information, Eddie Masumi Kobayashi, a renunciant, and Rikimatsu Hideshima, an alien, have been released from Seabrook Farms.

Minoru Matsumoto is presently in Oakland, having been granted a two weeks parole to attend a wedding here. Isamu Myose has communicated with me.

Mr. Olshausen leaves in the morning to argue the alien cases in Philadelphia on the morning of April 28th. As I mentioned to you, I shall remain here until the renunciation cases are determined by the court. I am expecting that decision from day to day.

Mr. Olshausen is going directly to Philadelphia and will not have time to stop over in Crystal City.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

IWAO SHIMIZU & COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 788
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

May 8, 1947.

Wayne M. Collins,
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower,
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Mr. Geo H. Toshima's sister residing in Genoa, Texas informed me that he seems better, but are planning to take him to Los Angeles to consult the Japanese physician who can question him directly without the aid of an interpreter.

not in case
Mr. Kameichi Kay Matsumoto, a renunciant was released and departed this camp with Mr. Usaburo Maoki's family of the Peruvian group who left here on a parole to take up residence at 2834 Mc Gee Avenue, Berkeley, California.

The copy letters concerned to Peruvian Japanese has been received with an utmost gratitude. With your most sincere endeavorance towards the Peruvian Japanese the remainder of Peruvian families wishes to convey their whole hearted appreciation to you. Through your ever increasing efforts they are hoping it would bring a favorable results towards their readmittance to their home in Peru.

We inferred from your letter of April 30 and May 1st that their re-entry to Peru will be discussed by the Peruvian Government in the future which effects of the matter we presume will take sometime. Since the remaining Peruvian families have children of school age, many families are alarmed over their childrens' educational problems and are anticipating on a parole so that their children can gain the knowledge of the American schools.

For your information Fujio Iseri a renunciant came back from Seabrooks Farms because of some difficulties. Before the group accepted the employment, ~~to~~ Seabrook Farms has stated that the company will guarantee a steady work of eight hours a day throughout the year, but from the information we recently received, only lately the four hours a day are being granted to the renunciants group which we think is just a contrary to the offers made by the representative of Seabrook Farms during his presence here.

We would appreciate if this matter can be looked into to see if such was a fact or not. We hope by contacting Minoru Matsumoto, one of the committee member, the more detailed condition of the present Seabrook employment might be obtained.

Yours truly,

Iwao Shimizu
Iwao Shimizu

Sent to:

Yoshio Shibata,
Shigeru Morhnaka,
Tomiji Shono,
Matao Uwate.

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
Attorney at Law,
1721 Mills Tower,
San Francisco 4, Calif.
Garfield 1218.

May 9, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Minoru Matsumoto,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

On Wednesday I learned that due to the pressure of a large number of cases pending before him that Judge Goodman had not yet been able to render a decision in the renunciation cases although he is at work on them. He had been of the opinion that he could decide the cases in April but the volume of cases pending before him rendered it impossible. He has been handling a double calendar due to the absence of Judge St. Sure.

It is likely, therefore, that he may soon render his decision in the habeas corpus cases which relate to the question of detention and thereafter render his decision and write an opinion in the equity cases which relate to the question of recovery of citizenship.

Each of you primarily is interested in the detention issue. It is my expectation that he will decide that issue in the habeas corpus cases any day now and in advance of any decision in the equity cases on the question of the recovery of citizenship. It is possible that we may have to await until July for a decision in equity on the citizenship issue.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ow

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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GARfield 1218.

May 14, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Mr. Shigeru Morinaka,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Committee Members:

I have discussed the cases of Ken Terada and George Mori with Mr. Rothstein. He informs me that he will discuss the matter in the Department.

I am still awaiting the decision of Judge Goodman in the renunciation cases and the decision of Judge Ganey in the Philadelphia cases.

I would thank you to notify me immediately whether or not the children of the Peruvians who are of school age are attending school and if so, what school they are attending. I would also thank you to inform me whether or not the children of the renunciants and the aliens at Crystal City are attending school and if so, the name and the location of the school.

I am enclosing lists of the Peruvians still detained either at Crystal City or at Seabrook Farms and I would thank you to inform me of the Peruvian addresses of each of them if this information is obtainable by you.

Very truly yours,

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Encl.

*For J. A. John Shikata - CC.
of J. A. Shikata & Shikata*

May 23, 1947.

