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Jule Lake Defense Committee

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

January 17, 1951

Mr. Tex Nakamura  
c/o Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 So. San Pedro Street (Rm. 215)  
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex:

The Circuit Court of Appeals handed down its opinion in the mass equity and habeas corpus cases today. The holding in the opinion in the equity cases is as follows:

1. The renunciation of every plaintiff in the case regardless of the date that he was joined in the action, whether originally or up to the time the judgment was entered, who was under the age of 21 years on the date that he signed his renunciation application at Tule Lake or elsewhere is void and is cancelled and as to them the judgment of the lower court is affirmed and such persons still are United States citizens. (My estimate is that this covers about 2,000 of the plaintiffs inasmuch as my belief is that most of the renunciations were executed by children between the ages of 18 and 21).

2. The renunciations of 8 persons who were admittedly insane and mental incompetents at the time they signed their renunciations are void and cancelled and they are and will remain United States citizens.

3. The renunciations of a group of either 58 or 85 whom the Attorney General admitted that he could produce no evidence against whatsoever are also declared to be void and cancelled. They are and also will remain citizens. I will supply you with the names in a later letter.

4. As to all others who were adults at the time they executed their renunciation applications which thereafter were approved, the Circuit Court holds that we have established in the cases a prima facie case that each of their renunciations was the product of governmental coercion and duress. That court holds that the Attorney General should be given a further opportunity to overcome that presumption as to any of those individuals by the introduction of additional evidence tending to show that they renounced voluntarily provided the government can introduce any such evidence. Then if the Attorney General is able to produce any such evidence we are to be given the privilege of supplying contrary evidence whereupon that matter can be submitted to the trial court either by affidavit or by personal hearing.



The Attorney General's office will have to supply the names of the plaintiffs who were minors at the time they signed their renunciation applications because it is only that office that has the original renunciation applications which fix the dates of renunciation from which it can be ascertained whether or not they were under the age of 21.

The printed decision will be available late tomorrow evening. I shall try to obtain extra copies for you and for Sam Iseri and shall have typewritten copies made as soon as I receive the printed copy of the decision.

In the meantime I am forthwith going to prepare an application to the Circuit Court for rehearing as to the adult persons whose cases are not yet concluded as a result of the foregoing opinion of the Circuit Court. That application will be filed and undoubtedly acted upon within 30 to 60 days.

It is also possible that the government might take an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States by applying for certiorari. However, the decision there rests with the Solicitor General and I will not know for a few days whether the Solicitor General will decide to carry the cases any further.

I also do not know whether or not the Attorney General will endeavor to submit any evidence against any one or more of the adult individuals whether in affidavit form or by individual hearing. As soon as I learn from the Justice Department what action it is going to adopt I shall let you know.

Very truly yours,

Copy to: Mr. Toraichi Kono  
Mr. Sam Iseri, Tokyo, Japan



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February 15, 1951

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find the list of renunciants whose addresses are unknown of this date. It amounts to approximately 373 names.

I have made a copies of these list and mailed the same to the committeemen listed below:

Tomiji Shono	Seabrook Farms
R. Narimatsu	Chicago
Tak Yamamoto	S.F.
I. Namekawa	S.F.
M. Yamaichi	San Jose
H. Takeuchi	Fresno
M. Yego	Penryn
Y. Honda	Sacramento

*R. E. H. - San Jo*

Very truly yours,

*Tex*



We have printed here the list of individuals in the suit whose addresses are unknown to our office. We shall appreciate your assistance in mailing to us the list with their new addresses if you are in knowledge of the same. We desire to have their addresses as we must notify each individual plaintiffs any problems which may arise in connection with this suit.

