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Jule Lake Defense Committee

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January 4, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of pleading entitled "Dismissals of Certain Parties Plaintiff" dated December 14, 1954. The listing of dismissals includes those persons from Abe, Yoshio to Yoshioka, Yukiye Mrs.

Very truly yours,

P.S. Please strike off from your list also the names of Sumio KONO and Kiyoharu UMEKUBO who recently have gone to Wirin.

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

Dear Wayne:

We have checked our list of individual plaintiffs, and have compiled a list of those renunciants who are making some contributions either on an instalment basis or has a small balance due.

We would thank you to mail the individual instructions and the affidavit to them.

Mr. M. Yego, P. O. Box 218, Penryn, California, is a committeemen for our district at Penryn--and the foothills. He is not a renunciant and for this reason he would not receive any individual instructions. For this reason I would thank you to mail him the letter which you will furnish to the renunciant, and the OUTLINE OF EVENTS LEADING TO RENUNCIATION OF CITIZENSHIP.

Very truly yours,

Tex
 Tex Nakamura

P.S. Please find \$2,502.50

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
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Dear Wayne:

On February 3, 1954, we mailed in your care a registered letter with an enclosure of \$2,502.50 in receipts from this office. The return receipt was returned to our office this morning without the signature of any person. However, there was impressed on the back a stamp indicating Tijuana, Mexico.

I would therefore thank you to inform me immediately whether you have received this mail. If you have not received this mail, I shall make a trace of it immediately.

Also within the above letter were enclosed the list of persons, who were making payments on an instalment basis. We felt these individuals should be given some consideration at this time.

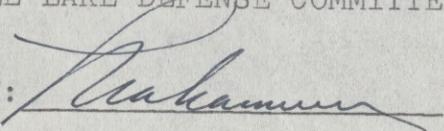
We are receiving many request to pay the balance on an instalment basis. However, we are discouraging them to pay in such manner, as invariably they will produce the full amount that are requested of them.

This morning I received a check for \$25.00 from Yoshiro Morishita of Berkeley. He states that he spoke with you over the phone, and has made arrangements to payon instalments. It is very difficult to ascertain whether they are furnishing an actual picture or they are giving us a sob story.

We are stating to these renunciants that theisumbeing requested in full is not being decided by Mr. Collins nor by the committee; it is the paid up members that are raising the protest that the non paid members should not get a free ride at their expense. For this reason the committee must abide by the wishes of the paid up members, who has made this case possible. By this manner we are trying to show that the members themselves are policing their ownself.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

BY: 

*Rec'd 2/4/54
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Fresno Calif.
March 4, 195X

Dear Tex:

I sincerely hope that this note finds you, your family members & Mr. Low enjoying the best of health.

I am writing you because a person called me tonight ^{complaining} ~~that~~ that Jack N. Ota had received affidavit forms from Mr. Collins, even though he owes \$200⁰⁰, and this party wanted to know why, because he's paid up but has not received his as yet. Of course, very few have received their affidavits as yet, but the guys who are paid up are raising hell, and you can't blame them. It might have been a mistake, but here's hoping

that not too many are sent out.
I hear this Ota goes around
saying - it isn't necessary to
pay, because you get ^{the} same
benefits. Even though he got his forms,
he tells others that he isn't going
to fill them out, since he doesn't
care to restore his status. Maybe,
it's a lot of baloney he's spreading -
but it's guys like him who are
gumming up the works.

Please don't tell Mr. Collins, I wrote
you about Jack Ota, but you might
inquire, stating that someone ^{else} complained, ^{as}
that is the truth. Those paid up should come first.

Till again, So long!

P.S. What is Jack Ota's designation?

He isn't on my list. Just curious.

Just,
Harry

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
 1701 Mills Tower
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Dear Wayne:

The other day I talked to you about your office's mailing these affidavit forms to the unpaid members.

I received a letter from Harry Takeuchi today. He is quite disturbed of the fact that your office mailed one Jack Ota the form when he still had the balance of \$200.00. This fellow is going around spreading the news that he is going to receive the benefit. Although Harry has told me not to inform you of this fact, I am letting you know.

You should make positively sure before you mail the letter that they have shown some indication that their payments has been made recently. This is so if they are making an installment payment. We hate to repeat this warning, but it is absolutely necessary to abide by this rule. Otherwise the morale of the paid up member will be shattered, and you will not get any form of cooperation from your committee member.

It was difficult for us to receive the committee members' assistance, and you must give us your word that it will be carried out. It may be possible that this Jack Ota is spreading lots of rumor that he has received it when in fact he has not received it.

For this reason I would appreciate your compiling the lists of the members to whom you have mailed these letters. It should assist us in compelling the persons on the installment to finish up their payments.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

BY:

S. Nakamura

March 6, 1954

Mr. Harry Takeuchi
Fresno, California

Dear Harry:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter. I am surprised that Mr. Collins has mailed those affidavits to Jack Ota.

I wrote to Mr. Collins this morning to watch for this inadvertance. About two days ago I spoke with Mr. Collins over the phone about this matter, as there were few cases in Los Angeles.

The paid up member came into our office and complained of the fact that an unpaid member received the affidavit. However, they have not seen this mail. For this reason it might be a lot of hot air that they are spreading. However, to make it double sure I spoke with Mr. Collins. He indicated to me that under no circumstances will these form go out to unpaid member. There are few members we asked him to mail. These are the members who are paying on an installment basis. That their records has indicated the consistent payments.

Mr. Collins has indicated that if these mail should go out by inadvertances, he will not put the affidavit into the administrative board. It will be held at the source.

Jack Ota's classification is XII-A.

I know how boiled up a paid members and the committee men feel about this thing. We have taken enough dirt from these fellows to date, and I have indicated to Mr. Collins that if he does not abide by our principle--he will not get any cooperation from the paid up members or the committee members. I had a difficult time convincing many of the committee member on the second drive. As they were mad as a devil--because Mr. Collins gave the unpaid members the free ride. I feel that your point is well justified...so I shall see to it that our policy is firmly carried out.

Yours very truly,

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

*V-2 Japan Active
 Affidavit forms
 sent 3/15/54*

Re: NOBORU IBUKI--Japan

Dear Wayne:

In reference to your recent inquiry the above described plaintiff could be reached at his old Yokohama address. He is presently employed at the Northwest Airlines, Tokyo, Japan.

The payment was made through his relative in Los Angeles.

He maybe reached in Tokyo---at 593 Dotegatacho, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan. It should sent in care of Nobunao Nogami.

Sent 4/7/54 XI-A NO DESTG. U.S. ACTIVE PD.

Also the other day Dorothy Mutsuye Hori called our office and indicated that her children destroyed the letter which you mailed to her. For this reason I shall thank you to ascertain whether you have mailed ~~the~~ forms to her or not. She was included in the suit at a later date.

Very truly yours,

Leg

*7/15/54
 3/15/54*

Mar 13, 1954

Dear Tex:

July 11, 1952 - 100

I wish to thank you for your detailed letter of the 6th, regarding Mr. Collins' mailing out of the forms, etc.

This is just a note with an enclosed check for 100⁰⁰ to be credited to Kenji Takada, of Rte 5, Fresno Calif, who is now paid up. He came over because he had received his affidavits, tho' he owed 100⁰⁰, so I asked him to pay or else, & Mr. Collins would hold his forms at S.F. even tho' he might mail them in, as he paid up. I hope no others are sent out to unpaid members, but it is a good thing that Collins

will not send them to the Adm. board. Please notify Mr Collins, about Kenji Fukuda being paid up, as we wouldn't want his to be held up because of error.

I know for fact, that if only the paid members get these forms, that most of those who owe balance, will pay up damn quick; after this news gets around, but I'm not going around to solicit, unless they wish to come see me + pay up.

Well - I guess that's about all for now. Please extend my best regards to all + as long, Tex! Just,
Harry

March 16, 1954

Mr. Harry Takeuchi
1288 N. Cornelia Ave.,
Fresno, California

Dear Harry:

I wish to thank you for your recent letter with enclosure of \$100.00 on the account of Kenji Fukuda.

It was quite fortunate that Fukuda came to yourself, and you were able to catch this sum. I have called Mr. Collins about 2 times about this matter. Some of the fellows with unpaid balance are receiving these affidavits, and it really burns me up. I think on the whole it is a clerical error at the office, but it really is disheartening to find such mails going out to them.

As to that Jack Noboru Ota---the mail sent there to him was a mistake. There was another Noboru Ota in Fresno. He is now resident at Mt. View. Mr. Collins has written to Jack Ota to return this form and affidavit, as it did not pertain to him. However, he has not furnished any reply.

At any rate we will not assist them at all--evenif they should receive these affidavits.

In Los Angeles we are facing with difficult problem, as a bunch of racketeer are trying to make hay with the unpaid members. Since they have not received these mail, they are going to these racketeer to apply for passport application. You don't realize how these thing affect the program. Especially this is so in the light of the fact that the local Japanese newspaper editor is running the racket himself.

Our chief and primary obligation is to the paid up member, and after that is accomplished--the hell with the rest. Pardon my language.

Very truly yours,

Tex

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March 22, 1954

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

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find the remittances for the following group:

ACTIVE----	\$2,610.00
JUDGMENT---	450.00
	<u>\$3,060.00</u>

\$ 2,605.00 actually received

Also I shall thank you to furnish me with a list of all the renunciant to whom you have mailed these affidavit forms. This is due to the fact that some of the renunciants having considerable balances are calling this office, and when we imposed upon them to pay their remaining obligation they refuse to do so. Also they indicate that they will mail the forms direct to Washington.

This one in particular is Satoshi Nakamura of Gardena, California. He has a remaining balance of \$250.00. Half of the time we do not know whether the fellow is lying or what to believe. Also Harry Takeuchi informed me that Nobuo and Sadae Yamashita received their affidavit when they had a remaining balance of \$100.00 each. We realize it is a job to compile this list, but we would like to have some general idea to whom these forms were mailed to. With some form of a guide we could send statements or letter indicating that they must pay their remaining obligations.

HARDSHIP

Also I shall thank you to let me know when the last of the mails are mailed from your office. ~~xxxxxx~~ As we must make arrangements to have a meeting in Los Angeles to give a general instructions. We find that the Kibel are having a very difficult time to understand the instructions written in your letter.

Also will you please send the check to cover our expenses for this month.

Very truly yours,

Tex

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March 23, 1954

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

Dear Wayne:

U.S. Active
 After I mailed the letter of the previous date March 22nd, Satoshi Nakamura came into our office. He furnished me with the affidavits and instruction which was mailed from your office. Previous to this date, he called by phone and indicated that he received these forms; but I could not believe him. He indicated that he was going to send it direct to Washington. For this reason when he came into the office, I indicated that he had no right to receive this benefit when he has not paid his obligation.

However, he gave me a bunch of sob story, which I cannot believe.

He has avoided our office all this time, and has written to you direct. It is not our wish that we should not ignore all the hardship case, but it is quite inappropriate that these affidavits should be mailed to them at this time. They should get these forms when the paid up members are processed through.

File shows him as hardship case. (CROSS REF. MADE)
TEX SAID THIS IS PARTY YASUO KUNIMASA (CROSS-REF. MADE)
 Also one Masao Kunimasa of Sun Valley came into office. He asked to be dropped from the suit, as he indicated that his passport was granted. I do not know how he proceeded to have this done. He has a remaining balance of \$280.00, and he is just a no good son of a gun. If your office had mailed this affidavit form, it might be probable that he mailed direct to Washington.

If there has been a slip up on the mailing of affidavits, we are not condemning you or anyone else. However, we would like to obtain just the names of the unpaid members that received these list. We shall make the best of the situation and follow it up by our mail.

We must strike them now while the iron is hot and collect whatever sums that they owe.

Very truly yours,

March 30, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura

Dear Tex:

Miss Sakae Kudo and Miss Yoshiko Kudo of 1223 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, twice have telephoned me that they would like to receive the affidavit forms. They are on the unpaid list. They inform me that they have not heard from the Committee. Therefore, I suggest that you communicate with them to see if they are willing to make any payments.