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Seabrook Farms, Inc.,
Bridgeton, N.J.

Dear Committee members:

The following renunciants born prior to Dec. 1, 1924, whose records have been discovered to have *shown they* renounced their Japanese nationality and are not deemed by the Department of Justice to be Japanese citizens were ordered released from detention by the Attorney General on May 13th. I would thank you to inform me whether their release have yet been received. They are:

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| 1. Kazuo Kumagai; | 14. Kiyoshi Noguchi; |
| 2. Isamu Nakata; | 15. Tadao Uemura; |
| 3. Fujio Iseri; | 16. Keizo Kato; |
| 4. Minoru Yamaoka; | 17. Hideo Kobayashi; |
| 5. Takao Takeuchi; | 18. Takeo Ishii; |
| 6. Isamu Nishimoto; | 19. Masayuki Yoshioka; |
| 7. Hei Yamamoto; | 20. Morihiro Yoshioka; |
| 8. Chiharu Ikeda; | 21. Hiroshi Nagawa; |
| 9. Kiyoshi Ito; | 22. Yasuo Shinzaki; |
| 10. Yoshiharu Ito. | 23. Toru Nishimura; |
| 11. Genichi Tanaka; | 24. Kenichi Nakashioya; |
| 12. Toshio Miyamoto; | 25. Morio Origuchi. |
| 13. Joji Mori; | |
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I have the names of the additional few who have been released.

I am still awaiting the decisions in both the renunciation and the alien enemy cases.

Very truly yours,

WMC/W

Sent to: Yoshio Shibata,

Shigeru Morinaka

Matao Uwate

Yutaka Otsubo

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
Attorney at Law,
1721 Mills Tower,
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco, 4, Calif.
GARfield 1218.

May 26, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Tomiji Shono,
o/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

On May 23rd I sent you a list of 25 renunciants who were ordered released by the Attorney General on May 13th inasmuch as they have been found to have renounced their Japanese nationality some years ago.

If any renunciant⁴ presently detained either at Crystal City or Seabrook Farms have any records indicating that at anytime they formally renounced their Japanese nationality, they should immediately send the original or copy of those documents direct to Mr. Charles Rothstein, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D.C., who will make a translation thereof and return the originals. If any of those who renounced their Japanese nationality are not in possession of documentary evidence proving it they should notify Mr. Rothstein immediately by letter of the approximate date they renounced their Japanese nationality. Thereupon they will be eligible for consideration for immediate release.

The government does not know whether or not the following persons ever renounced their Japanese nationality. If they did renounce their Japanese nationality they should send letters to Mr. Charles Rothstein notifying him thereof and the approximate time they made such renunciations. The names of those persons are:

1. Hirata, Mitsuo
2. Matsumura, Isamu
3. Aramaki, Shigeo
4. Dooka, Akira
5. Endo, Hiroshi
6. Fujii, Jiro
7. Fukawa, Yoshitaka
8. Furutani, Jiichi
9. Ichinose, Toshio
10. Kamigawachi, Masashi Thomas

11. Kato, Tetsuichi
12. Kawahara, Yasunori
13. Kawahara, Yoshinori
14. Matsuda, Matsuo
15. Matsumoto, Tsutomu Ben
16. Miyakawa, Mitsugi
17. Nakashima, Izumi
18. Nakashima, Kaji
19. Niimoto, Tatsuo Fred
20. Ota, Teruo
21. Tsuchitani, Yukio Allen
22. Tsujita, Takashi
23. Uyeda, Isamu
24. Uyemura, Isamu.

Very truly yours,

W. Collins

WMC:cw

Iwao Shimizu & Committee
P. O. Box 788
Crystal City, Texas

May 27, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

We infer from your letter of May 23, that those renunciants who has forfeited or renounced their Japanese nationality are been released by the Department of Justice on the grounds that they are not a Japanese subjects. If the Department is releasing the present internees on the merits of not having a Japanese citizen, we wish to inform you that there are quite a few renunciants here who claims they do not have the Japanese citizenship, and are not a Japanese nationals because their birth were not registered with the Japanese Government nor has left the continental United States at any time. There are others who has forfeited their Japanese nationality upon their return to the states or prior to the outbreak of the war and has received from the Japanese Government a receipt of acknowledgment of their forfeits.