T. Nakamura  
Tule Lake Defense Committee

Name	Former Camp Address	Name	Former Camp Address
Akiyama, Rintaro	2805-B—Tule	Ishida, Tsutomu	7817-A—Tule
Ambo, Norio	8406-F—Tule	Ishihara, Kei (Kay)	4415-C—Tule
Amemiya, Takeharu	Santa Fe	Ishikawa, George	4606-C—Tule
Aoki, Shinichi Jimmy	1717-D—Tule	Ishikawa, Kimiye	4606-C—Tule
Arakawa, Eizo	6715-D—Tule	Ito, Masayoshi	2603-C—Tule
Aredas, Daniel	2804-D—Tule	Ito, Shizue	2603-C—Tule
Asari, Toshio		Iwasaki, Tatsumi Obelle	2218-F—Tule
Awamoto, Haruo Johnny	Crystal City	Kadoya, Jiro	1518-D—Tule
Doi, Tetsuo	5804-C—Tule	Kagehiro, Goro	5112-H—Tule
Doioka, Noboru	5615-C—Tule	Kagehiro, Satoru	4811-B—Tule
Ego, James Haruo	504-B—Tule	Kageura, Yutaka	8306-B—Tule
Fujimoto, George	1818-F—Tule	Kakigi, Harumi	3104-A—Tule
Fujimura, Frank Mitsunori	5212-C—Tule	Kakigi, Masaru	3104-A—Tule
Fujita, Saburo	Crystal City	Kamei, Yoshimi	5817-A—Tule
Fujitani, Isamu	4213-B—Tule	Kamei, Yoshiye	5817-A—Tule
Fujitani, Kiyoko	4213-B—Tule	Kamikubo, Masami	2115-B—Tule
Fukawa, Yoshitaka	3214-D—Tule	Kamikubo, Shigeyuki	2613-A—Tule
Fukumoto, Mitsuye	8113-F—Tule	Kaneko, Hisashi	5112-F—Tule
Fukumoto, Joseph Takashi	8113-F—Tule	Kaneko, Kimiko	5103-D—Tule
Furukawa, Hideo	—Tule	Kaneko, Yoshinori	5116-B—Tule
Furuta, George Shigeru	4811-B—Tule	Kaneshiro, Hideo	5006-B—Tule
Furukawa, Masami	3805-B—Tule	Kaneshiro, Toshimitsu	5111-F—Tule
Furutani, Shoichi	Crystal City	Karemoto, Masayuki	6804-D—Tule
Furuya, Shigeko Edna	2819-D—Tule	Kato, Keizo	Crystal City
Furuya, Takashi	—Tule	Kato, Tetsuichi	3319-H—Tule
Furuya, Toshio Fredrick	4415-C—Tule	Kawaguchi, Masakazu	1513-D—Tule
Gyotoku, Masakazu Frank	1701-D—Tule	Kawamoto, Ellen Kiyoko	5216-E—Tule
Hama, Kazumi	8202-D—Tule	Kaya, Yoshiharu Dick	2116-A—Tule
Hama, Namio	816-A—Tule	Kimura, Keiichi	7711-GH—Tule
Hamachi, Fusako	7406-C—Tule	Kishiyama, Ben	3305-A—Tule
Hamachi, Shiroji	7604-D—Tule	Kishiyama, Shige	3305-A—Tule
Hamaguchi, Luiko	7713-I—Tule	Kitamura, Harutoshi	2317-H—Tule
Hamaguchi, Masakazu	7713-I—Tule	Kiyonaga, Yoshio	415-B—Tule
Hamasaki, Tomiko	6606-D—Tule	Kobashigawa, Hideo	7511-F—Tule
Hara, Yukio	3915-B—Tule	Koichi, Toshio	2317-A—Tule
Harada, Haruto	2605-A—Tule	Kokawa, Kiyomi	3816-A—Tule
Hatakeyama, Fumio	5115-C—Tule	Koken, Aiko	—Tule
Hatakeyama, Shizu	5115-C—Tule	Konishi, Teruo	3107-C—Tule
Hatanaka, Kazuo	8011-I—Tule	Kosugi, Takeshi	7502-E—Tule
Hayashida, Frank Yutaka	7105-A—Tule	Kotow, Kichiya	—Tule
Higa, Jisho	1015-B—Tule	Koyanagi, Fukuo	1913-C—Tule
Hirai, Toshiko	2007-C—Tule	Koyasako, Sueo	506-B—Tule
Hirata, Chiyoko	7217-F—Tule	Miyama, Shigeru	—Tule
Hirata, Mitsuo	7413-F—Tule	Miyamoto, Masaye Mary	Crystal City
Hirata, Miyoshi	7215-D—Tule	Miyata, Harry	5105-B—Tule
Hironaka, Makoto	3116-A—Tule	Miyata, Manjo	Seabrook
Hisatomi, Setsuo	3414-D—Tule	Miyazaki, Masayoshi	1704-C—Tule
Honda, Tom Satoru	3714-D—Tule	Mizusaki, Tom Tadashi	4305-A—Tule
Hori, Masanori	1507-D—Tule	Mizusaki, Sam Takashi	4305-A—Tule
Horikawa, Takumi Bill	6917-F—Tule	Mori, Shizu	2703-A—Tule
Horiuchi, Akenobu	6817-B—Tule	Morihara, Ayako	8114-A—Tule
Ichinose, Toshio Bill	Bismark	Morihara, Yoshihito	8114-A—Tule
Ikoma, Michiko	7312-F—Tule	Morimoto, Tadao	2413-D—Tule
Imamoto, Kameo	7713-H—Tule	Morio, Akira	5115-D—Tule
Imamoto, Katsuyo	7713-H—Tule	Morio, Hiroko	5115-D—Tule
Imamura, Tsutomu Tom	8205-C—Tule	Morioka, Eiro	4817-E—Tule
Inouye, Hiromi	6815-B—Tule	Morita, Chiyoko	—Tule
Inouye, Toku	7814-C—Tule	Murayama, Arthur Teruo	8014-I—Tule
Inouye, Tokiye	7814-C—Tule	Nagaoka, Hiroshi	1405-C—Tule
Ioka, Masao	3917-C—Tule	Nagata, Kiyomi	2519-A—Tule
Iriye, Henry K	8014-A—Tule	Nagata, Toshio	2518-D—Tule
Iriye, Marienne Haruye	8014-A—Tule	Nagata, Yoshiye	2518-D—Tule
Iriye, Tsuginori	8014-A—Tule	Nagato, Tokuichi	513-B—Tule