Very truly yours,

5/29/54

Und. Exp: address of

Miss Sakae Nudo
1223 O'Harell St
S. F.

Miss Yoshiko Kuroki

She says she hasn't had any letters
from the Committee

File

Please Mail These Persons Paid

- XIII ° KINJO, KIYOSHI CHICAGO ~~XIII~~ ——— Mailed 3/5/54
- ✓ AOKI, HATSUE MRS. SAN FRANCISCO XIII sent. ———
- XIII ° KOBAYASHI, MOTOKO SACRAMENTO XIII ——— Mailed 3/5/54
- XIII ° KATAYAMA ROBERT TAKASHI SACRAMENTO XIII ——— Mailed 3/5/54
- XIII ° KATAYAMA, KAYOKO SACRAMENTO XIII ——— Mailed 3/5/54
- XX ° KAKIHARA, GEORGE TAKASHI BERKELEY XX ——— Mailed
- N^o (E) YASUDA, KATSUMI Los Angeles No Rec. ——— Mailed
- N^o OKAMOTO, DOROTHY HANAE PORTLAND ✓ ——— Mailed
- IBUKI, NOBORU JAPAN V ——— Mailed
- XV ° KIYOTA, MINORU 6004th AISS APO 925 c/o P.M. San Francisco, Calif. Mailed 3/6/54
- VIII ° Masumoto, Hideo Sacramento VIII ——— Mailed 3/5/54

Please mail the letters to the above mentioned individuals.

Tex

P.S. Also if it is possible I would like to receive the lists of plaintiffs, to whom you have mailed the letters

Tex

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
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Dear Wayne:

I thought I should let you know that our friend Wirin has send his partner Okrand to Japan. He is pictured with Murayama, and I am enclosing the clipping from Kido's newspaper.

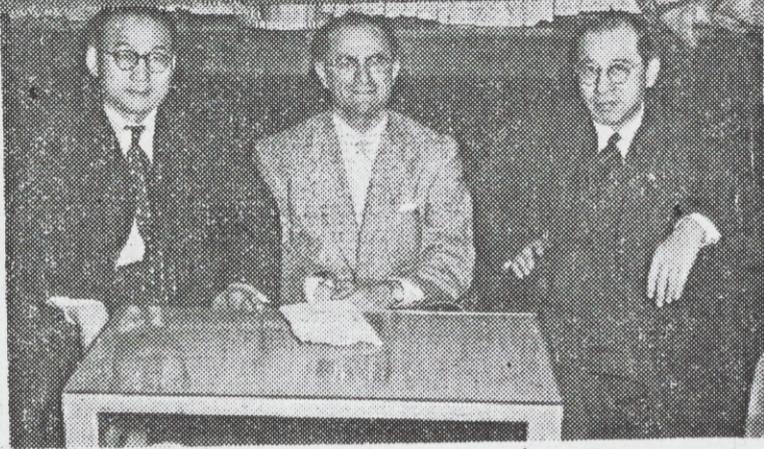
It might be probable that Okrand is there to take deposition on the strandee case. However, he might interfere with our cases overthere. For this reason if Ted should come to your office it might be advisable for him to warn Murayama not to interfere with your case.

Today Sadao Oki of Berkeley mailed \$210.00. For this reason if you have not mailed the forms and affidavit to him, I shall thank you to do so.

Very truly yours,

Tex

Affidavits sent



VISITING JAPAN TO AID Nisei in having their citizenship restored is Los Angeles Attorney Fred Okrand (center). In Tokyo he held a conference with his colleague Ko Ishii (right) and Tamotsu Murayama of the Nippon Times. —Nippon Times Photo

Attorney Okrand in Japan to Aid 'Stranded' Nisei in Kansai Area

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO, Apr. 1—Fred Okrand, of the law firm of Wirin, Rissman and Okrand of Los Angeles, arrived here recently to work out difficult cases involving Nisei in Wakayama, Hiroshima and Fukuoka prefectures.

The Los Angeles attorney left for the Kansai region with Ko Ishii, ex-diplomat and lawyer, who was handling cases to reinstate U.S. citizenship to strandeers.

He is planning to help out these Nisei, renunciants and Kaifuku (Japanese nationality recoverers) as well as investigate cases involving confiscated property of the wartime aliens. His visit here renew hopes of many Nisei who are unable to return to the U.S.

There are many Japanese nationals who are assisting the Nisei in many ways, but perhaps the person who is doing much more than others is Ishii, one time consul at Vancouver, B.C. He assisted the Nisei there, and at the outbreak of the war between Japan and the United States, the former diplomat even used his own finances to assist them. He was instrumental in organizing the Nisei association in Tokyo. Ishii, who has been aiding the Nisei consistently since 1930, served as a minister and spokesman for the Information Bureau during Japan's most trying days, and subsequently purged by the Occupation.

Still waiting the outcome of legal pickering, and still hundreds without resources, are stranded now in Japan—hoping that again some day they may return to the land of their birth.

Federal courts in Hawaii and on the mainland have rendered favorable decision in many Occupation-sponsored Japanese election voters, Nisei who served in the Imperial army under duress, and those who were "forced" to take governmental positions to protect the welfare and interest of other members of their families.

April 6, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Dear Tex and Kono:

In re: Yoshio Henry Tanaka, Born 12/15/21

The above named renunciant has been sent his affidavit forms. However, our records show his total contribution as follows:

On your prior payment list enclosed with your letter of February 15, 1952, you credited Tanaka, Yoshio Henry with having paid only \$15.00 at Santa Fe. His next payment of \$200.00 was deposited on August 21, 1952, making his total contribution \$215.00.

Very truly yours,

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April 6, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
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Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Dear Tex and Kono:

With reference to your letter concerning remittances, we found the following differences in payment credits:

Your check No. 519 is made out for \$670.00. However the cash payment credits according to the cards show \$680.9 as follows:

Fukumoto, Katsumi	\$ 135.00
Fukumoto, Tomiko	140.00
Ito, Yoshiharu	280.00
Nagaoka, Akira	125.00
	<u>\$ 680.00</u>

Furthermore using the figure \$670.00, the active total amount received adds up to \$2,605.00 and not \$2,610.00 as stated in your letter.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
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Re; Yoshio Henry Tanaka--12/15/21

Dear Wayne:

In reference to your inquiry of April 6th, I checked the previous record of this person and find that there is some discrepancy in the figures.

This was due to the mistake made in connection with ~~M~~ Yoshio Tanaka--birthdate 9/8/18. We found this out the other day, when Yoshio Tanaka--9/8/18 came into our office. He is now residing at Rt. 1 Box 713, Oxnard, California. Your record disclosed a balance of \$10.00. Actually the record indicated that he made a payment of \$15.00 at Bismarck; \$25.00 on 2/18/49; and \$50.00 on 1/31/53. This will make in total \$90.00. He indicated that he paid the sum of \$100.00. On April 1st, 1954, on the occasion when he came to our office he paid an additional \$100.00.

He had in his hand a letter of instruction from your office. For this reason I am of the opinion that the remittances of Yoshio Henry Tanaka --12/15/21 was credited to Yoshio Tanaka. Our record for Yoshio Henry Tanaka--12/15/21 indicates that he paid the sum of \$100.00 at Bismarck, and \$200.00 on July 24, 1952. The whole Tanaka family--namely of Yoshio Henry Tanaka has paid in full. For this reason I do not see any reason why he has failed to make this payment. The point in doubt might be the \$100, which was paid at Bismarck.

I am also enclosing the \$10.00 to cover the deficiency on the March 24, 1954--remittances.

Very truly yours,

TUEL

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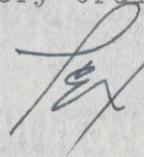
Mr. Wayne M. Collins
1701 Mills Tower
220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find the remittances for the ACTIVE
list. It totals \$415.00. ✓

Also I shall thank you to mail the letters and instruction
to Sadao Oki, who has made a payment of \$210.00

Very truly yours,



WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
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TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

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

Gentlemen:

This is my report to your Committee of the financial condition of the renunciant defense funds held by me in trust for litigation purposes in Abo, Furuya, et al. v. Brownell, (succeeding Clark, McGrath, Perlman, McGranery, as the Attorney General), etc et al., Consolidated No. 25294, pending in the U.S. District Court, San Francisco, California, covering the period Jan. 1, 1953, to Jan. 1, 1954.

Balance of renunciant defense funds on hand Jan. 1, 1953, in Savings Account No. 792754 in my name "W. M. Collins, Trustee" in the San Francisco Bank, San Francisco, \$205,202.20, and in commercial account in my name "Wayne M. Collins, Special Acct." \$205.79 ---	\$205,487.99	
Add: Interest on said savings account on Dec. 31, 1953 -----	4,841.71	
Add: Additional defense funds received and deposited in said trustee account No. 792754 in 1953, as per lists supplied to you, \$68,044.16, less J.L. items of \$2020.00 -----	\$ 66,024.16	<u>\$276,353.86</u>

Disbursements: pursuant to our agreement, as follows:

Wages: D. Phippen, C. Wada, J. Sakai, Y. Handa \$9563.13; taxes on wages \$2371.80; printing, stationery, postage, travel, court costs and misc. \$2681.10 -	\$ 14,616.03	
Fees to me per authorization -	24,000.00	
Refunds to your Committee per your requests -----	15,500.00	\$ 54,116.03

Balance of renunciant defense fund on hand Jan. 1, 1954 in said trustee Savings Account No. 792754, \$222,093.07 and in said Special Account in said Bank \$144.76 -----		<u>\$222,237.83</u>
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Dated: San Francisco, California
April 14, 1954

Wayne M. Collins

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*Rec'd 4/27/54
 A.M.*

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

Dear Wayne:

Enclosed please find a list of changes of address. This was obtained at our meeting held on April 17th. Approximately 250 persons came to the meeting.

JK Laster Kiyoshi Katsuda of Venice has made his payment in full. He ask that his forms and instruction be mailed to him. For this reason I shall thank you to send him the instruction.

Also we shall thank you to mail us a check by the end of this month so that we may meet our expenses.

Very truly yours,

Tex

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

<i>W</i> Takagaki, G, Toshio	<i>same</i> <i>4/27/54</i>	4457 Lexington Avenue Los Angeles, California
<i>ok</i> Abe, Yoshio	<i>same</i>	1535 Gordon Street Los Angeles 28, California
<i>ok</i> Amemiya, Takeharu Frank	<i>noted</i> <i>4/27/54</i>	3886 $\frac{1}{2}$ 2nd Avenue Los Angeles 8, California
<i>ok</i> Kamikubo, Masami	<i>noted</i> <i>4/27/54</i>	1020 So. 16th Street Long Beach, California
<i>W</i> Tozaki, Michitoshi	<i>same</i>	8206 Webb Street No. Hollywood, California
<i>ok</i> Ibusuki, Roy	<i>same</i>	2644 Knox Avenue Los Angeles 39, California
<i>W</i> Kusunoki, Tomomi	<i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	938 $\frac{1}{2}$ Eastman Avenue Los Angeles, California
<i>ok</i> Ogino, Frank Kazuo	<i>same</i>	1146 N. Westmorland Avenue Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>ok</i> Izuhara, Hisako	<i>same</i>	12848 Gilmore Avenue Venice, California
<i>ok</i> Izuhara, Tadashi	<i>same</i>	"
<i>W</i> Tozaki, Yoshito	<i>same</i>	8748 Bradley Sun Valley, California
<i>ok</i> Asayama, Noboru	<i>same</i>	2106 3rd Avenue Los Angeles 18, Calif.
<i>ok</i> Naoye, Susumu	<i>same</i> <i>2819</i>	2918 Delaware Avenue Santa Monica, Calif.
<i>ok</i> Sakoda, Yoshio Thomas	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/27/54</i>	2323 Rimpau Blvd. Los Angeles, California
<i>W</i> Hirose, Atsushi	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	1920 10th Avenue Los Angeles 18, California
<i>W</i> Nishino, Yemi	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	1974 Fashion Avenue Long Beach, Calif.
<i>W</i> Kaya, Yoshiharu	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	1934 Lansdowne Avenue Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>W</i> Kawaratani, Yoshiko	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	742 Weelo Drive Costa Mesa, California
<i>W</i> Chida, Tokio	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	557 N. Madison Avenue Los Angeles 4, Calif.
<i>ok</i> Kimura, Kiyoko	<i>same</i>	-1710 W. 29th Street Long Beach, California
<i>W</i> Tsukida, Hironori	<i>add</i> <i>noted</i> <i>4/30/54</i>	365 W. Laun, Altadena, California
<i>ok</i> Miyakawa, Isao	<i>same</i>	-5602 Carlin Street Los Angeles 16, Calif.
<i>W</i> Fukagawa, Hiroko	<i>same</i>	3533 6th Avenue Los Angeles 18, California
<i>W</i> Nakashima, Isao	<i>same</i>	2206 Dunsmuir Ave. Los Angeles 16, Calif.