Under separate cover we shall forward you with the list of names of those who claim they are not Japanese nationals due to the foregoing reasons.

Very truly yours,

Iwao Shimizu

Iwao Shimizu & Committee
P. O. Box 788
Crystal City, Texas

June 3, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

For your further information, as stated in the previous letter, we have classified and listed the renunciants who claims that they have never been out of the continental United States and never have registered with the Japanese nor any other foreign Government of their birth nor have ever applied of becoming the subject of that country. These renunciants are:

Yukio Allen Tsuchitani.....Birth-date, Nov. 20, 1926
San Francisco, California
Shigeo Aramaki.....Dec. 12, 1925, Watsonville,
California
Yoshio Shibata.....April 26, 1918, Salinas,
California
Iwao Shibata.....August 8, 1915, Salinas,
California
* Tomeo Shibata.....Nov. 24, 1920, Salinas,
California

* Tomeo Shibata never has left the Continental United States and Japanese nationality concerning to him was not known either to him or to his parents, because the midwife registered him without the acknowledgment or the approval of his parents.

The Japanese nationality was first made known to him and his parents when he reached an age of 19 or 20 years old. He have applied for renunciation of the Japanese nationality in the year of 1939 or 40.

The following renunciants are so-called kibeis who states they have renounced or forfeited their Japanese nationality soon after their return to the States.

Riichi Yoshida.....October 29, 1911, Kerrieston,
Washington

Renunciation of Japanese nationality accepted by the Japanese Government in August 1932.

Masayoshi Sakai.....June 13, 1919, Fresno, Calif.

Renounced Japanese Citizenship in 1935, and accepted by the Japanese Government in 1936.

In addition two more renunciants, Masashi Taniguchi and Toshio Kaichi from Hawaii have received his release.

Very truly yours,

Iwao Shimizu

In the latter group, the so-called kibeis, please include
Alexander Iseri.

Alexander Iseri.....January 3, 1913, Sonoma, California

Renounced Japanese nationality on or about 1923.

Iwao Shimizu and Committee
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas

June 11, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins,
Attorney at Law,
1721 Mills Tower,
220 Bush Street,
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

This is to inform you that additional renunciants, Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Higashi, Mr. Masashi Taniguchi, Mr. Toshio Kaichi and Mr. Shigeo Aramaki received their releases.

In regarding the release of Shigeo Aramaki, I was informed by the Officer in Charge of this station that Mr. Aramaki is going to be escorted by an official to San Antonio, Texas concerned to his draft status. Furthermore, I was told that his draft case is pending with the State Draft Board in Sacramento, California because he has not registered with the draft board while detained in the Tule Lake Center. However, I am not sure whether he is to appear at the State Draft Board in Sacramento, California.

It is his desire to enlist in the armed force immediately upon the release from the Internment Camp, but in the event that the legal matters concerned to his past draft action are brought upon, we have advised him to contact you either from San Antonio, Texas or from Sacramento, California.

Your letter informing us of the Alien Case in Philadelphia was received. The alien group has calmly acknowledged the result of the case. They are awaiting a further detail and developments concerning their case.

Mr. Chuhei Kato of the Peruvian family group applied for a parole to Stockton, California, under the sponsorship of Mr. Akira Mizuno, 20 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, California.

Very truly yours,

Iwao Shimizu
Iwao Shimizu

*6/14/47 12N - See jett - and send Mr. Kato
Indy Mr.*

Sent to:
Yoshio Shibata,
Makio Nojima,
Iwao Shibata,
Tomeo Shibata,
Riichi Yoshida,
Masayoshi Sakai,
Yukio Allen Tsuchitani.

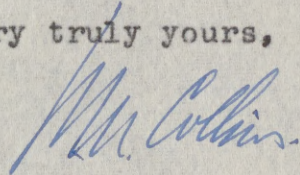
June 19, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Iwao:

Enclosed find copy of a letter from
Mr. Charles Rothstein which is self-ex-
planatory.

Very truly yours,



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Address reply to
"The Attorney General"
and refer to initials and
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Washington, D.C.

June 16, 1947

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Wayne M. Collins, Esq.
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letters of June 5th and June 6, 1947, raising the dual nationality question in certain renunciants' cases.

