

Ishikawa, T.

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requested assistance in the sale of some lots located in Richmond, California and stated in connection with this request that the property had been deeded to his wife, an alien, in September of 1943 by another Japanese. After conferring with the title companies, Mr. Ishikawa was informed that none of the title companies in this area would issue a title policy where the real property was being transferred from an alien Japanese. It was suggested to him, however, that if the deed conveying the title to his wife had not been placed on record, it might be possible for him to obtain a new deed conveying title to his daughter who is an American citizen.

Ishimine, Ruth Sachko (DBA Sunrise Market)  
Los Angeles, Calif.

This Japanese girl was operating a small grocery store under a lease arrangement with Mike Chitjian. This lease called for \$75.00 a month rental and there was an initial rental deposit of \$200.00 posted. This lease had been assigned on two previous occasions, this Japanese girl obtaining it from her father. In neither of the two previous assignments had there been any general release given to the lessees. The landlord, through his attorney, had refused to cancel the lease and demanded the payment of six months' rent at \$75.00 a month, in addition to forfeiture of the \$200.00 deposit.

Our initial contact indicated that there was no arrearage in the rent, that the groceries were free and clear of encumbrances of any kind and that there was no reason why the girl should hesitate to dispose of the property, regardless of the fact that demand had been

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made for bonus for cancellation of the lease.

Subsequent to disposing of the stock and certain items such as a coffee grinder and scales, the attorney and the landlord, together with the Japanese girl and her father, called at this office for us to arbitrate in connection with the settlement of the lease. The attorney had drawn an agreement which provided that the Federal Reserve Bank was to act as depository for the funds forfeited and the six months' rent to be paid. These funds would be released to the Japanese girl provided no loss was incurred in ~~obta~~ obtaining a new tenant. It was the contention at this point that the landlord would lose much more than the six months' rent because of the anticipated difficulty in finding a suitable tenant.

We finally prevailed upon the parties to negotiate this matter without our assistance except that we undertook to advise the Japanese girl. We finally succeeded in obtaining a complete settlement of the account for \$50.00 in addition to the advance rental deposit of \$200.00 and obtained from the landlord a complete release in writing



for the Japanese girl and the two prior lessees. We held the \$50.00 deposit pending delivery of suitable document of release and, subsequent to this, the landlord's receipt for the money delivered upon our acceptance of the general release.



Itatani, M.

S.F.

Hunt Mt

10/15/43  
10/22/43

Requested to find out why his agent had not repaired the sidewalk in front of his property. Investigation disclosed that the sidewalk had been repaired & the licensee was so advised.

Ito, Keijiro

requested assistance in selling his RCA Console Model Radio. It was submitted to six dealers for bids of which three responded with offers of \$10.00, \$15.00 and \$35.00. All of these offers were reported to the evacuee who accepted the \$35.00 bid. The transaction was completed when a check was received and forwarded to the evacuee and the bill of sale was delivered to the purchaser.

WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE

Itoi, Seizo

Assisted Attorney Frank Boyle in connection with maintaining Mr. Itoi's month-to-month tenancy in the CARROLLTON HOTEL. Case discussed with evacuee at the project. He is satisfied with present arrangements. Case Closed 6-12-44. WRA#S June Memo, July 30 '44. Case WA-659



(Satsuki)

Itsuki Ogata # 13188 Colorado River (now in Tule Lake)

Subject requested for transportation of personal property from private family (Forster) to gov. warehouse (Watsonville) (6/21/43). Big rug ~~missing~~ and Washing machine missing.

Forster story: 1) requested by Itsuki to sell mattresses and rugs for \$20. Sent check!  
2) Keep washing machine, until storage fee paid.

Itsuki story: 1) Never received the check  
2) No storage fee arranged.  
3) Sent \$20 for transportation charges for the cost of transferring her one sewing machine & 2 cases of food (externally)

Never received these.  
Investigation showed that sawing machine &  
cases of food sent to <sup>Colorado River</sup> ~~Tahoe~~ but not  
forwarded to <sup>Tule Lake</sup> ~~Colorado River~~ where evacuee was  
transferred.