Copy for TLD

April 28, 1954

Albert A. Albeck, Esq.
Attorney at Law
704 South Spring Street
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Mr. Albeck:

Ryo Hashima, formerly of Uto Chosa Cho, Aira Gun, Kagoshima Ken, Japan, and later of 1370 Nabekura Chosa, Kagoshima, Japan, renounced his U.S. citizenship at the Tule Lake Segregation Center after having requested expatriation to Japan. Thereafter he was detained as an alien enemy and scheduled for removal to Japan by the Attorney General, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Alien Enemy Act in early 1946, and thereafter made request to be sent to Japan and was sent there at the expense of our government.

On November 13, 1945, mass joint, several and class proceedings in equity and proceedings in habeas corpus were filed in the U.S. District Court here by me in an effort to release hundreds of similarly circumstanced persons held in our concentration camps, to prevent their removal to Japan and to cancel their renunciations of citizenship on constitutional grounds and for factual duress.

Ryo Hashima became a party plaintiff in the consolidated equity proceedings, by his own written request, followed by a motion made by me for his joinder and a court order made on August 17, 1948, authorizing his joinder.

From subsequent judgments entered in favor of the parties plaintiff the Attorney General and other defendants and respondents in said actions appealed to the Court of the Appeals from the Ninth Circuit which affirmed as to some 1228 plaintiffs and reopened the causes as to the remainder to allow the Attorney General to introduce additional evidence as to each plaintiff remaining in the consolidated cases. The U.S. Supreme Court denied certiorari which had been sought by both sides.

The Justice Department asserts that Ryo Hashima's renunciation of citizenship was voluntary and not the product of duress or coercion. It makes an offer of proof against him that it has documentary evidence, along with other evidence, proving that his renunciation was voluntary and not the product of duress, viz; that he made a written application to be expatriated to Japan; that he refused to indicate a willingness to serve in the armed forces of the U.S.; that

he refused to swear unqualified allegiance to the United States and forswear any form of allegiance to Japan or any other foreign government; that he voluntarily became an active member of a pro-Japanese organization at Tule Lake and participated in its Japanese nationalistic activities which were subversive in nature; that he executed a formal application for renunciation of citizenship; that he was given a hearing thereon to make sure he was acting voluntarily; that the Attorney General thereafter executed an order approving his renunciation; and that he was sent to Japan at our government's expense by a voluntary choice and request on his part made after his renunciation. (The Justice Department has in its possession a record of the statements made by him at his renunciation hearing conducted by agents of the Justice Department and also a record of the mitigation hearing subsequently afforded him.)

Prolonged negotiations between me and lawyers of the Justice Department were entered into with regard to the disposition of the reopened causes of the remaining plaintiffs, among them, Ryo Hashima. In the latter part of August, 1953, a program was agreed upon to be followed in order to diminish the number of individuals who otherwise would be required to have individual court hearings. Briefly, the program is one for administrative relief which first is to be exhausted before individual court trials be necessitated.

If Ryo Hashima can be cleared through executing an affidavit for a passport which will be processed through the Justice Department and the State Departments, judgment will be entered in his favor - and, whether that fails or not he still can apply for the issuance of a certificate of identity to enable him to return for court trial purposes in the interim unless he is barred therefrom by independent acts of expatriation committed abroad, and against the commission of which he repeatedly has been warned by letters from me.

Both remedies, i.e., application for passport and for certificate of identity, can be pursued at the same time. Ryo Hashima has been kept informed by me ever since he joined the causes of the progress of the causes and of my negotiations and also of the administrative relief program decided upon. (The election of either remedy and also the election to pursue both at the same time have been presented to him personally to decide because he alone and no one else actually knows the causes, reasons and fear, if any, which caused him to ask for repatriation, to give negative answers to the loyalty questions, to renounce citizenship and to return to Japan, and to give the answers he gave at his renunciation hearing and subsequent mitigation hearing.)

The necessary Affidavit forms, an Outline of events leading to renunciation, numerous printed Memoranda relating to questions contained in the affidavit forms made up to enable him to answer the

questions therein contained which peculiarly relate to him, and a printed letter of instructions were forwarded to him to expedite the processing of his case for administrative disposition and for trial. My last communication to him was dated Feb. 16, 1954. He has not yet sent me the affidavit forms and has not informed me whether he has applied directly to a U.S. Consul for a passport or for a certificate of identity or sent me any communication relating to these matters. It is likely he will send them in due course. The reasons for his delay in so doing are not known to me and probably are not known to his sister.

Ryo Hashima wrote me on May 25, 1952, and shortly thereafter was informed by me that negotiations then were under way with the Justice Department concerning a disposition of the cases and on August 7, 1952, and October 20, 1952, he was informed by letters from me of the status of those negotiations and was advised of the procedure he was to follow in the event negotiations did not result in an agreement to cancel his renunciation. He has not informed me whether he took steps which then had been outlined to and, in consequence, I assume that he then applied for either a passport or a certificate of identity and that it was denied by the consul. If he was denied such passport or certificate at that time that denial ceased to be controlling by reason of the results of my subsequent negotiations with both the Justice and State Departments, as he since has been informed.

Mrs. Igarashi did not retain me to represent her brother. Ryo Hashima himself made a written request for representation in the suits.

I do not have any personal knowledge of Mrs. Igarashi's conversations with the Tule Lake Defense Committee. However, Mr. Hashima's letter to me of May 25, 1952, contains a statement of his belief that his sisters would try to help him if it were possible. I assume, therefore, that the sums she delivered to the Committee were delivered by her at the request of her brother to be forwarded to my office. That Committee is an organization created by the evacuees while they were detained. It acts for them and assists them in every way possible. It does not act for me.

It may be that the Committee may have informed Mrs. Igarashi in the latter part of 1952 of the fact that I then was negotiating with Justice Department lawyers with regards to suggested programs for a disposition of the active cases because I kept the Committee as well as the individual plaintiffs constantly informed of the status of the cases. Neither the lawyers for the Justice Department nor I could have stated with any degree of certainty at the time that Ryo Hashima would be brought back in December 1952 from Japan. However, it then was a possibility and probable that he eventually would be eligible for such return unless negotiations broke down completely or the Justice and State Departments set up a bar to such return which, for practical reasons, could not be set aside by a court here.

All the plaintiffs in the cases were notified by me by letters dated October 20, 1952, of the progress of my negotiations with the Justice Department and other matters pertinent to the causes and to the preservation of their rights here and abroad in detail. Ryo Hashima was so notified. Mrs. Igarashi whose former married name was Sasaki also was a renunciant in the mass suits and was a recipient of communications from me relating to the status of the cases from 1948 to Sept. 1953, when H. Sasaki notified me she had moved from Seattle and thereafter up to the time she moved from 219 Tilden Place, Los Angeles, and failed to notify me of her change of address.

I have not received any communications from Mrs. Igarashi concerning her brother's case and have not written to her concerning his case. My communications concerning his particular case always have been addressed to him at his Japan address.

I am enclosing a printed copy of the January 1954 letter which I sent to Ryo Hashima along with the Affidavits, Outline and the particular series of Memoranda which are applicable to him in answering the questions in the Affidavit pursuant to the administrative relief program which is to be exhausted before individual court trials are to be held.

Very truly yours,

Erz. McCollin

Enc.

May 5, 1954

Tex Nakamura & T. Kono
Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro St., Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex & Kono:

Takashi Kogano was supposed to deliver to you to forward to me one document in Japanese he received years ago when on the "Scotland Maru." He also was to let you know the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two witnesses, one in Los Angeles and one in Riverside, who can make affidavits that he did not go ashore at Ensenada on September 27, 1926, when he was in the fishboat "Aloha."

Please tell him to get this information promptly.

Very truly yours,

ORIGINAL WATER
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RAC CONTENT

May 10, 1954

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

Dear Tex:

The new addresses for renunciants who have returned to U. S. from Japan are as follows:

Seki, Miki
c/o Daisy Hashimoto
956 S. Crocker Street
Los Angeles, California

Seki, Rachael Chisaye
c/o Daisy Hashimoto
956 S. Crocker Street
Los Angeles, California

Tashiro, Shunichi
c/o Sam Uyeda
205 S. Chicago Street
Los Angeles, California

Umeda, Masanori
c/o Yoshinori Umeda
1907 S. Westgate Ave.
W. Los Angeles 25, California

Umino, Ichiro
920 Spruce Street
Seattle 4, Washington
Phone: Elliot 1279

Okihara, Kiyoshi
c/o Tom Shigenaka
4511 La Palma Ave.
Buena Park, California

Very truly yours,

R.H.

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

Dear Wayne:

I am enclosing for your reference the letters which Isao Masuda of Japan mailed to me. He indicates that the Consulate at Kobe are adamant, and will not entertain his request for issuance of Certificate of Identity until a proper Order has been received from the District Court. In reading his letter, it appears that you have mailed the letter for his behalf to the Kobe Consulate. The clerk that is appointed by the Consulate will not permit Masuda to visit the vice consul.

For this reason I would feel that very few renunciants will be able to return on the I.D. from the other district. In the end they might reverse their policy that are now applied at Fukuoka.

I would think it would be preferable to get a blanket Order for them so that they could come here on this Order. Masuda has indicated that the Consulate will not permit the issuance of an I.D. if the plaintiff desires to file the affidavit form. This is one of the reason why you have not received any affidavits from Japan.

Fred Kaiso Harada has paid us the sum of \$200.00 today. For this reason I shall thank you to mail him his affidavits and instruction.

*sent 6/16/54
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Very truly yours,

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JAPAN ACTIVE
 PRID

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

June 25, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Attention: Mr. Nakamura and Mr. Kono

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find a copy of the air mail letter I sent on June 23, 1954, to all the renunciant plaintiffs in the mass equity suits who are in Japan excepting those who had sent me their Affidavit forms for processing.

The failure of the large majority of the renunciants in Japan to send their Affidavits to me is disappointing. Only 52 out of some 950 whose present addresses are known to me sent in their Affidavits. Of these only 15 were in proper form. The other 37 will be sent back for additional data.

It may be that a large number of those in Japan are not seriously interested in recovering their citizenship. It also may be that a number of them once tried to get passports and were turned down and that they now may believe they have no chance to recover citizenship and, therefore, are not interested in further efforts to recover their citizenship. It may be, too, that a number of them are filing the Affidavits with the Consuls in Japan hoping to get passports and, perhaps, certificates of identity without informing me of the fact.

I deem it essential that those in Japan make up their minds promptly as to whether they wish to proceed further in an endeavor to have their renunciations cancelled administratively and in the suits or whether they wish to be dismissed from the suits and wish me to stop my efforts to clear them administratively. For these purposes it may be necessary for me to send an attorney to Japan in the immediate future to assist them in filling out the Affidavit forms, to get written consents to dismissal of those who wish to withdraw as plaintiffs from the mass suits and to advise them of their rights.