As you know, under Japanese law, all persons born in the United States prior to December 1, 1924, of a father who was a Japanese subject at the time of birth, automatically acquired Japanese nationality and retained that status unless they subsequently renounced it by official act. The facts of continuous residence in the United States or registration of birth with the Japanese government or its agencies are immaterial in these cases.

The following persons mentioned in your letters were born before December 1, 1924, and, according to the preliminary list received from Japan, they are not shown to have renounced their Japanese nationality. It must therefore be presumed, at least until the final list is received within a few weeks, that they are Japanese nationals:

Makio Nojima
Yoshio Shibata
Iwao Shibata

Tomeo Shibata
Riichi Yoshida
Masayoshi Sakai

Persons born in the United States after December 1, 1924, of a father who was a Japanese subject at the time of birth, did not become Japanese subjects unless their birth was subsequently registered with the Japanese government or its agencies. The final list expected from Japan should definitely establish the Japanese nationality status of the remaining renunciant-internees, including Yukio Allen Tsuchitani, one of the subjects of your June 5th letter, who was born in 1926. The other subject of your letter who falls within this category is Shigeo Aramaki; he was ordered released by the Attorney General on May 27, 1947.

Sincerely,

/s/

Charles M. Rothstein
Acting Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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1721 Mills Tower,
220 Bush Street,
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June 20, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Toraichi Kono,
Mr. Yasutaro Miyazawa,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

Sometime ago I notified you that there was a likelihood that any renunciant or alien who was willing to serve in our military forces might be qualified for enlistment through a War Department ruling.

I am enclosing a copy of the Adjutant General's letter of 21 February 1947, which is self explanatory.

It is my understanding that the Department of Justice will be willing to release renunciants or aliens who are still detained who may desire to enlist in our military forces. If there be any, they may notify Mr. Rothstein by letter.

Very truly yours,

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

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AGSE-P 342.06 (11 Feb 47)

21 February 1947

SUBJECT: Enlistment of Aliens in the Regular Army

TO: Commanding General
Sixth Army
Presidio of San Francisco, California

1. Effective immediately any alien, who can present written evidence that he has made legal declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States and who can qualify under the present standards for enlistment in the Regular Army, may be accepted for enlistment in the Regular Army. No loyalty investigation will be required prior to enlistment. At the time of enlistment, in accordance with instructions contained in paragraph 26, TM XX 12-230A, 28 September 1945, remark will be entered in Service Record of individual to show:

- a. That soldier is an alien.
- b. Nationality.
- c. Location and name of the court in which his legal declaration of intent to become a citizen has been filed.

2. Post, camp and station intelligence officers will be kept informed of all alien military personnel within their jurisdiction by the appropriate personnel officers and will be advised of the assignment and general class of duty of each such alien.

3. This information will not be given publicity but such qualified aliens as outlined above will be accepted if application is made for enlistment.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

/s/
Verne L. Howers
Adjutant General

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
Attorney at Law,
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GARfield 1218.

June 20, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

I have taken up again the subject of release of the single girls who have not yet been released. Mr. Rothstein informs me that the matter has again been considered and that the Attorney General so far has refused to release them from detention. He is willing, however, that the single, unattached girls now at Crystal City go to Seabrook Farms if they can find families at Seabrook Farms in whose care they may be placed.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ow

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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June 27, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Mr. Shigeru Morinaka,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

Mr. Rothstein has caused a list to be sent to me of the renunciants presently detained both at Crystal City and Seabrook Farms. The purpose of his Department in having that list sent to me is to ascertain the names of those renunciants presently detained either at Crystal City or Seabrook Farms who are not parties to the suit. He has informed me that it is the desire of the Department to be able to deport all those renunciants who are not in the suits to Japan at the earliest opportunity. I do not know what the Department means by the "earliest opportunity". It may be that the government might try to deport those renunciants who have not protected their rights.

If any renunciants who are not in the suit desire to be protected by these suits they can be included for protection at any time before Judge Goodman decides the cases.

I am still awaiting a decision in the cases from day to day.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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July 2, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
Mr. Toraichi Kono,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

As you were informed, on June 30th Judge Goodman ordered the writ of habeas corpus to issue and the petitioners to be released from detention. A stay of execution of the writ for five days was also granted by the court. So far, the Department of Justice has not determined whether or not it will appeal the decision. When the five days are past, if no further stay of execution of the writ is granted, the writ will issue and be served and the commands of the writ will be honored by the Government by discharging the petitioners from detention.