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April 2, 1951

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

Could you please forward to our office some fund  
so that we may meet the expense for the month of April,  
1951.

Very truly yours,

*Tex*

*4/9/51 Intd 1000 Mr. M. Collins Chk  
4/9/51 - Mr 3344404*



Berkeley Calif  
April 15, 1951

Wayne M. Collins  
Attorney at Law  
Miller Tower  
722 Bush St  
San Francisco, Calif.

I am herewith returning  
your most recent correspondence  
regarding the 302 renunciants  
whom removal orders of the  
Attorney General are still  
outstanding. I am quite  
sure that this order concerns  
another Minoru Miyake  
a resident of Washington  
State. During our  
confinement at Tule Lake  
Project the Dept of Justice  
had numerous occasions  
to mistake our correct  
identity due to both  
of our having the same



names. This other person that I write about was the person who was sent to Crystal City from Jule Lake upon the centers closure in 1946. He was a Kibei and I believe he was about the same age as myself. Please check your files and see if you can locate his present address so that this list may reach him.

Thanking you kindly  
for all the past kind  
and prompt services.

I Remain  
Minoru Maizuda



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

I have been receiving numerous calls from the relatives of the renunciants in Japan. They have indicated to me that some person in Japan are promising their return to U.S. by paying the sum of \$2,000. It might be that Wirin is soliciting the cases through his representative in Japan. Some of the renunciants are quite anxious to institute an individual case, and they might fall for this trap. I have informed them that Mr. Collins will write to each and every renunciants in Japan sometimes in June as to the possibility of having them return to U.S. for trial purposes. Therefore I would think that it would be advisable for you to formulate some plans as to the person in Japan.

Also some of the renunciants in U.S. have indicated that they were willing to spend as high as \$2,000 for their own case; but they were skeptical of protecting all the person in the case who fails to cooperate. Therefore I feel it to be essential that we undertake the collection of the funds as soon as possible, and formulate some plan of dealing with those who refuses to cooperate.