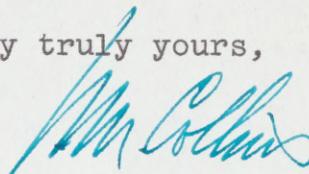
I heretofore informed the Committee and the plaintiffs that those in Japan should fill out and send to me an original and three copies of the Affidavit form and that those in the U.S. should fill out and send to me an original and two copies.

However, the Justice Department requires the original and three copies of those seeking passports and an original and two copies of those who are not asking for passports.

Therefore in the future those in Japan should fill out a total of six (6) Affidavit forms and should send me the original and four (4) copies and keep one (1) copy.

In the future those in the U.S. should fill out a total of five (5) Affidavit forms and should send me the original and three (3) copies and keep one (1) copy.

Very truly yours,



Enc.

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
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June 25, 1954

Tex Nakamura and T. Kono
Tule Lake Defense Committee
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Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex and Kono:

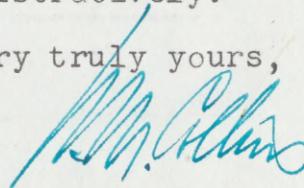
Shizue Shitanda, wife of Ben Tsutomu Shitanda, is on the U.S. active but unpaid plaintiff's list in the mass equity cases. (I do not know whether she commenced an independent suit to cancel her renunciation.)

Ben Tsutomu Shitanda is on the Japan list and his case still is active. I do not find any record of any dismissal in his case entered in court by me. (I shall check to find out if Wirin filed a dismissal in the mass equity suits without my knowledge, and let you know.)

On April 29, 1953, you informed me that Ben Tsutomu Shitanda had brought a suit in Los Angeles to determine his nationality, in proceeding CC-13030, which had been filed on April 11, 1951; that a motion was made therein by the defendant to dismiss the complaint and on June 12, 1951, a stipulation extending time to answer therein had been filed. I suppose that no further action was taken therein by Wirin and that his suit to determine nationality still may be pending in Los Angeles. If that is the case it may be that Wirin was paid for his services and that he may be bound legally to continue his services to conclusion. You might check the record in that action and see if the case still is pending and who the defendant is and whether or not Secretary of State Dulles now is the defendant.)

If Mr. Shitanda has not been dismissed from the mass suits here I shall be willing to send him the Affidavit forms in an endeavor to try to clear him administratively.

Very truly yours,



*3464 Nishi ; Ohsegaita Ahi gun
Nusookuma-ken, Japan*

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

Dear Wayne:

This morning I checked the file of Ben Tsutomu Shitanda. His file was on a closed list. The last notation shows that on August 11, 1953, Wirin filed docketed and entered stipulation dismissing action.

Noted →
 His address is listed as Hiroshima, but Seki has informed us that he is now in Yokohama. For this reason I shall get the specific address of this plaintiff. Also I shall instruct Seki to write to Shitanda, and ask you to continue with the suit.

We received your sample letter that was sent to Japan, and also your letters pertaining to it. We realized from the beginning that the result and reaction would be difficult to obtain.

I feel that it will be just a waste of time to send any attorney to Japan, who is not familiar with the case. Unless you go to Japan yourself you are just wasting money down the drain. I have seen many affidavits that was supposedly prepared by attorneys in Los Angeles, and they are written just like a bunch of ordinary laymen.

Also in Japan you have a wide territory to cover. I discussed this matter with Seki, and he indicates that all the person wish to come back. However, when they are earning only 10,000 yen a month it is hardly enough to subsist. For this reason unless they could get some type of assistances from the relatives in U.S., receipt of payments in dollar is very difficult.

Also he indicated that 70% or more has voted in the Japanese election. Also they have married to Japanese nationals and have childrens. All these factors make it quite difficult for them to leave Japan.

On the other hand Seki indicates that some have landholdings in Japan. If they sold these properties they could muster enough money to come to U.S.

The people in Japan are having a difficult time comprehending your instructions. Seki even admitted that he could not have possibly filled the affidavit in Japan. None of the people in Japan, who can speak or read and write the English language could assist them.

These are some of the difficulties we are having to put this administrative plan over for them.

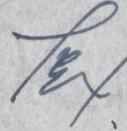
For this reason I would advise you to wait until the date of deadline--namely September 1st. After this date we can ascertain to what degree these people intend to respond.

Yesterday Shigeo Kimura and Yaeko Kimura came in from Japan. They are now residing at c/o Mamoru Kimura, 404 S. Marengo St., Alhambra, California.

Although they landed in San Francisco, they did not stop by your office. In all probability they have not filed the affidavit. For this reason I shall make them do so immediately.

Whenever I should get the address for Shitanda in Yokohama, I shall let you know.

Very truly yours,



*noted
6/30/54
affidavits not
filed & retd.
to me. 6/30/54*

WAYNE M. COLLINS

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SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

June 29, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura

Dear Tex:

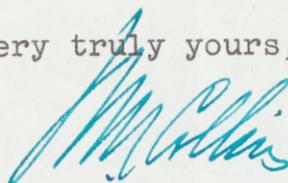
Re: Masao Kunimasa

I would like to clear up the identity of one Masao Kunimasa to whom you referred in your letter of March 23, 1954. We have no record of any renunciant by such name.

However, our records show a renunciant by the name of Yasuo Kunimasa whose birthdate is July 17, 1911, and whose balance is \$280.00. Mail was returned to us from his last known address at c/o Hideo Kono, 3421 Winowa Ave., Trailer 1-8-109, Burbank, California, in May of 1951, and since that time we have mailed nothing to him.

Please let us know if you believe that Yasuo Kunimasa is the same party to whom you referred as Masao Kunimasa and also his present address.

Very truly yours,



11087 Orlanda Sky
Sun Valley, Calif.

OLD FAITHFUL
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June 30, 1954

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

Re: Yasuo Kunimasa

Dear Wayne:

In reference to your inquiry of June 29th, I was mistaken as to the name of the above party.

His name should have been Yasuo Kunimasa instead of Masao Kunimasa.

He has a balance of \$280.00. His last known address is c/o Mr. Hideo Kono, 11087 Orlinda Street, Sun Valley, Calif.

I feel it is quite useless to insist that he continue with the case, as he indicated that a passport was granted to him. I think he paid about \$100.00 at one of the travel agency to have the affidavit filed.

Very truly yours,

WAYNE M. COLLINS

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MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1216

June 30, 1954

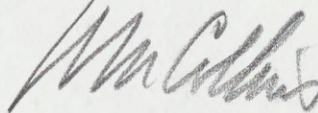
Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 South San Pedro St.
Room 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Attn: Mr. Tex Nakamura and Mr. T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find refund requested.

Very truly yours,



OLD FAITHFUL

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July 7, 1954

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

Dear Wayne:

IN RE: MASARU AKIYOSHI 2/9/25

*OK
 replied
 to Jek
 7/13/54*
 The above plaintiff, who was joined on July, 1953 has informed me that he has not received his instructions and affidavit form. I shall thank you to ascertain whether you have received his classification from the Justice Department. He resides at his old address of 3532 Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

In re: George Shigeru Furuta 1/25/1922

Noted
 In reference to your memo of June 25th, you are correct as to the name of the proper plaintiff. George Tsugio Furuta was the brother of Kanichi Furuta. He made the payment on his brother's account, and resided at Irvington, California.

We were crossed up from the George Shigeru Furuta, who resides at Marysville.

In re: Sakamoto, Bill Isamu and Minnie Mine

Noted
 In reference to your memo of June 25th, the proper name of the above plaintiffs should have been Nishimoto. Their new address is 141 Waverly Drive, Pasadena, California. They resided formerly at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Very truly yours,

Jek

August 9, 1954

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

Attention: Mr. Tex Nakamura

Dear Tex:

Enclosed find check dated July 12, 1954, of Roy K. Nishi in the sum of \$100.00 for the account of Kumi NISHI (deposit list of July 30, 1954), which was returned to me from the bank marked "Refer to maker."

Very truly yours,

Enc.

CW:rn

August 10, 1954

Mr. Tex Nakamura
Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 South San Pedro St., Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex:

For your information, a good number of the affidavits are in the hands of the Justice Department but to date they have not notified me whether they have completed their processing of any of them.

In typing up the affidavits, please see that one complete affidavit is an original and that the original is notarized. Any inserted sheets should contain the original typewritten material. The remaining affidavits can be all in carbon, together with the carbon inserted sheets. The reason for this is that the Justice Department will review the original affidavit and it is best that they be in clear type as a whole.

Very truly yours,

August 16, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Attention: Mr. Tex Nakamura and Mr. T. Kono

Gentlemen:

In connection with completing the affidavit forms, renunciants in the United States should fill out a total of five (5) affidavit forms. We should receive the original and 3 copies, and the renunciant may keep one copy.

Where you assist renunciants in completing the forms, please see that the required number of affidavits are filled out. (Refer to our letter to you of June 25, 1954).

Very truly yours,

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WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
Garfield 1-1218

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For Committee

August 24, 1954

Mrs. Toshiko Naito
2322-1/4 E. 2nd Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Naito:

In reply to your letter of August 23, 1954, please be informed that no affidavit forms and other memoranda pertaining to your citizenship case have been sent to you. However, so soon as you have met your obligation to the satisfaction of the Tule Lake Defense Committee located at Room 215, 124 South San Pedro Street, Los Angeles 12, California, those forms and memoranda will be sent to you enabling you to take the necessary steps to clear your citizenship status.

Very truly yours,

cc: Tule Lake Defense Committee

September 15, 1954

Mr. Tex Nakamura
Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 South San Pedro St., Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Dear Tex:

The attached list of "Judgment Orders (May 29, 1952) Not Delivered" shows the names of those persons for whom we have judgment orders which were not sent because of lack of address or because mail was returned to us.

The initials "M.R." (mail returned) means that mail was returned to us from the address listed.

We will keep you informed from time to time as to any payments made and changes of address. Please inform me whether or not you have any judgment orders in your possession.

Very truly yours,

DP:yh

WAYNE M. COLLINS

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

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

September 24, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a list of 7 persons in Japan and a list of 51 in the U.S. (a total of 58 persons) whose Affidavits have been processed by the Justice Department and who have been found by that Department to have "renounced because of fear, coercion and duress."

This means that the Justice Department will consent to withdraw the offers of proof it made against them and thereafter a judgment cancelling their renunciations and declaring them to be U.S. citizens can be entered in the mass class equity suits.

I shall send letters to each of them informing them of the results.

I shall not have judgment entered in their cases until additional persons have been cleared. The reason for this delay is because I wish first to be satisfied that the Department will not institute appeal from the judgment in an attempt to moot the cases on jurisdictional grounds. So soon as I learn the intentions of the Justice Department and if I conclude from its lawyers that judgments safely can be entered without any appeals being taken such judgments will be entered. I shall let the Committee know the results of my discussions with the Justice Department lawyers.

The Department has not yet sent me copies of its transmittal letters to the State Department concerning the 7 persons in Japan. In consequence, until I receive copies of such letters and transmit them to the 7 persons in Japan such persons should not make their applications there for passports.

A breakdown of the 7 in Japan shows that:

One (1) was in Designation Class II.
One (1) was in Designation Class III.
Five (5) were in Designation Class IV.

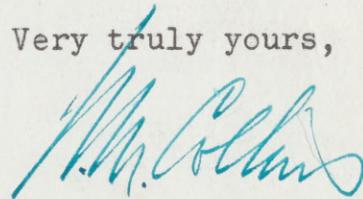
A breakdown of the 51 in U.S. shows that:

One (1) was in Designation Class IV.
(Mrs. Kuniko Okumura Sato, wife of a veteran, who
now is in U.S.)

Twenty-one (21) were in Designation Class XIII.
Twenty-five (25) were in Designation Class XV.
Four (4) were in Designation Class XIX.

It is to be noted that the Affidavits of these successful applicants were full and complete and that they described their fears in some detail.