I would thank you to inform me of the permanent addresses to which each renunciant is to return when he or she is released so that I may be able to communicate with them in the future.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ew

WAYNE M. COLLINS,
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July 7, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

The Attorney General has obtained from the court an order staying the execution of the writ of habeas corpus in the renunciation cases. The U.S. Solicitor General is reviewing the matter to determine whether or not he will appeal the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

As soon as it is determined what steps the Attorney General will take insofar as an appeal or release is concerned, I shall inform you.

In Mr. Shimizu's letter to me of July 1st it appears that Mr. Shimizu was of the opinion that the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California may have exerted some efforts on behalf of the renunciants. As I have many times heretofore told you and written to you, neither the ACLU of Northern California nor any other ACLU organization in the United States has in anywise been involved in the cases. None of them have exerted any efforts on your behalf. The ACLU of New York and of Southern California steadily have been opposed to you and have refused to give even moral support. The ACLU of Northern California has given the cases moral support and, in turn, reaped a vast amount of publicity for its own benefit.

Very truly yours,

WAYNE M. COLLINS
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July 9, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata
P.O. Box 788,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

The Justice Department obtained an order of court staying the execution of the writ of habeas corpus to July 15th and in addition thereto yesterday filed motions in court requesting the Judge to reconsider his decision.

In the meantime the U.S. Solicitor General is reviewing the matter to determine whether or not the government will appeal the decision to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. So soon as that matter is determined I shall inform you. It is my hope that the government will decide to release all the renunciants. I shall let you know promptly as developments occur.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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Renunciant's Committee
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

July 22, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins,
Attorney at Law
1721 Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Concerning to the previous decision of Judge Goodman, the fellows are anxious to know what became of the case at present, since the stay of execution of the writ of habeas corpus granted to July 15, have expired.

Following is an ^cexcerpt of the letter received from Mr. Cooley, dated Jan. 15, 1947:

"As you have been previously advised, the determination by the Attorney General of removal in your cases is final until certain law suits on this question now pending in the courts are decided."

Since the decision has been rendered very clearly on certain law suits by Judge Goodman, we would like to know the cause of the delay in executing the writ.

Any information concerned to this matter is appreciated, so that we may be able to calm the irritable mental status of the fellow renunciants.

Very truly yours,

Isaac Shimizu

Iwao Shimizu & Committee
P.O. Box 788
Alien Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

July 24, 1947

Mr. Wayne M. Collins,
Attorney at Law
1721 Mills Tower, 220 Bush St.
San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

The forwarded copy letter of Mr. Rothstein's was received concerning the six renunciants whom the department claims of being a Japanese nationals.

This matter, in regard to Messrs. Riichi Yoshida and Masayoshi Sakai, the legitimate document approved by the Japanese Government of their renunciation of Japanese nationality was submitted to Mr. Rothstein. Mr. Riichi Yoshida's approval of Japanese nationality was sent here from Japan upon his request not too long ago which should substantiate his statement of not being a Japanese national.

The Japanese nationality status concerning ~~to~~ Messrs. Iwao and Yoshio Shibata, the subjects although born prior to 1924, had never left the continental United States and were never registered with the Japanese Government or its agencies. But in Mr. Rothstein's copy letter forwarded to us states these persons were listed to be a Japanese nationals. We would like to know from what grounds does the Japanese Government have authority to claim these persons as the subject of Japan when the birth of these people were not registered with the Japanese Government.

Prior to the outbreak of war, we were informed that those persons having Japanese parents and born prior to 1924 were entitled to become a Japanese national only upon residing in Japan proper for more than three month at the matured age and thereupon registering while in the country proper to take up residence in the country thereof.

It is my belief to say that an error has been made by the government of Japan to list these person as their subjects due to their present inadequate governmental function and improper investigation. Anyone whose birth was registered with the Japanese Government was required to make an application annually requesting the extension of conscript for military service when the subject reaches the age of 20 or 21 years old and when residing abroad. These persons claim, that they have never received the notice by the Japanese Government to be their subject nor were they ever required in making such application. The list received by the department must have been an error upon the Japanese Government due to their inadequate service.

We appreciate if you will take this matter up again with Mr. Rothstein and have it reinvestigate.

Yours truly,

Iwao Shimizu

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, Calif.