Case still open :

Remarks of  
J. H. Wells, Asst. Dir. of Tule  
Lake: " This is one of those cases where the  
people on the outside are taking advantages  
of interned alien's personal property ....

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Kameshige, Ihei      Alien Male 61      # 3048

Sale of his 1941 Chevrolet 4 doors sedan. 11,711 miles. Tires  
good condition. Original sale price: \$1,065. Bought by WRA  
for \$900 clear of all charges. There were however 4 bids  
of \$950, \$950, \$958, \$1,000. Car taken by WRA on June 30th  
1943.

Kameshige, Thei                      Sale of farm equipment(cont.) page 2  
condition and repair, natural wear and tear and the elements  
excepted.... second party agrees to ship tools to first party  
at any time first party desires said tools, the freight to  
be paid by first party."

WRA\*153, August 27 1943; Request to sell equipment to Mike  
Galvin for \$3,750 net or have Galvin surrender the equipment  
to WRA to follow further instructions.

Memo from Browne Oct. 1, 1943: Galvin will not buy for that  
amount

Memo from ~~Schmitt~~ Schmitt, Evacuee property officer, Oct. 9 1943

Please find enclosed WRA-156 in duplicate executed by Mr.  
kameshige requesting the transportation of farm machinery now  
in possession of Mr. Mike Galvin,... Mr. Kameshige is the  
father-in-law of Mr. Satoru Date, who requested the estimate  
of freight charges on the transportation of the Chev. Sedan from  
Hollister to Mission, Texas. Mr. Date is now operating a 400  
acres farm and is in need of Mr. Kameshige equipment.



WRA-156 signed by Kameshige, Oct. 6 1943. for transportation of farm machinery.

Memo from ~~xShmi~~ Schmitt to Browne: January 14, 1944.

Mr. Kameshige and Mr. Date are very anxious to have all the ~~prop~~ property ~~xxxxx~~ shipped to Mission, Texas, as soon as possible as they are planning to farm extensively in Texas with the land owner on condition that the equipment will be available.

Could not ship one tractor trailer. Kameshige offered it for \$75, Calvin finally bought it for \$25. Was not in good condition

Property shipped in January.

Total cost of shipping the property \$521.90. Total cost was first estimated at \$1,624.

Kameshige, Thei

Alien Male 61

Was operating some farming property near Hollister under a lease arrangement. At the time he was evacuated he sold his crops to Mr. Leo Gambetti and permitted Gambetti to use certain household goods for which Gambetti agreed to pay a rental of \$2.00 a month. Our transportation section had been requested to pick up this property and store it in our warehouse.

Mr. Gambetti, however, refused to release this property to them claiming that Kameshige was indebted to ~~them~~ him for the payment of seed that Kameshige had purchased in order to plant the crops Gambetti purchased from him, which constituted a lien against these crops, and which according to Gambetti did not comply with his purchase agreement. Mr. Kameshige was notified of this fact and instructed us to close our files on this case,

WRA-155; signed June 29, 1943. Request for storage of X  
1 Refrigerator, 1 Electric Heater, 1 Glass front cupboard  
1 Electric Stove.

Memo from Forth: July 12, 1943: Property is in possession of Leo Gambate, Hollister, and it is held by Mr. Gambate ~~p~~ pending the settlement of money due him from Kameshige. Apparently the controversy has been going on for some time in the past.

WRA-153 , July 29, 1943: Repossess the property in the hands of Gambate.

The property was rented to ~~Gambate~~ ~~for~~ ~~xx~~ ~~Gambate~~ Gambate for \$2 a month, but to date no payments had been made,

Memo from Browne: August 17, 1943.

According to Ladd Hardware Co. Gambeta had purchased at time of evacuation crops from Kameshige with the understanding that nothing was owed on the crop. But later Gambeta discovered that ~~ThexTx~~ Kameshige had bought seeds from the Fairview Packing Co. and the Hollister Canning Co, to the amount of \$148.50 which ~~xx~~ was held on his crop. Gambeta refuses to release the personal property of the evacuee until the bill is paid less the \$2 monthly rental from June 1, 1942.