The Peruvian cases are really a headache. Kokichi Tako's hearing was set for this morning. He had one extension so as get some representation. Therefore I made an arrangement for Shim to come. However, he got the cold feet of putting up the sum of \$100 at the last moment. I had to make the cancellation with Shim last Saturday by phone. Their case will become a headache for you when the appeal of these cases must be taken. Therefore I suggest that you write to their representative and have them do something for themselves.

Enclosed are some of the changes of addresses:

Bill Nishimura	520 168th St., Gardena, Calif.
Hiroshi Ted Fukuwa	16908 S. Normandie Ave., Gardena, Calif.
Hiroto Fred Fukuwa	" " " " "
Yuriko Lilly Fukuwa	" " " " "
F. H. Tokumoto	10554 E. Butler Ave., Sanger 6, Calif.



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have heard from some of the renunciants that they have received your letter.

The Committee decided everybody in the group would be asked to make his contribution to the defense fund up to \$300 so that is why we asked you to send that letter to help us on our drive. We want to make sure of scraping up enough of a defense fund to get to you to hold and use for the group in paying for all the court costs, fees for yourself and all the expenses of the cases like stenographers, printing, travel, stationery etc to carry on until the end. We have been very busy getting the drive under way.

We committeemen are wondering how the reaction to the letter we asked you to send has been. Although it may be too early to anticipate the reaction of the whole group, we are quite concerned as the inquiries to this office has been very small. So please send our office a copy of your letter right away.

At our last committee meeting some of the members felt that committeemen must approach everybody in the cases personally for their contributions and that is what we are doing. Also some believe that many of the group will refuse to contribute if non contributing ones are going to get the same protection from you as the contributing ones. A couple of the members suggested the committee should obtain another source of representation if you are going to protect the non-contributors as much as the contributors. Therefore we committee members feel that we do not want to help those persons who refuse to contribute their full share to the common defense fund except real hardship cases. We believe we must be very practical with this matter or our committee will not be able to get very far with our drive for funds. If you find it very difficult for you to make a hard and fast rule, the committee is willing to do it.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By: Tex Nakamura



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

Telephone GARfield 1-1218

June 8, 1951

Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 So. San Pedro St. (Rm. 215)  
Los Angeles 12, California

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 6th states that some of the members of your Committee had suggested the Committee should obtain another source of representation if I was going to give non-contributors to your defense fund the same degree of protection as to contributors.

I do not see how I can do anything but give each person in the suits the same degree of protection, without favoritism. However, if it comes down to individual trials those who do not contribute their share to the defense fund could not expect their own Committee and the contributing renunciants to carry them. I could not use any part of the defense fund for them from that point on if your Committee was opposed to it and so I could not proceed to represent them at individual trials unless such persons made provision to defray their own costs and expenses and made some arrangement to pay me a reasonable attorney fee for such trials or engaged the services of other attorneys to represent them.

You are in a better position than I to judge what the response is and will be to your campaign to raise money for the defense fund. It is too early for me to guess what the response will be to the letter I sent out at the request of the Committee to assist your campaign as the letters took some time to be mailed.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. M. Collins



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

Our drive for building up the defense fund is getting better as the committeemen are approaching the group personally and doing a good job, and more people have received your letter as the inquires to this office has increased.

Inasmuch as the Committee must meet the expenses of this drive, we shall appreciate your forwarding us \$1000 for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By:

*T. Nakamura*



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

The following are a few changes of addresses:

✓ Shohei Shibata (Japan)  
✓ Minoru Hara  
✓ Nobuko Hara  
✓ Kiyofumi Yamashiroya

530 So. Beacon St., San Pedro —  
170 Cook St., San Francisco —  
" " " " "  
c/o Y. Imanaka, 705 E. 2nd St., —  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By:

*Lex Nakamura*



June 14, 1951

Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles 12, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find cashier's check No. 3347463  
of June 14, 1951, of the Bank of America in the sum  
of \$1,000 which the Committee has requested.