Very truly yours,



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LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS
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HAGIO, Noriyoshi	✓	9/27/21	✓
IMAHORI, Saburo	✓	7/26/22	✓
KODA, Hiroshi	✓	9/8/21	✓
MIYAMURA, Toshiko	✓	1/9/19	✓
OHNO, Mitsuye	✓	10/12/23	✓
SHIGYO, Taya	✓	6/27/19	✓
TAKATA, Kiyoto	✓	6/22/23	✓

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS
IN U.S.

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	ARIYOSHI, Takeshi ✓																														
	ASAHARA, Mitsuyoshi ✓																														
	ASAKA, Chiai ✓																														
	BOZONO, Fumiko (now Mrs. Kamimura) ✓																														
	ENOMOTO, Hideo ✓																														
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	FUKUMOTO, Sakayo ✓																														
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	KOYASAKO, Suenari ✓																														
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	KUROSAKI, Fusaye Husae ✓																														

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2	KUROSAKI, Kazuma ✓	5/18/12 L.A.
3	MATSUMOTO, John Kiichi ✓	7/20/13 Walnut Grove
4	MIKI, Hisato ✓	9/21/19 Tacoma
5	MORINAKA, Hideo ✓	7/10/22 Seattle
6	MURAKAWA, Jimmy Chuichi ✓	3/10/95 L.A.
7	NAGATA, Masaaki ✓	1/9/18 Los Angeles
8	NAGATA, Susie Shizuye ✓	5/15/19 Los Angeles
9	OIYE, Shigenori ✓	3/9/11 Seattle
10	OIYE, Shizuko ✓	11/14/22 Seattle
11	OKABAYASHI, Tomiye ✓	7/5/17 Seattle
12	OKITA, Fumiko ✓	6/3/17 L.A.
13	OKITA, Hatsuto ✓	5/6/08 L.A.
14	OKUMURA, Kuniko (now Mrs. Sato) ✓	10/12/23 L.A.
15	SAKAI, Hiroshi (1) ✓	11/15/20 Clarkston
16	SASAKI, Ben ✓	9/12/23 L.A.
17	TAKEMORI, Seiro ✓	1/2/24 Elk Grove
18	TAKEMOTO, Emiko ✓	2/27/24 Los Angeles
19	TAKEMOTO, Ted Hiromi ✓	7/18/21 L.A.
20	TAMURA, Shizuye ✓	1/5/22 Madras
21	TATEOKA, Hide ✓	2/11/24 Fresno
22	TESHIBA, Yukiye (now Mrs. Kamiya) ✓	11/8/23 Venice
23	TOMINAGA, Sadaki ✓	1/14/13 San Jose
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September 24, 1954

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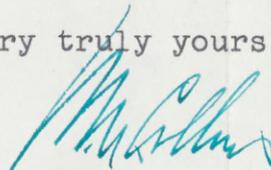
Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

On Sept. 15th, we sent you two copies of a list - "Renunciants - List Showing Mail Returned & No Addresses, Japan". I think a special effort should be made to locate the present whereabouts of these persons, especially of those in Japan who have made payments. A number of them may have relatives in the United States who could advise us of their present whereabouts. It is important that the affidavits be sent to them with instructions and memoranda so that they will have a chance to be cleared administratively as promptly as possible. I point this out because there is a likelihood that the Justice Department may try to precipitate trials for those in Japan, and especially those who have returned on certificates of identity. If the Department were successful in so doing, and were to prevail on jurisdictional questions, the residue in Japan who had not had an opportunity to clear administratively or to return for trial purposes probably would be barred from doing so.

Therefore I suggest that you make an effort to locate the whereabouts of those in Japan to whom we have been unable to send the affidavits because of lack of address.

Very truly yours,



September 28, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a list of 14 persons whose Affidavits are considered by the Justice Department to be lacking in certain information. In consequence, the processing of their Affidavits ~~are~~^s being deferred by that Department until such time as these renunciants submit further affidavits giving more specific details. (One is Des. Class. VIII; eight are in Des. Class. XIII and five are in Des. Class. XV).

Letters to these persons will be sent by me notifying them of the defects which the Department finds in their answers and quoting the nature of the details which the Department wishes them to reveal in their answers. Copies of the letters will be sent to the Committee.

Inasmuch as the Justice Department points out in its letters just what particular questions it wishes to be answered in greater detail, I believe that the best way to obtain these supplemental affidavits is to have each of the persons write out their proposed answers to such questions in full on a separate sheet of paper and submit it to me before the Supplemental Affidavits are prepared, finalized and re-processed.

Thereafter, if I approve the answers "Supplemental Affidavits" can be typed or written out on plain sheets of white paper, legal size, captioned "Supplemental Affidavit". For those in the United States an original and four (4) copies of the "Supplemental Affidavit" should be prepared but only the original one need be sworn to before a U. S. Consul. (One extra copy should be prepared and kept by each affiant for future reference.) The notary public should stamp the copies.

Very truly yours,

T. AKUNE
 A. HAYASHIDA
 Y. HONDA
 K. IKEDA
 Y. KAKU
 L. KATAOKA
 J. KIMURA
 Y. KIYOHIRO
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Dear Committeemen:

I have received a communication from our attorney the lists of those plaintiffs whose Affidavits have been processed by the Justice Department and who have been found by that Department to have "renounced because of fear, coercion and duress."

Mr. Collins has indicated that the Justice Department will consent to withdraw the offers of proof it made against them and thereafter a judgment cancelling their renunciations and declaring them to be U.S. citizens can be entered in the mass class equity suits.

Mr. Collins will mail to each successful plaintiffs a letter informing them of the result.

The judgment will be entered after we have received a considerable amount of approval from the Justice Department.

The attached sheets indicates that 51 in U.S. and 7 in Japan were successful. Also the Justice Department has made numerous inquiries on the rest, which they feel to be incomplete. If these are carefully replied to, they too will be successful.

Mr. Collins has been filing the affidavits in batches of 100 at one time, and this was the first result we have received.

The breakdown according to the classifications are as follow:

One (1) in Class II
 One (1) in Class III.
 Five (5) in Class IV.

U.S.

One (1) in Class IV
 Twenty one (21) in Class XIII
 Twenty five (25) in Class XV
 Four (4) in Class XIX

As other results are furnished to the committee's office, I shall let you know of the results.

In advising each of the renunciants, who have not finished with their affidavit, the main theme seems to be the underlying fear, coercion, and duress. This should be stressed and magnified to show that this renunciation was caused by the product of duress.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE:

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS
IN U.S.

NAME	BIRTHDATE	DISTRICT
ARIMA, KAZUO	7/4/20	S.F.
ARIYOSHI, TAKESHI	6/12/23	Berkeley
ASAHARA, MITSUYOSHI	6/23/09	Ogden, Utah
ASAKA, CHIAI	2/13/18	L.A.
BOZONO, FUMIKO (now Mrs. Kamimura)	2/10/21	Venice
ENOMOTO, Hideo	6/19/17	Sac'to
FUJITANI, ISAMU	11/17/11	Orland
FUKAGAWA, HIDEO	10/18/18	Cupertino
FUKUMOTO, SAKAYO	4/2/22	San Bernardino Burbank
HARADA, George Minoru	2/25/20	Santa, Clara
HARADA, May Satsuki	5/21/22	Santa Clara
HASHIMOTO, SATOMI	6/15/23	Gilroy
HIRAKI, HATSUYE	7/27/20	Morgan Hill
HIRAOKA, DENICHI TED	10/18/22	Stockton
HONDA, YUKIO	1/1/12	Sac'to
IKEDA, KAZUO	8/27/16	San Gabriel
IWAMOTO, PAUL TADASHI	9/15/13	L.A.
KAMEI, YOSHIMI	7/30/16	Honolulu
KATSUYOSHI, MICHIKO	9/22/16	Menlo Park
KAWAHARA, SADAOKO	1/31/24	Walnut Grove
KAWAHARA, TAKESHI	3/19/20	Walnut Grove
KAWAHARA, TAMOTSU TOM	11/27/18	Walnut Grove
KIMURA, KAORI	8/13/17	L.A.
KIMURA, KIYOSHI JOHN	5/22/10	L.A.
KIMURA, MARY SHIZUKO	6/30/15	L.A.
KOBAYASHI, SA MOTOKO	12/14/12	Sac'to
KOYASAKO, SUENARI	3/19/20	Sac'to
KUBO, HARRY TEIICHI	12/4/22	Parlier
KUROSAKI, FUSAYE HUSAE	8/25/20	L.A.

KUROSAKI, KAZUMA	5/18/12	L.A.
MATSUMOTO, JOHN KIICHI	7/20/13	Walnut Grove
MIKI, HISATO	9/21/19	Tacoma
MORINAKA, HIDEO	7/10/22	Stockton
MURAKAWA, JIMMY CHUICHI	3/10/95	L.A.
NAGATA, MASA AKI	1/9/18	Lodi
NAGATA, SUSIE SHIZUYE	5/15/19	Lodi
OIYE, SHIGENORI	3/9/11	Seattle
OIYE, SHIZUKO	11/14/22	Seattle
OKABAYASHI, TOMIYE	7/5/17	Sac'to
OKITA, FUMIKO	6/3/17	L.A.
OKITA, HATSUTO	5/6/08	L.A.
SAKAI, HIROSHI (1)	11/15/20	Clarksburg
SASAKI, BEN	9/12/23	L.A.
TAKEMORI, SEIRO	1/2/24	Elk Grove
TAKEMOTO, EMIKO	2/27/24	Los Gatos
TAKEMOTO, TED HIROSHI	7/18/21	L.A.
TAMURA, SHIZUYE	1/5/22	Madera
TATEOKA, HIDE	2/11/24	Fresno
TESHIBA, YUKIYE (now Mrs. Kamiya)	11/8/23	Venice
TOMINAGA, SADA KI	1/14/13	San Jose

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN JAPAN

HAGIO, NORIYOSHI	9/27/21
IMAHORI, SABURO	7/26/22
KODA, HIROSHI	9/8/21
MIYAMURA, TOSHIKO	1/9/19
OHNO, MITSUYE	10/12/23
SHIBUYO, TAYE	6/27/19
TAKATA, KIYOTO	6/22/23

11/2/54--~~USA~~ U.S.

KIYOTA, MINORU
MYOSE, ISAMU
OKANISHI, CHIYOKO (now Mrs. Fujii)
SUGANO, CHIZUKO
TOYAMA, TETSUTARO ROBERT
YASUTOME, JIRO JERRY

11/2/54--Japan

HAYASHI, MICHIKO LAURETTEE (nee Tanabe)
TANABE, MAEKO JEANETTE

11/15/54 U.S.

OKIMOTO, YOSHIKO
SAGARA, KOICHI
SHINZAKI, CHIZUKO (nee Fujimoto)
SHINZAKI, Yasuo
TADA, Kiyono
TAMURA, Yoshiye
TOKUNO, Haruye
TOKUNO, Nobutsugu
TOYOTA, Mikio
UWAIZUMI, Mitsugu Roland

12/23/54 U.S.

KASHIWAMOTO, Hiroshi Howard
MIYATA, Mineo
MORIOKA, Mariko
MORISHIMA, Saburo
MURANO, Ted Hitoshi
NARASAKI, Hatsuye Mary (now Yamamoto)
OSAKI, Yoshito Wayne
SAKAMOTO, Bill Shigeru
SAKAMOTO, Hisashi
SHIMAZU, Wakako
TAMURA, Miyoko May
TANAKA, Genichi
TANAKA, Shigeo
TOMITA, Mary Yukiko
TOMITA, Tokuchi Paul
TOYOSHIMA, Sam Seizo

12/23/54--Japan

KONDO, Shinobu Mrs.
SHIMASAKI, Yuriko

12/23/54--U.S.