Kameshige, Ihei

Personal Property(cont.) page 2

Memo from Schmitt, Aug. 28 1943

Kameshige's case: 1) he has no knowledge of Fairview Co  
2) Admits that he bought seeds from Hollister Co., but agreement reached on April 17 at 2.30 pm between Kameshige, Gambetta Ladd, and the representative of Hollister Co. that Gambetta would pay \$11.50 per acre for 190 acre crop and also assume any and all responsibility against the indebtedness of the crop. Meeting recorded in Kameshige's diary

Memo from Browne, Oct. 1, 1943:

Ladd states that he was not present at the time the sale of the crop was agreed upon, and had no knowledge of the agreement. Gambetta states that Ladd was not present at sale of crop and that meeting was held on March 19. He exhibited check dated March 19, for \$100 "for 69 acres of beets and 20 acres of spinach on Ladd ranch," and check dated April 3, for \$1,150 for the "balance of beets and spinach crop plus \$50 for tomatoe plants" He had two bills to pay one for \$192.60 and

the other for \$269.99, one fourth of those bills were charged to Ladd,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of those to Kameshige and Gambetta had to pay. Books of Fairview Co. showed the bill against Kameshige,

Kameshige Ihei #3048 <sup>F</sup>  
Alien, Age: 61

Sale of Farm Equipment

Negotiated with Mike Galvin for the sale of farm equipment & machinery and obtained a bid of \$3,750.00 which was not acceptable to the evacuee. Machinery was subsequently shipped to evacuee in Texas.

WRA-153; application for sale of farm equipment in the hands of Mike Galvin . May 4, 1943.

Memo from USFA, Hollister, San Benito county.

Mr. Galvin is not a custodian of this property but has the property under agreement wherein he is to be allowed the use of the equipment and guarantees to return it to the Jap (sic)



at the end of the war. Mr. Galvin has spent some hundreds of dollars repairing the tractors and other equipment and is carrying insurance on the equipment at the present time, He refuses to show the prospective buyers the equipment that they wish to look at.

~~Memorandum~~ Letter from John T. Lewis, attorney-at-law, Hollister May 17 1943.

Mr. Galvin called at this office;;;.. He is interested in a R. D. 4 Caterpillar Tractor and a John Deere Row crop tractor belonging to I. Kameshige that is rented to Mike and upon which he has made \$350 worth of repairs.

Letter from Lewis June 3 1943:

Mike Galvin willing to pay \$2,275 for all the farm equipment of Kameshige.

Agreement between Galvin and Kameshige signed April 1942 and valid to May 24, 1944. @

Rent on tools is to be paid as follows: " Second party is to pay all taxes on said tools while second party has possession of said tools. Second party is to keep the said tools in good

Kanagaki, George (Sanzo)  
Concord  
66-11-A Rivers

Alien Male 59

5-21-43  
7-21-43

~~Ranx~~ Memo from Acting project director to WRA Oct 15 1942

Mr. Kanagaki sold his farm to Joe de Rosa & Joe Garavenetta Concord, Calif. In order to complete the transaction it was necessary<sup>2</sup> for Mr. Kanagaki to lend his irrigation pipes valued at about \$1000 and to ~~i~~ allow teh~~m~~ to use ~~misk~~, misc. farm implements valued at \$500. This loan agreement is to lapse December 1, 1942. A part of the agreement was that De Rosa & Garavenetta would disassemble the irrigation pipes & deliver them to Jo~~h~~nn~~y~~ Curletto, Concord Calif. as well as the farm<sup>2</sup> machinery and equipment. Mr. Kanagaki does not think that de Rosa and Garavenetta will be successful in their farming venture. He fears that if they fail that they will take with ~~t~~ them the~~x~~ equipment which he loaned them. (Asks help of WRA to enforce verbal agreement).