Very truly yours,



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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We Committee members feel there isn't much chance of the court deciding in favor of the adults. So we think no matter how much we raise to carry the cases on to protect everybodys rights won't be enough to get everybody restored to his citizenship unless everybody is real lucky and we can't expect such miracle. We think theres a bunch won't win without individual trials.

We are contacting everybody to contribute his full share so the defense fund will be big enough to take care of all the expenses and your fees right up to the end or far as we can go. We are asking everybody to send their contributions to the fund in your name to the Committee or your office. We want copy lists of the deposits so we will know who is paying and who isn't and how the fund is coming along.

The reaction is getting good so we're confident of getting a good size fund to you to hold and use for the group in going from here on in. We want to confirm it is to be used by you for the benefit of the group that contributes their share, in paying court costs and all the expenses for the cases like wages for stenographers, mail, travel, lawyers who help you out, stationery, printing etc and we want you should get good fees out of it for yourself. We don't think \$1000 a month for yourself is anywheres near enough out of the fund for you so long as you go on fighting for vindication of the group and if theres anything left at the end it is to go to you. All the Committee wants is to get out of it is enough for expenses and office.

We feel we will get the full contribution from nearly everyone in the group while he sees a good chance of his own success. We don't think theres too much chance of raising enough funds for you to operate on if we don't contact everybody quick as possible because soon as anyone gets his citizenship back he won't care much about anyone elses troubles and it will be hard to get him to help the other fellows.



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We feel if anybody doesn't get his citizenship restored on the appeals or by you negotiating with the Justice Department lawyers and he has to go to court for his individual trial he has to stand most of his own expenses from there on and dig up a fee for you on his own because if that happens to him he can't expect the group to help him out too far because individual trials will take too much money.

Nobody on the Committee want to be a trustee of the defense fund so its up to you. The Committee decided on who will be trustee of the defense fund and the lawyer for the group if anything happens like you got sick or died. We decided we would want Mr. Tamba and Mr. Olshausen or maybe Shim to take over the fund and carry on if anything happens to you as they are the only lawyers we know about who'd fight for the whole group.

We want you should cooperate with the Committee and not do anything we should know about without letting us know in advance about anything that will benefit somebody in the cases who does not pay his full share to the defense fund to cover the court costs, your expenses and your fees to carry on the groups battle because after all the Committee acts for the whole group and we don't want nobody to get specially treated by you without us knowing and approving what it is.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By:

*Harry W. Uchida*  
*Tex Nakamura*  
*T. Kono*



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June 26, 1951

Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We forgot to confirm to you the Committee decided some time ago that the funds left over from the Committee's second drive was to go to you for your services, and we all think it is little enough for all you've done.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

By:

*Harry W. Uchida*  
*Tex Nakamura*  
*T. Kono*

Neenah  
OLD COUNCIL TREE



January 29, 1957

Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 South San Pedro St. (Room 215)  
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

Gentlemen:

On June 8, 1951, I wrote your Committee a letter relating to the degree of legal protection I was obliged to furnish to contributor and non-contributor plaintiffs in the class renunciation suits and pointing out that I could not use any part of the defense trust fund for individual court trials of non-contributors to the fund if your Committee objected to it. The first paragraph of that letter reads as follows:

"Your letter of the 6th states that some of the members of your Committee had suggested the Committee should obtain another source of representation if I was going to give non-contributors to your defense fund the same degree of protection as to contributors."

If you will locate that letter in your files and send me two photostat copies of it I will be grateful.

Very truly yours,

WMC:1



(Copy of letter of Wayne M. Collins to Tule Lake Defense Committee)

June 29, 1951

Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles 12, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I wish to let the Committee know that the total sum you authorized me by your letter of June 26th to receive for legal services rendered in the renunciation cases, including the agreed monthly rate from the defense fund, amounts to some \$71,705.57 as I calculate it.

It is a very substantial sum. I am grateful and wish to thank each member of the Committee.