FUKAMI, Kimiko
GEKKO, Harry
GENISHI, Hisako M.
KIYOMURA, Takeshi
MATSUMOTO, Minoru James
NAGAI, Shizuko Irene
NAKAMURA, Mary (now Sawasaki)
NAKAMURA, Kayo (nee Iida)
NAKANISHI, Mamoru
NAKANO, Asato
NAKANO, Shunso Herbert
NAKANO, Yoshimi Ruth
NAKAO, Shigeo Johnny
NAMEKAWA, Iwao
OKAZAKI, Shigeo Mrs.
OKINO, Shizuko
SAKAMOTO, Kimiye
NISHI, Koko

1/31/55

KAZUMURA, Dorothy Shizue

2/10/55 U.S.

FUKUSHIMA, Tadasu
ITO, Suiko
KAWARATANI, Y shiko (now Mrs. Tanaka)
NAKANISHI, Tsutomu
NAKANISHI, Yukie
SHIBATA, Shizuko
SHINAGAWA, John Tetsuomi
WATANABE, Toshiko
YAMADA, Chiyoye
YAMASHITA, Nobuo
YAMASHITA, Sadae Mrs.
YOKOTAKE, Miyoko
YOSHIDA, Kiku (now Mrs. Fukuwa)

2/10/55--Japan

ASAHARA, Masako Frances, nee Seno
DOIUCHI, Kazuo
IKENAGA, Chieko Mrs.
HASHIMOTO, Chigono Mrs.

3/2/55 U.S.

CHIDA, Sachiko
FUJITA, Kiyoshi
FUJITA, Takeyeko (Uneda)
FUJITA, Tokunori
HAYASHI, Ayako
HAYASHI, Rakuo
KIMURA, Kiyoko
KOYASAKO, Kazuo Jack
KOYASAKO, Yoshio
KUSHIDA, Rikiso Richard
MATSUOKA, Kouichi
MATSUOKA, Yoshiko
MAYEDA, George Ichiro
MAYEDA, Tsaneko
NAGANO, Mary Michiko
NAKANO, Osuye (now Okano)
NISHI, Kumi
SHINGU, Tadashi
YAMADA, Takashi

3/2/55 Japan

DOI, Hajime
DOI, Miyuki
DOI, Shunji
FUJITA, Hisayo
KODA, Masaru.

3/18/55 Mrs. JAPAN

FURUYA, Miyako Kimura
NISHI, Hiroshi
OKIMOTO, Kazuji
OTSUKA, Fred Iwamatsu
SHINMOTO, Shizuye
SUKIMOTO, Grace Akiye
TAHARA, Shizue Nakai

4/7/55 U.S.

ASARI, Yoshio
CHIDA, Tokio
HARADA, Yukio
KAJIKAWA, Yukio Paul
KOJO, Minoru
KOJO, Sumako
NITTA, Kenji
OKAMOTO, Nobuko
OKAMOTO, Thomas Tomio
SAKAMOTO, Kiyoyuki
TABATA, Sueo
TABATA, Tsutomu Bill.

4/7/55 U.S.
TAKEUCHI YEMIKO AMY
TANAKA, Ayako Mrs.
YOKOTA, Miyoko Mrs.

4/7/55--Japan

KIKUTA, Masako
MATSUMOTO, Mitako Mrs.
MIYATA, Hisako
OSHIMA, Chiyeko Mrs.
SAKATA, Minoru
SASSA, Shizue
SUEOKA, Sumiko
SUEOKA, Tetsuji John
TERADA, Minoru
UYEMURA, Miyoko Mrs.
WATANABE, Mrs. Sachiye

Previously reported list of 9/24/54 repeated again:
U.S.

ARIMA, Kazuo
ARIYOSHI, Takeshi
ASAHARA, Mitsuyoshi
ASAKA, Chiai
BOZONO, Fumiko (now Mrs. Kamimura)
ENOMOTO, Hideo
FUJITANI, Isamu
FUKAGAWA, Hideo
FUKUMOTO, Sakayo
HARADA, George Minoru
HARADA, May Satsuki
HASHIMOTO, Satomi
HIRAKI, Hatsuye
HIRAOKA, Denichi Ted
HONDA, Yukio
IKEDA, Kazuo
IWAMOTO, Paul Tadashi
KAMEI, Yoshimi
KATSUYOSHI, Michiko
KAWAHARA, Sadako
KAWAHARA, Takeshi
KAWAHARA, Tamotsu Tom
KEMURA, Kaori
KIMURA, Kiyoshi John
KIMURA, Mary Shizuko
KOBAYASHI, Motoko
KOYASAKO, Suenari
KUBO, Harry Teiichi
KUROSAKI, Fusaye Husae
KUROSAKI, Kazuma
MATSUMOTO, John Kiichi
MIKI, Hisato
MORINAKA, Hideo
MURAKAWA, Jimmy Chuichi
NAGATA, Masaaki
NAGATA, Susie Shizuye
OIYE, Shigenori
OIYE, Shizuko
OKABAYASHI, Tomiye
OKITA, Fumiko
OKITA, Hatsuto
OKUMURA, Kuniko (now Mrs. Sato)
SAKAI, Hiroshi (1)
SASAKI, Ben
TAKEMORI, Seiro
TAKEMOTO, Emiko
TAKEMOTO, Ted Hiromi
TAMURA, Shizuye
TATEOKA, Hide
TESHIBA, Yukiye (now Mrs. Kamiya)
TOMINAGA, Sadaki.

9/24/54-- Japan

HAGIO, Noriyoshi
IMAHORI, Saburo
KODA, Hiroshi
MIYAMURA, Toshiko
OHNO, Mitsuye
SHIGYO, Taya
TAKATA, Kiyoto

September 30, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find duplicate original of letter dated Sept. 28, 1954, (which I sent to you but neglected to enclose the list,) two copies of which are herewith enclosed, of the 14 persons who are required to file supplemental affidavits (list entitled "Returned for Additional Information"). I am also attaching hereto two copies of the letter I sent to each of them.

Very truly yours,

September 28, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing a list of 14 persons whose Affidavits are considered by the Justice Department to be lacking in certain information. In consequence, the processing of their Affidavits ~~are~~^s being deferred by that Department until such time as these renunciants submit further affidavits giving more specific details. (One is Des. Class. VIII; eight are in Des. Class. XIII and five are in Des. Class. XV).

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(Typed: 9/24/54)
14 Persons

	RETURNED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION U.S.	
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3	ASARI, Torao	2/17/21
4	DOHARA, Tsugio	1/10/17
5	FUJII, Masashi	1/26/17
6	FURUMOTO, John Noboru	5/5/19
7	FURUZAWA, Hidemi	3/4/17
8	HARA, Minoru	8/16/19
9	HAYAMA, Masae	9/26/10
10	KATSUYOSHI, Harumi Ben	3/14/10
11	NAKAMURA, Tsuyoshi G.	5/11/20
12	NISHI, George Minoru	2/23/22
13	NISHI, Mary Nobuyo (now Mrs. Fujii)	9/6/23
14	SHIRAISHI, Kojiro Paul	3/24/20
15	SHIROMA, Reyochi	6/28/23
16	TAKEUCHI, Yemiko Amy (now Mrs. Mikuni)	1/22/22
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Mr. Wayne M. Collins
 1701 Mills Tower
 220 Bush Street
 San Francisco 4, Calif.

Dear Wayne:

Will you please send the forms and instructions to the plaintiffs listed below. They have changed their addresses, and we were unable to furnish the forms to them.

*Sent affidavits
 on 9/13/54
 to this add.*

MASAO IRIYAMA
 1729 E. Stowell Rd.,
 Santa Maria, Calif.

*Re this add:
 mail was
 returned 9/13/54*

FUMIKO TAKEI
 1131 S. St. Angelus Place
 Los Angeles, California.

We are checking all the M.R. both for Japan and U.S. as best as we can. As soon as I have checked it with some of the plaintiffs that are here from Japan, I shall let you know of the results.

We felt that it might be a good idea to wait till we get a few results from this administrative proceedings, before we mail any letters from the office. If the results begins to come out, many of the skeptic who thought that we would not get a successful result might become very anxious to pay us.

We could discuss this matter thoroughly after the 3rd or 4th results should come out. To those whom we sent a registered mail in 1952, it might be best to have you make the final contact. As we in effect gave them a last opportunity.

Very truly yours,

Tex

October 4, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of Oct. 1st, please be informed as follows:

Re: Masao Iriyama. The affidavits and other information were sent to him at 1729 E. Stowell Rd., Santa Maria, Calif.; on Sept. 13, 1954.

Re: Fumiko Takei. Mail was returned from her address at 1131 S. St. Angelus Pl., Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1954, with the notation "No such address in Los Angeles, Calif.". (She is listed on our M.R. list of Aug. 23, 1954, previously sent to you.)

Very truly yours,

DP:dp

October 8, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of a letter which we mailed yesterday to the 51 renunciants in the U.S. whose affidavits were cleared by the Justice Department, and whose names are shown on the "List of Successful Applicants in U.S." which we sent to you on Sept. 24, 1954.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

DP: yh

October 8, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find three copies of our printed letter of October 1, 1954, which we mailed to those renunciants in the U. S. who have not yet returned their completed affidavits to us. Approximately 828 letters were mailed.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

DP:yh

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Iwao Namekawa
 Iwao Shimizu
 San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I shall thank you to write an article in your respective newspapers indicating that the first of the result has been received by our attorney.

Out of the first 100 affidavits that was furnished to the government for review, 58 were approved outright. These are in the following categories and classifications:

1 in Class II Japan
 1 in Class III Japan
 5 in Class IV Japan

 1 in Class IV U.S.
 21 in Class XIII U.S.
 25 in Class XV U.S.
 4 in Class XIX U.S.

Also the government has made inquiries to 14 additional plaintiffs within the original 100. These individuals will be able to have their citizenship restored if further informations are furnished that their renunciation was due to coercion, duress or fear.

Mr. Collins has indicated that the Justice Department will consent to withdraw the offers of proof it made against these plaintiffs, and thereafter the judgment cancelling their renunciation and declaring them to be a U.S. citizen will be entered.

This gives you a comparative statistics that 72 out of 100 has been marked with approval. 58 has been done so outright, and 14 subject to furnishing of additional informations.

I feel this is the news that most of the renunciants are waiting for in Northern California. I feel it might have a news value for your press. Thanking you for your respective cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Tex Nakamura.

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Dear Sir:

Heretofore, we were unable to inform you the progress of the suit, as you had failed to furnish us with your change of residence. Ever since the filing of the suit on November 13, 1945, our attorney, Wayne M. Collins, has successfully carried our suit to restore your U.S. citizenship.

Approximately a year ago, our attorney was successful in negotiating an arrangement with the Justice Department attorney, whereby most of our cases may be determined on an administrative basis. That is to say, you will be asked by our attorney to fill out an affidavit, which will show the real reason why you renounced your U.S. citizenship. The government attorney will evaluate this information, and if they so believe that your renunciation was caused by duress, coercion, or fear, the government attorney has agreed to withdraw the offer of proof outstanding against you.

Thereupon our attorney will enter a motion to set aside your renunciation in the District Court. Whereupon you will be furnished a certificate of judgment certified by the Clerk of the U.S. District Court. We wish to point out to you that this procedure is different from the process of obtaining a U.S. passport. As the mere issuance of the passport is not a conclusive proof that your renunciation has been set aside.

The litigation has been in progress for more than 9 years, and we have asked each member to contribute the total sum of \$300.00. Inasmuch as we were unable to contact you, we shall appreciate your cooperation in furnishing the remaining balance of \$_____. It should be made payable to Wayne M. Collins and mailed to this office.