July 25, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

I wrote you heretofore that the government had filed a motion in the habeas corpus suits asking Judge Goodman to reconsider his decision. The government thereafter procured a ten day additional stay of execution of the writ and thereafter procured a stay of execution of the writ until such time as the Judge renders a decision on the motion to reconsider his decision.

The day the Judge rendered his decision he went on his vacation. He returns to court on occasions and presently is attending the meeting of the district and circuit judges. No court sessions have been held for two weeks since all their time has been devoted to the problems discussed in the conference of the judges.

The Judge may send in or file his decision on the motion for reconsideration any day. In addition thereto he may render his decision on the motions made in the equity suits any day. Obviously, I cannot tell you exactly when his respective decisions will be rendered but both decisions are expected soon.

The government has not yet filed an appeal in the habeas corpus cases. I do not know whether it actually intends to appeal. If an appeal is taken by the government I shall be able to make a motion in court asking that each of the detained renunciants be paroled pending the outcome of the appeal.

It is expected that the President today may issue a proclamation terminating his wartime emergency powers. The Department of Justice may construe such a proclamation as being equivalent to a declaration of the end of the war and, if so, that fact alone will entitle all detained persons to a release, whether they be

renunciants or aliens. If that proclamation, however, is not construed by the Department of Justice to be a formal declaration of the end of the war, the President probably will make such a proclamation formally declaring the end of the war within a reasonable period of time.

It is my opinion that each of you soon will be released but you must be patient.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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July 28, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Mr. Iwao Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Dear Iwao and Messrs. Shibata:

In reply to your letter of July 24th concerning Iwao and Yoshio Shibata, according to the laws of Japan, persons of Japanese ancestry born outside of Japan prior to 1924 were deemed by the laws of Japan to be Japanese nationals whether they were registered with the Japanese government or not. Consequently, Iwao and Yoshio Shibata, being born before 1924, were considered by Japanese law to be entitled to Japanese citizenship although their births were never registered with the Japanese government or its agencies.

In our suits we assert that no American born citizen can have any foreign nationality whatsoever and that our government does not recognize any foreign law. The Department of Justice is duly aware of the contentions that we make.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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August 1, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

Upon telephoning Mr. Rothstein this morning he informed me that the following named renunciants have been ordered released:

Renunciants at Seabrook Farms:

Endo, Hiroshi,	Kato, Tetsuichi,
Kamigawachi, Masashi Thomas,	Matsuda, Matsuo,
Kawahara, Yasunori,	Tsujita, Takashi.
Kawahara, Yoshinori,	

Renunciants at Crystal City, Texas:

Niimoto, Tetsuo,
Tsuchitani, Yukio Allen,
Yoshida, Riichi.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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August 5, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
Mr. Yutaka Otsubo,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

Judge Goodman returned to court from his vacation yesterday. The habeas corpus cases were on his calendar for arguments on the government's motion which it filed asking the court to reconsider its decision and on my motion in opposition thereto.

Judge Goodman denied the government's motion to reconsider the case and refused to grant the government any further stay of execution of the writ. The Judge informed me to present a formal order on Friday morning for his signature. When that order is signed the Clerk of the Court will issue the writs of habeas corpus.

Thereafter the government will determine whether or not it will obey that order and release the detained renunciants or whether it will appeal the case. In the event the government appeals I shall apply to the court for an order paroling the detained renunciants pending a determination of the appeal.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ew

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August 13, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

On August 11th, 1947, Judge Goodman denied the government's motion to reconsider his decision and thereupon signed an order awarding the writs of habeas corpus and ordering the Clerk to issue the writs which were thereupon served on Irving F. Wixon, District Director, U.S. Imm. & Nat. Service, who is the respondent. The order of the writs command that each renunciant be released forthwith and that in the event the government refuses to release the renunciants it must produce each of them in court on September 8th where the court will release them.

Enclosed find copy of Judge Goodman's decision and a copy of the writ.

It is likely that the equity suits will not be determined for a month or so. The question whether or not the renunciants will recover U.S. citizenship will be determined in the equity suits.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ow

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August 20, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

The Department of Justice informs me that no decision has yet been made as to whether or not an appeal will be taken from Judge Goodman's decision in the habeas corpus cases. The matter probably will be presented to the new Solicitor General for determination.