Very truly yours,



WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

July 17, 1951

Tule Lake Defense Committee  
Room 215, 124 South San Pedro Street  
Los Angeles 12, California

Attn: T. Kono and T. Nakamura

Gentlemen:

Mr. Abiko of the Nichibei Times called to state that you had made some statement to the Japanese language newspaper concerning Shisho Nashiro and perhaps other Peruvians being in danger of being deported. I suggest that no such statements ever be made to newspapers without first clearing such a matter through me. For your information, since the interference of Gongoro Nakamura and Saburo Kido in the Shimabukuro case, the determination of the Immigration Service, Board of Immigration Appeals and Justice Department has been that the period of time during which the Peruvians had been in this country does not count as resident periods applying toward the 7-year residence period prescribed by 8 USC Sec. 155 (c). In consequence, natives of Peru will be ordered deported to Peru insofar as the Immigration Service is concerned and nationals of Japan will be ordered deported. However, there is no present intention of actually carrying the deportations into operation. My agreement with the Justice Department, Immigration Service and State Department is that I will have full opportunity to continue my negotiations with the government of Peru toward obtaining authorization for Peruvian nationals and Japanese nationals who are resident of Peru to return to that country. If at any time the government should change its opinion and attempt to deport any of the Peruvian group, aliens or Peruvian natives, to Japan I shall prosecute either an equitable action to restrain the government from so doing or apply for a writ of habeas corpus in a test or test cases and carry on the matters to the U.S. Supreme Court for a final determination.

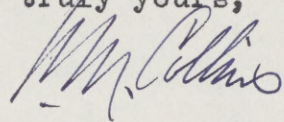
As a result of the government's present policy of holding that the period of time the Peruvians have been



here does not count toward the 7-year period, it is essential that the Immigration Service in due course issue each one of them a 30-day notice to depart in order to start the 7-year period of residence to commence running.

In view of the foregoing there is no reason for any publicity to be utilized for the purpose of spreading any alarm among the Peruvian group.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. M. Collins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the first name.



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

August 13, 1951

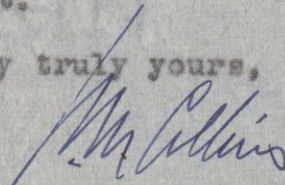
Enclosed find copies of my final petitions for certiorari and supporting briefs which were filed in the mass renunciation cases with the Clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court on August 9, 1951. Copies are being sent to each of the committeemen.

The one numbered 113 relates to the habeas corpus proceedings involving the 302 renunciants who still are under removal orders. Fortunately, a peace treaty between the United States and Japan is scheduled to be entered into at San Francisco sometime during September, 1951. As a result the authority of the Attorney General to remove any of the 302 against whom removal orders still are outstanding will terminate when the peace treaty is signed.

The one numbered 112 relates to the equity cases which were designed to cancel the renunciations on the grounds (1) that the renunciation statute is unconstitutional and (2) that each renunciation is void in equity for having been caused by governmental duress. When the peace treaty is entered into this will be the only case which then will be of importance. The U.S. Supreme Court is asked therein to decide whether or not the renunciations are void for constitutional reasons or are void for having been caused by governmental duress, as we contend and hope will be decided, or whether the cases will have to be reopened simply to let the Attorney General introduce additional evidence against each of the plaintiffs.

The U.S. Supreme Court is now in its vacation period. However, it convenes again in October and during that month it should decide whether or not it will review the cases. When it makes a decision I shall let you know the result.

Very truly yours,





WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

August 14, 1951

Mr. Tex Nakamura  
c/o Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 So. San Pedro St. (Rm. 215)  
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex:

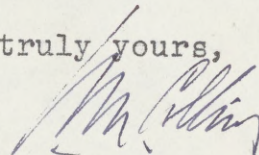
Re: Shisho Nashiro, L.A. 1610-2038

I telephoned Mr. Grattan of the USI&NS at Los Angeles this morning.