Upon receipt of this balance, we shall inform our attorney that proper instructions and forms be mailed to you. However, if your intentions are such that you no longer desire to pursue your suit, we shall appreciate receiving this information.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

BY: _____

*This was mailed today to the
 14 U.S. p.f. furnished in your letter.
 Tex*

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

October 8, 1954

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

Gentlemen:

In re: Kazuo Shintani *Bel. \$240*
Haruko Shintani, nee Sakata *250 -*
Harumi Shintani *Bel. \$245*

\$240 -
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\$245 -

Mrs. Haruko Shintani, nee Sakata, telephoned on October 7, 1954, to inquire about obtaining affidavits from us and to notify us of her address - 3150 Cutsbert Avenue, Oakland, California. This is also an address change for her husband Kazuo Shintani. She also inquired about obtaining affidavits for Harumi Shintani (brother of Kazuo Shintani) whose address is 1809 Ward Street, Berkeley, California.

I discussed the matter of payment with her and it seems that the three above-mentioned renunciants are anxious to obtain the affidavits forms from us and to make their contributions.

In view of the foregoing, you may wish to get in touch with them promptly. I would thank you to let me know their response.

Very truly yours,

Wayne M. Collins

October 11, 1954

Mrs. Haruko Shintani
3150 Cutsbert Avenue,
Oakland, California.

Dear Mrs. Shintani:

We have been informed by Mr. Collins office that you had indicated your desire to continue with the suit.

Sometimes in 1952, our office mailed in your care a letter asking that you cooperate with the group. Also we had outlined the series of events that transpired to such date. Also we asked that you remit to us the balance that was due. Your balance that should be remitted is \$250.00.

Also you had made inquiry relative to your husband Kazuo Shintani. He likewise has a balance of \$240.00.

Mr. Harumi Shintani also has a remaining balance of \$245.00.

All these balance must be paid before we can ask Mr. Collins to furnish you the affidavits and instructions. The group was organized for the sole purpose of having the case litigated as economical as possible, and it is essential that each and everyone must cooperate with the group. In unity there is strength. This is the reason why the paid up members are complaining bitterly that the unpaid members should not be accorded the same protection.

Our policy are dictated by the members within the group, and it is not the policy of our office or of Mr. Collins. Therefore we shall thank you to remit the sum due to our office, and we shall be glad to have the instructions and affidavits furnished to you. If you fail to take advantage of this opportunity to finalize your case at this time, it will entail a tremendous sums of money for you to trial your case on an individual case.

Therefore since you have indicated an interest in the suit, we suggest that you follow this up until the ultimate conclusion.

Very truly yours,

TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

BY: _____

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW
MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET
SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

October 11, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed a copy of letter which we mailed on Oct. 8, 1954, to the 7 renunciants in Japan whose affidavits were cleared by the Justice Department, and whose names are shown on the "List of Successful Applicants in Japan" which we sent to you on Sept. 24, 1954.

Very truly yours,

Wayne M. Collins

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

Re: Noboru Ibuki Japan

Dear Wayne:

On March 10, 1954, I requested that you mail an affidavit and instructions to the above plaintiff. Mr. Takao Yamane, who paid for Mr. Ibuki, indicates that he has not received the instructions from you.

Therefore I suggest that you write and forward the instruction to Mr. Yamane in persons so that it would be delivered properly to Mr. Ibuki.

Mr. Yamane's address is 2854 Atlantic Street, Los Angeles 23, California. He will then mail it to Mr. Ibuki in Japan.

The address in Japan for Mr. Ibuki should have been 593 Dotegata-cho, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan. It should be placed in care of Nobunao Nogami.

Very truly yours,

Tex

October 13, 1954

Tule Lake Defense Committee
124 S. San Pedro Street, Rm. 215
Los Angeles 12, California

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Re: Mr. Noboru Ibuki
Japan

Affidavit forms were first sent to Mr. Ibuki on March 15, 1954. This mail was returned to us in June from the address at c/o Nobunao Nogami, 593 Dotegatacho, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Upon obtaining another address from you, we again mailed the affidavits on September 7, 1954, to c/o Nobunao Nogami, 593 Tsutsumi Kata-cho, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

In accordance with your request, we are sending another set of affidavits to Mr. Takao Yamane for forwarding to Mr. Ibuki.

Very truly yours,

cy: Mr. Takao Yamane

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

November 1, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

There are some 125 renunciants in Japan who have not filled out affidavit forms. It is essential that we locate the addresses of such persons. If you have new addresses for any of them or can obtain their addresses from their nearest relatives or friends in this country, I would thank you to do so immediately so that we can fix a deadline for those persons to answer the affidavits.

Please refer to our letter of Sept. 22, 1954, concerning renunciants in Japan whose whereabouts are unknown.

Very truly yours,

Wayne M. Collins

November 2, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find one copy each of two lists as follows:

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN U.S. - THIRD
(11-2-54) Six persons.

LIST OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS IN JAPAN - FOURTH
(11-2-54) Two persons.

The persons shown on the enclosed lists have had their affidavits processed by the Justice Department and have been found by that Department to have "renounced because of fear, coercion and duress."

Lists FIRST and SECOND were sent to you on Sept. 24, 1954.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

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

Dear Wayne:

In references to your request for the addresses of the plaintiffs in Japan, I am only able to supply a few of the address or there present whereabouts.

One of the plaintiff in the Judgment List came back recently from Japan. He indicated that the best solution to ascertain the addresses of these plaintiffs is to write to the Home Ministry, Tokyo, Japan. Also there should be record kept at the Immigration Office at Tokyo, Japan. He indicated that each foreigner in Japan had to make 5 copies of the alien registration report each ~~xx~~ year. The Home Ministry and the Immigration office would have their present address. 

Therefore this might be the only solution to ascertain the whereabouts of the remaining renunciant plaintiffs in Japan.

I am enclosing the list with the notations as to the addresses and there whereabouts.

Very truly yours,

Tex Nakamura

November 4, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Re: Mr. Tadao Nakagiri

Affidavits and instructions were mailed to Mr. Nakagiri several months ago to his address at 12303 Marshall Street, Culver City, California.

Having received a new address from you today, we are sending affidavits and instructions to him at the new address: 3046 Reid Avenue, Culver City, California.

Very truly yours,

c.c. Mr. Tadao Nakagiri
3046 Reid Avenue
Culver City, California

DP:RN

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

Re: Application for Passport--
Hatsuto Okita
Fumiko Okita

Dear Wayne:

Previously I indicated over the phone that one of our committee men desires to make a trip to Japan. He has filled his application for passport, and I shall thank you to submit this with your letter to the proper authority that the above persons has been successful in the administrative clearance.

The Okitas were within the first group that was successful in the administrative review.

Very truly yours,

Tex Nakamura

November 24, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

The affidavits of the renunciants listed below are considered by the Justice Department to be lacking in certain information. In consequence, the processing of their affidavits is being deferred by that Department until such time as these renunciants submit further affidavits giving more specific details.

Nishisaki, Joichi
Nishisaki, Masaji
Tamaki, Kazuo

I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter I sent to each of them.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

Nov. 24

Dear Lee,

I would like to ask you about the affidavit forms that we are suppose to fill out and mail by Dec. 1. We sent Mr. Collins a sample of our affidavit for him to review and comment on before making out the original five copies. We sent it to him around the 20th of Oct. and as yet we have not heard from him. According to his letter we were all suppose to have them in by Dec. 1. We realize how busy he is and it really is our fault for sending it in so late but as you understand these things are really hard to fill in. I am anxious to get the copy back so I can send them in notarized. There are a few others who has asked ~~out~~ us about theirs. We hate to ask Mr. Collins directly because he

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is busy so I wonder if you
can let me know how soon
it will be before we get them
back. Please let me know.

How are the children and
how is your wife? Haven't heard
from her since last Christmas,
and here another year has rolled
by again. We do hope the Yashimi
family are in the best of health.
Please give them our best
regards and also to your family.

We would appreciate an
answer.

Most sincerely,
Lager & Shukuko

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November 29, 1954

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Mr. Roger Narimatsu
 5457 S. Kimbark
 Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Roger:

I wish to thank you for your letter of November 24th. A great many thing has transpired after Mr. Collins has mailed the forms this spring. We have now acquired experiences in line of processing of these form, and I can now furnish you the experiences.

As I have furnished you in the last letter, there were few that were given a favorable review from the Justice Department. This was more or less determined on the basis that their renunciation was due to FEAR, COERCION and DURESS.

Evaluating the amount of application that was processed, there was very few rejections. They do not run more than 20%. In effect about 80% are being approved.

You have indicated that you mailed the forms or rough draft in October. However, I would advise you that you should prepare 5 copy of the originals with a notary affixing their seal. If the affidavits are favorable, Mr. Collins will mail it to Washington immediately. If they are not favorable, he will send them back for further correction.

I have noticed that many of the renunciants are having the same difficulties. They are forced to write their affidavits 3 to 4 times before it is a presentable document. If you were in Los Angeles, I could outline it for you; but this is very difficult to do over a mail.

However, my observation on these case seems to point out that one must watch out what they said at the previous hearing. If it is inconsistent with the real truth, they must furnish the reasons for the discrepancies. I feel that a valid reason for making a request for repatriation prior to renunciation and the signing of No, No, to the Army questionnaire may be blamed on the mass evacuation. In this connection I always tell the client to give a brief resume of what you went through the evacuation picture. I tell them to write as though you were telling it to your child, who have not witnessed the evacuation at all. Tell how you suffered economically, mentally, etc. Also point out the fact that you were Kibei, and feared that you might not be permitted to relocate. Also the community hostility toward Japanese, and the reasons why you did not wish to relocate. If there were more than one request for repatriation, this should be also disclosed. As the reason for the making of request for repatriation differs as to time.

If it was made at Tule Lake after the segregation program, was it due to the Saikakuri movement? or the Resegregationist movement? Were you induced to sign the petition after you came to the Tule Lake Center?

You should give the reason for the request for repatriation in precise detail. Was it due to the fact that you felt that there was no future in this country? Give the reasons for these reply.

As to Questions 27 and 28, you should answer truthfully what you actually answered. If one was Yes this fact should be pointed out. It is okay to blame the evacuation. You should disclose the fact that you registered at a local selective service board, and received a certain type of classification. You should also point out the fact that you signed No, No, expressing that you do not care to volunteer to the U.S. army, but you would be willing to serve if drafted out of the concentration camp. The main thing is to show that you was not disloyal from your heart, but circumstances of evacuation and agitation by the dissatisfied member within the camp forced you to do so. You should also answer 7-B--giving information as to what would have been the condition upon which you would have answered Yes, Yes.

In answering 9-A and 9-b-, 9-C, you should bear in mind that the Justice Department wish to be absolved from all the blame for the renunciation program. Therefore the blaming of the government for the renunciation program would not produce the desired result. Therefore it is necessary to describe in precise details the factors that forced you to renounce. How did you know that you could renounce? Who told you to renounce? All these facts are necessary to bring out the basis for your renunciation program.

You should name the persons, and persons present who told you to renounce, and any threats that were ever made against you. The failure to disclose the names and speaking in generality would not produce the desired result. It is felt that if you could not give precise details and your basis of fear, you have nothing to substantiate your argument. Therefore it is better to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The persons so named would not be subjected to any jeopardy.

You should bring out the fact that you lived in certain block, and who were the Hoshi Dan leaders within your block. You should mention how you were solicited to join the organization. If you refused to join, what was your reason for doing so and how you were treated afterward.

Was it not always argued to you that if you do not renounce and become one of us, you do not belong in this camp. However, if you persist in remaining here you are one of the "inu", and these "inu" would be severely punished. Many incidents of beatings and stabbing took place in Tule Lake to substantiate the argument that the Hoshi Dan meant business.

During the period when the "genjyo iji" and "genjyo daha" were jockeying for power Mr. Aizo Takahashi of Block 68 was brutally beaten for favoring the "daha" group. The Genjyo Iji later became the Saikakuri movement, and the Saikakuri became the Hoshi Dan. It all started from the fact that the persons were thrown into the stockade after the November, 1943 incidents.

I am furnishing her the excerpts of the Justice Department's letter, which was furnished to me by Mr. Collins. This should point out the precise detail which the government is looking for. Most of the persons speaks in generality, and nothing specific is mentioned. Therefore it is necessary that this details be furnished.