There are several possibilities to which the Department may give consideration. They are as follows: (1) whether it will obey the court order and release the detained renunciants who are in the habeas corpus cases and in the equity cases, (2) whether it will release those who are not in the cases. I have requested the Department to release all renunciants whether they are in the cases or not because the habeas corpus suit was a class action designed for the benefit of those actually in the suit and also of those who are in a similar situation but not in the suit.

If the Department decides to take an appeal I would make a motion here on September 8th to release the renunciants upon their own recognizance or ask the court and the Attorney General to parole them to me pending any determination on the appeal so that each of them might thereupon be released.

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So soon as the Department informs/of its final intentions I shall notify you promptly.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

August 25, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Re: Sadamu Nakamura.

Dear Iwao:

In reply to your letter of August 18th concerning Sadamu Nakamura, please be informed that no further word has been received concerning his case.

As I have heretofore informed you, it may be that the Attorney General's office will continue reviewing the files of the aliens and it is possible that additional persons from the group will be released. Otherwise, we must await the decision not only of the Circuit Court of Appeals but also of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Very truly yours,

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WMC:cw
c.c. Sadamu Nakamura.

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September 8, 1947

Mr. Iwao Shimizu,
Mr. Yoshio Shibata,
Alien Internment Camp,
Crystal City, Texas.

Mr. Matao Uwate,
Mr. Tomiji Shono,
c/o Seabrook Farms,
Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Dear Committee Members:

By agreement with the Department of Justice entered into last week each of the renunciants at Crystal City and at Seabrook Farms have been released into my custody whether they were in the habeas corpus suits or the equity suits or whether they were not in any of the suits. This means an order has been entered into in court in which the Attorney General consented that all renunciants be released into my custody. As a result each and all of the renunciants wherever detained are free to return to their own homes or to go wherever they wish.

The Government intends to appeal from the decision of Judge Goodman in the habeas corpus suits and it is expected that they will file notice of appeal today. It is my belief that the Government is filing the notice of appeal simply to save its face. I do not believe it will be necessary for the appeal to be determined by an appellate court and that in due course of time the government will dismiss its appeal.

The equity suits will be decided very soon. When a decision is rendered therein each of the renunciants will be notified of that decision at his or her place of residence.

It is my wish that the committee at Seabrook and at Crystal City make up a list of the names of the renunciants in their respective camps whether they are in the cases or not and send that list on to me together with the addresses ~~to~~ which each of the renunciants expects to have as his permanent address so that I can communicate with them in the future. It is also my wish that you notify each renunciant to keep me informed by post card or letter of any change in his or her place of residence until the equity cases have been determined.

The Government will supply the transportation costs and expenses of the renunciants at Crystal City from Crystal City to their homes. The Government will not, however, supply transportation costs and expenses for renunciants at Seabrook inasmuch as each renunciant at Seabrook Farms entered into an agreement with the Immigration Department under the terms of which each was to impound the sum of \$50.00 out of his earnings to be used for transportation expenses.

Mr. Shimizu at Crystal City will bring all of the committee records to San Francisco. It is my request that Mr. Shono or Mr. Uate or one of the other renunciants at Seabrook Farms likewise bring all of the committee records to San Francisco so that I may have them for future use in the cases.

Very truly yours,

WMC:cw

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August 13, 1947

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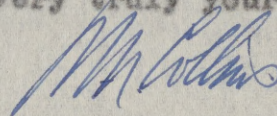
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Enclosed find copy of Judge Goodman's decision and a copy of the writ.

It is likely that the equity suits will not be determined for a month or so. The question whether or not the renunciants will recover U.S. citizenship will be determined in the equity suits.

Very truly yours,



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Renunciant's Committee
P. O. Box 788
Crystal City, Texas

August 18, 1947

Wayne M. Collins,
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San Francisco 4, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

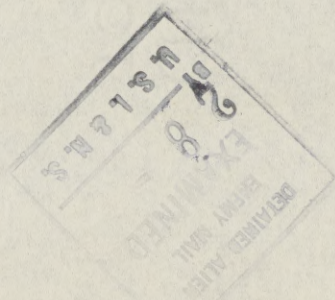
The telegram was received on August 12, but no words from the camp authority concerning our release is yet received despite the fact that one week has elapsed.

If the releases are not executed and completed by September 8th, as specified, does it mean that everyone now detained will have to appear in court on the given date? Does this date signifies that everyone now interned should be released before the given date of September 8th, or does it mean that department has a period from now until the given date in which to appeal the case?