Shisho Nashiro had asked for voluntary departure - naturally for the purpose of being restored to his family in Peru. Inasmuch as the Peruvian Government has not yet O.K.'d him for return to Peru it was obvious that he could not depart voluntarily at his own expense to Peru. In consequence, I suggested to Mr. Grattan that he issue his notice to Mr. Nashiro asking why he has not departed so that the right to depart voluntarily will be cancelled. Thereafter Mr. Nashiro will be ordered deported. However, he will not be deported. His 7-year period of residence will commence to run from the date that his right to depart voluntarily is cancelled. Thereafter my negotiations with the Peruvian Government will continue. It seems to me that after the peace treaty is signed I shall be able to prevail either on the Peruvian Government or the United Nations to use its influence with the Peruvian Government to authorize the return of those Peruvians to Peru who wish to return there. The Immigration Service at Los Angeles and especially Mr. Grattan are fully aware of this procedure.

If at any time the Government actually attempted to deport any of the Peruvians involuntarily to Japan then I would bring habeas corpus or equity proceedings to prevent such a deportation. Thereafter if the Supreme Court of the United States decided against the Peruvians, I would request congressmen to introduce a special bill authorizing their permanent residence in this country. I suggest that you inform Mr. Nashiro of these facts.

Very truly yours,





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October 13, 1951

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

I am enclosing a clipping from the New Japanese American News, which is a wire release from INS.

As you may notice it appears the Department of Justice's spokesman made a release that deportation proceeding shall be instituted against each of the 3,000 renunciants.

Upon the appearance of this publicity, I have been swamped by inquiries throughout yesterday and today. I am quite perturbed by a release of this notice, and it is very difficult for me to furnish any information. I would appreciate your informing me the extent of information I should give to these inquiries.

Would it be possible for the President of the U.S. to reserve the power vested under the Alien Enemy Act in signing the treaty with U.S. and Japan? If this is possible it will be a nightmare all over again.

Very truly yours,



WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

October 15, 1951

Mr. Tex Nakamura  
Tule Lake Defense Committee  
124 So. San Pedro St.  
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex:

The reported press release from Washington, D. C., concerning any deportation of the renunciants is sheer nonsense. No renunciant will be subject to deportation at any time. The peace treaty has been entered into and the Alien Enemy Act has expired or will expire and the removal orders will become ineffective at least when the Senate approves the peace treaty. The newspapers are merely hunting for things of a sensational nature. However, alarming news may cause the renunciants to pay their share of the obligation. Approximately 1,000 of the renunciants will have recovered their citizenship when and as I enter judgment in their favor. As to the others the causes simply are reopened to enable the Attorney General to supply evidence against them individually if he has such evidence, and if such evidence as produced by him is sufficient to overcome the presumption that the renunciations were coerced then I have the opportunity to produce counter evidence. If the Attorney General is unable to produce any evidence against any of them, judgment will be entered in their favor. If my evidence then prevails over any evidence of the Attorney General in any cases he contests the renunciations of those also will be cancelled.

Very truly yours,

*Wayne M. Collins/DP*



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November 23, 1951

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins  
1701 Mills Tower  
220 Bush Street  
San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Mr. Collins:

We have finished the mailing of the letter to all the renunciants in United States and Japan. The following are the sum expended for stamps:

To renunciants in Japan	\$65.20
To renunciants in U.S.	<u>63.56</u>
	\$128.76

Some of the letters are being returned, and we find that a change of proper address was not made. Therefore we shall compile a complete list of these returned letters with their proper address.

Also I am enclosing the sum expended on November 16th for the trip made to San Francisco. It is for the sum of \$40.94.

The above sums were paid out of our own fund, so I shall appreciate your mailing me the expense to meet it. As reported previously we shall need some fund to meet the expense for next month.

Very truly yours,

*T. Kono*  
T. Kono

*Est 2000  
11/26/51*



Trip to San Francisco November 16, 1951

Round trip air ticket	\$26.92
Bus fare to Burbank airport	1.25
Bus fare to S.F. from air.	1.25
Excess baggage paid	6.02
Tips to Porter (2)	1.00
Meals (4)	4.50
	<u>\$40.92</u>

T. Kono