"..the subject states, in reply to question 9 (a) , that he applied for the forms upon which to renounce his citizenship because he feared that he would be forced to relocate and, in more general terms, that there was pressure to renounce and fear of physical violence. He does not, however, state that he, personally, was subjected to pressure nor that he was, in any way, threatened with physical violence and the records reflect that he renounced his citizenship after the date upon which it was publicly announced that the camps would remain open and that there would be no forced relocation. His allegations are, in general, perfunctory and lack the specificity essential to enable this Department to predicate an opinion" "he may have an opportunity to submit a further affidavit setting forth in detail and with particularity the reasons for his renunciation. If he is alleging that his renunciation resulted from fear and pressure he should explain the BASIS FOR HIS FEARS AS WELL AS THE NAME OF THE PERSONS OR PERSON WHO EXERTED PRESSURE UPON HIM"...

"...You will note that subject has elaborated on her resentment over evacuation and loss of civil rights, but has stated in general terms only, her fear of forced relocation and separation from her family if she failed

to renounce. This subject renounced her citizenship on February 23, 1945, a time subsequent to the announcement that the Center would not be closed. Her statements that her parents ~~would not~~ were of the opinion they would be deported, and that she was under duress at the time she renounced are not specific. We are therefore, unable to predicate an opinion as to whether this subject's case may be considered as coming within the coverage of the decision of the Court of appeals in the above case. In view of these facts, it may be that Mr. Collins might desire to inform Mrs. Fujii that she may have an opportunity to submit a further affidavit setting forth in detail the basis of her ~~fear~~ fear of forced relocation and separation from her family if she failed to renounce, as well as her belief that her parents would be deported. She should also set forth in detail the duress existing in her case".

"Subject states in answer to Question 9(a) and (c) of the affidavit that the organization members came to his barracks and made him fill out the application for renunciation, his co-workers at the mess hall told him he was not acting like a true Japanese, and as time went on and feeling in the camp became heated, it became "no laughing matter". These statements as presently phrased are not specific enough in order to enable this Department to predicate an opinion as to whether the subject case may be considered as coming within the coverage of the ruling of the court of Appeals in the above case. His answer to Question 6 of the affidavit that he never applied for repatriation, is contradicted by evidence in the pertinent War Relocation Authority file, which reflects that he applied for repatriation at Jerome, Arkansas Center on September 10, 1943.

In view of these facts, it may be that Mr. Collins might desire to inform Mr. Fujii that he may have an opportunity to submit a further affidavit setting forth in detail his reasons for renunciation. If fear or pressure was exerted upon him by the organization members, his co-workers or others to renounce, he should so state in detail and include the names of such persons, if same are known to him. He should also state the reasons for his application for repatriation?"....

The above will give you the general idea what the government is after. It is the general mill, wherein the persons have failed to described in detail the cause of their renunciation. The main thing in the whole case hinges on giving an adequate REASON for your action. This REASON must fit into the category that it was ~~caused~~ caused by FEAR, COERCION AND DURESS.

I do not know ~~how~~ how else I can make this matter any clearer, but this is the golden nugget in the whole case. We are going into a court of equity, and attempting to set aside an instrument you signed. The only manner in which this could be done is to show that the renunciation was caused by duress, fear and coercion. You cannot say that you signed it due to the misrepresentation of the document, nor for the reason that the government asked you to sign a blank paper. You must show that it was done due to the factors within the camp that forced upon you to renounce. This must be done in detail.

With this thought in mind, I suggest that you make out your affidavit. I shall be very glad to review them for you. Most of the affidavit, which I have assisted in Los Angeles has been approved. Therefore I suggest that you work on your affidavit and finish it as soon as possible.

My wife sends her very best regards, and she is fully occupied with her childrens.

Very truly yours,

November 24, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

Re: Mr. Hatsuto Okita &
Mrs. Fumiko Okita

I am returning herewith the applications of the Okitas for passports, and the documents that you sent to me in connection with the applications. I have written to Mr. Ellison, Justice Department, asking him to notify the State Department that they have been cleared and have asked him to send me copies of his transmittal letters to the State Department. When I receive copies of the transmittal letters, I will forward the same to you for delivery to the Okitas. I suggest that the enclosed documents be retained by them and be filed with the State Department office in Los Angeles when they receive from me through you the copies of the Justice Department transmittal letters.

Very truly yours,

Enc.:
Passport Applications
& Documents in Connection
therewith.

November 24, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

The affidavits of the renunciants listed below are considered by the Justice Department to be lacking in certain information. In consequence, the processing of their affidavits is being deferred by that Department until such time as these renunciants submit further affidavits giving more specific details.

Nishisaki, Joichi
Nishisaki, Masaji
Tamaki, Kazuo

I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter I sent to each of them.

Very truly yours,

Encs.

November 26, 1954

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

Attention: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

The affidavit of the renunciant listed below is considered by the Justice Department to be lacking in certain information. In consequence, the processing of his affidavit is being deferred by that Department until such time as this renunciant submits further affidavit giving more specific details.

Kushida, Rikiso Richard

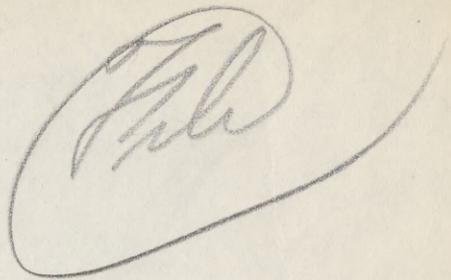
I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter I sent to him.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Tule Lake Defense Committee

November 30, 1954



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

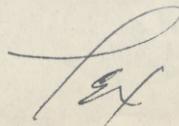
Dear Wayne:

I am enclosing the lists of renunciants in this district, who needs assistance in the filling of the affidavits. I have obtained the informations from these individuals, and I shall in the next several weeks attempt to finalize them. I shall send them to your office as they are ready. I am swamped with the renunciants trying to beat the deadline, and they are really having difficulty in the filling of the forms. It is not that they do not care, but are really puzzled and having a difficult time.

This is the reason why I had undertook to interview them thoroughly, and I have attempted not to leave anything to chance. I could not rely on their memory, and it required constant refreshing to get the necessary elements. Many of the renunciants does not know anything from what is required of them, and this is the reason why they are having the difficulty.

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| 1. Tomooka, Masayoshi | 34. Tomooka, James Saburo |
| 2. Yamashita, May Yoshiko | 35. Sakamoto, Chiyono |
| 3. Yamashita, George Yasushi | 36. Sakamoto, Kiyooki |
| 4. Miyakawa, Isao | 37. Yamada, Hideto |
| 5. Sumida, Jack Toshio | 38. Nakashioya, Kenichi |
| 6. Morioka, Katsuichi | 39. Kuramoto, Yoshiye |
| 7. Morioka, Kikuji | 40. Kuramoto, Hiroshi |
| 8. Yamane, Shigeo | 41. Horouchi, Akinobu |
| 9. Sadakane, Masami | 42. Takeshita, Hitoshi |
| 10. Sato, Tadao | 43. Ikejirō, Matsuo |
| 11. Arashige, Harumi | 44. Sakamoto, Yoneo |
| 12. Arashige, George Matsumi | 45. Takemoto, Mitsugi |
| 13. Satowa, Dan Yukio | 46. Takemoto, Chizuye Santo |
| 14. Matsuda, Yutaka--returned on certificate of identity. | |
| 15. Hirata, Miyoshi | 47. Takemoto, Hajime |
| 16. Hirata, Akira | 48. Tao, Johnny K. |
| 17. Kobata, Tsutomu | 49. Yoshimura, George |
| 18. Fukuwa, Lilly Yuriko | 50. Yoshimura, Misao |
| 19. Fukuwa, Hiroto | 51. Yoshimura, Toshi |
| 20. Fukuwa, Ted Hiroto | 52. Yoshimura, Arata |
| 21. Ogino, Frank Kazuo | 53. Hamai, Mary Haruye |
| 22. Yuzuki, Minoru | 54. Hamai, Masaru |
| 23. Miyakawa, Wataru | 55. Yamada, Kazuo |
| 24. Fukumoto, Katsumi | 56. Izuhara, Hiroko |
| 25. Nojima, Tsukara | 57. Izuhara, Misayo |
| 26. Nakamura, Tatsumi | 58. Izuhara, Shimaō |
| 27. Hatakeyama, Isao | 59. Izuhara, Tadashi |
| 28. Hatakeyama, Shizue | 60. Asari, Jitsuhiro |
| 29. Hatakeyama, Fumio | 61. Ikenaga, Kazuko |
| 30. Hara, Masao William | 62. Kumagai, Tsutomu |
| 31. Takigawa, Yoshio | 63. Kumagai, Fumiye |
| 32. Nakata, Seiji | 64. Okinaka, Chiyoko |
| 33. Nakata, Kimiko | 65. Nakamura, Hirohara |
| | 66. Kuramoto, Takumi. |

If there are any other renunciants, who were successful in the administrative review, I shall appreciate your furnishing me with the lists of their respective names. Thank you.



December 9, 1954

AIR MAIL

Mr. and Mrs. Hatsuto Okita
204 S. Fresno Street
Los Angeles 63, California

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Okita:

The Justice Department has cleared you as an urgency case.

You should apply immediately to the Passport Division of the State Department, Washington, D.C. for a U. S. passport to enable you to visit Japan. It is likely that you can go to the branch office in Los Angeles of the State Department and get the application form for a U.S. passport.

Accompanying the application for the passport you should file the copy of the enclosed transmittal letter from the Justice Department to the Department of State which will expedite the issuance of the passport to you.

When the passport issues to you it will show on its face that you are a U.S. citizen.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

cc: Tule Lake Defense Committee

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December 10, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura and T. Kono

Gentlemen:

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YAMASAKI, Kaoru (Mrs.) - Japan

I am enclosing herewith one copy of the letter I sent to her.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

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December 15, 1954

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

Attn: Tex Nakamura

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing copies of some typewritten affidavit forms and also yellow sheets of typewritten material giving specific answers to certain questions which I believe you may find to be of interest.

The answers for the most part should be fairly short but be specific as to the issues.

Where reliance is made upon fears like fear of the organizations the answers should specify the names of the persons (Issei, Kibei or Nisei) using the full name or initials of first names or nicknames, if known) the block in which said persons lived, the place where the persons was when the threats were made (such as in the mess hall, room, office, kitchen, latrine or public shower, baseball field, movie, etc.) and the statement constituting the threat (such as "You better do it or face the consequences, or be treated like an inu, stooge, spy, traitor, white Jap or you will get the same treatment as Hitomi, Kurihara, Terasawa, etc. or you will get beaten up, or you will be reported to the Japanese Government and get imprisoned, tortured, etc., by the Kempei, or Japanese military or Japanese government, etc.) In other words, the time and place of the threat should be fixed, the name of the person or persons making the threat and the actual statement constituting the threat should be stated.

The above applied to reasons why they signed an application to repatriate, (Q.-6), why they gave "No-No" answer to Questions 27, 28, (Q.-7), why they sent letters to the Justice Department asking for forms to renounce citizenship (Q.-9(A)), and also why they were in fear up to the time of their actual renunciation hearings (Q-9(C)).

Very truly yours,

Encs.

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Very truly yours,

Encs.

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

John
 Re: Kiyoshi and Mary Shizuko Kimura

Dear Wayne:

Mr. & Mrs. John Kiyoshi Kimura of 206 S. Fresno Street, Los Angeles 63, California, has asked me to request your assistance to obtain their respective passports.

Mr. Kimura is one of our committee men, and he desires to make a trip to Japan. I had anticipated that you might file the Order of Judgment during this month, and I had asked him to delay this matter. However, he is planning to make a trip at an early date, and if it is possible, I shall appreciate your obtaining a letter from Mr. Ellison.

Mr. Kimura's case has been approved administratively, and I feel there should not be any difficulty.

Mr. & Mrs. Okita have received their passport, and they have asked me to thank you for your special effort.

Very truly yours,