Precedings are the inquiries the committee gets and we wish to request you for a further information.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Shinn



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
CRYSTAL CITY, TEXAS

September 12, 1947

PLEASE REFER TO THIS FILE NUMBER

105/032

Mr. Iwao Shimizu
Spokesman
Crystal City Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

Dear Mr. Shimizu:

Dr. A. M. Boyd is being transferred to Galveston, Texas, and today is his last day of duty at this station.

Arrangements for adequate medical care have been made with the Crystal Clinic and Hospital, and any necessary services will be provided. Miss Clark remains on duty and anyone needing medical attention should contact her at the hospital between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon, Monday through Friday. Patients should first call at the hospital for attention at other times during regular work hours, and at the front gate during other hours.

The above requires that future medical services be patterned after that usually obtained by individuals in civilian life. Strict minor ailments will be handled by Miss Clark and the doctor will be called only when she considers it appropriate.

Please make the contents of this letter known to all internees remaining in the camp, and inform them we will appreciate their usual cooperation in this new procedure.

L. T. McCollister
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Acting Officer in Charge



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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September 12, 1947

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Mr. Iwao Shimizu
Spokesman
Crystal City Internment Camp
Crystal City, Texas

Dear Mr. Shimizu:

Please inform the internees remaining in this camp that, beginning with breakfast the morning of Friday, September 19, 1947, all feeding will be conducted in the messhall in the hospital building. Arrangements will be made for families with nursing babies to obtain milk and other necessities from the mess. Accordingly, the food store will not operate after Wednesday, September 17, 1947.

This office will allow four internees to work for pay in operating the messhall. Any additional help that may be required in connection with dish washing, food preparation and serving, will have to be performed on a voluntary basis by members of the group.

No further ice deliveries will be made to individual internees, except the seven families having small children, each of which will be allowed 25 pounds of ice daily until cooler weather.

L. T. McCollister
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Acting Officer in Charge



May 5, 1952

Mr. Iwao Shimizu
c/o Hokubei Mainichi
1737 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Iwao:

I wish to ask your assistance in connection with the renunciation case. As you may be quite familiar, the case of some 1,228 persons were returned favorable to the minors. These names will be inscribed into the judgment list by Mr. Collins. This procedure may take about a week or more. At this time we are asking all the renunciants to show their intents to be inscribed into the judgment list. The letter of April 26th will furnish you with valuable informations. These letters were furnished to the persons who would receive the benefit of judgment when Mr. Collins inscribes their respective name. Inasmuch as the litigation has been long and costly, we are asking them to pay \$300.00 each for their cost, fee and expenses. The committee held a meeting, and determined that those who shirks their duty to pay will not be given the benefit of the judgment.

We are asking the respective committee men to contact their members in their respective districts. As for San Jose, I asked Mr. Masaru Yamaich i to contact some 40 individuals in his district who will be affected by the judgment. We have decided to have a meeting of these renunciants on May 15th, 1952 at Thursday..8:00 P.M. at the San Jose Buddhist Church. The conference room will be utilized for such purposes. Although I shall send each individual renuciants who are affected by this judgment a written notice, I would thank you to assist me in writing a news article that the Tule Lake Defense Committee shall hold the meeting concerning Mr. Collins renunciation case at the San Jose Buddhist Church on May 15th, 1952 at 8:00 P.M. That this meeting will furnish vital informations to those that are in the suit. Also I would thank you to state that those who has not received noticed and are in this suit should come and hear the informations that will be given. Also rights of renunciants who has returned recently from Japan will be discussed. You can get some informations pertaining to this from the letter I am enclosing to you.

After the meeting is over, I will go to San Francisco and discuss all the phases of the cases with you. The adult's case is now set for individual hearings and there are informations pertaining to it--which I would like for you to be familiar with. I am enclosing the letter which will go out to all the 3,108 plaintiffs that must face their tests.

Many are in a false sense of security that their case will be determined automatically. This is not so.

If there are any question that you may have, I shall appreciate your writing to me. I shall try to answer them as much as I can.

I am writing a similar letter to Iwao Namekawa, so if possible I would like you two to get together and write somewhat a similar article on the notice of meetings.

Thanks a lot, and I shall look forward to meeting you in the near future

Very truly yours,

Tex Nakamura