This material was finally transported by de Rosa to the Curletto ranch. ( 40,000 Pea & Tomatoes poles, 2000 ft. of Galvanized Pipe, 1 cultivator horse drawn and etc..). It seems that only 20,000 were left of these ~~pieces~~ and only 10,000 in good conditions, and 180 rather than 200 ~~pieces~~ of pipes.

Attempts to sell these implements. No satisfactory price obtained.



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Kanazawa S. # 13043

Postcard

Removal of property to gov. warehouse.

Memo Oct 2 1943 from Forth to Deussay

"The difficulty encountered in locating the property is due to the fact that there are approximately 10 different Evacuee Families property stored in a concrete milk house and piled up nearly to the roof, and approximately 50% without names or identification marks. The general mix up

was caused by the Salinas Valley Vegetable  
Exchange in repiling the property so as  
to make room for storing of seed for their  
ranches

Kaneko, Norikazu

forwarded to us the key to Safe Deposit Box #124 in the Hayward Branch of the Bank of America with the request that the contents of this box be removed and forwarded to him. The contents of this box were removed in the presence of one of the officers of the bank and forwarded to Mr. Kaneko by insured registered mail. His safe deposit key together with a copy of the list of the contents of this box were sent to him under separate cover.



Kaneko, Robbin

requested us to assist him in the sale of his lot in Richmond, California at a price of \$350.00 net. Bids were solicited from a number of realtors in that area and in response, we received notice from one of these real estate firms that this lot had been seized by the Maritime Commission under an "Order of Taking" and would be tied up until 18 months to two years after the war, and that there had been constructed on this lot and many other adjoining lots hundreds of eight and twelve-unit apartment houses to take care of shipyard employees. The evacuee was informed of this situation and the case closed.

Kasuga, Kajumi

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Letter from R.R. Zellick, Trust Dept.

Anglo-Calif. Bank March 12 1943 to Kasuga

WE have corresponded with you on 2 or 3 occasions in connection with the downstairs premises at 1733 Post Street to a negro tenant who desires to operate a barber shop at a rental of \$30 a month.

We have made quite an investigation of this matter and we are hesitant because of the present equipment located in the premises and the furniture and ~~other~~ personal property stored in the rear. It has been our experience that tenants invariably molest stored property and it generally leads to a misunderstanding. We have communicated with the WRA who will accept all of the ~~firm~~ furniture and personal property and shop fixtures to be stored at government expenses.

Apparently if satisfactory arrangements can be made with WRA for the storage of the various articles the property could be rented for \$30 per month to the tenants. However the tenant upstairs, Wong Pui Ling, has also communicated with us objecting to the rental of the store property to the negro on the grounds that the

tenancy of the barber shop would be undesirable. As you probably know the district is occupied almost entirely by negroes and it has been difficult to rent shop or store property except to negro tenants. If this offer is turned down, we do not know ~~whether~~ when another will be received and in all probability any tenant would be of the negro race. It is almost impossible to check on the references or past history of this class of people and consequently we cannot vouch for their integrity or reliability.

~~Memo~~ Memo from Browne on same subject July 21

Memo from Evacuee property officer August 20, 1943:

We have contacted Mr. Kasuga.. He immediately wrote to the Chinese occupant of the house at 1733 Post St. asking if it will be satisfactory with him if the barber shop was rented to a negro. Mr. Kasuga returned on this date with the news that the Chinese tenant had found another Chinese friend who will occupy the premise on the first of the month.



Kasuga, Teruo

requested an investigation be made in connection with his property located at 636 Bridgeway, Sausalito and to endeavor to lease this property for \$50.00 per month. Investigation disclosed the fact that a Joe Chew was occupying the property under a lease arrangement by which he had agreed to pay a rental of \$60.00 per month. This monthly rental had later been reduced to \$30.00 a month by mutual agreement between Chew and Kasuga. Mr. Chew then requested a further reduction and without the knowledge of Kasuga had been paying only \$15.00 per month to the Central Bank of Oakland that held a Deed of Trust against the property. Investigation also revealed that Chew had been renting a portion of this property as a grocery store and was receiving \$30.00 per month as rental for this store. It also developed that Kasuga had consigned to Chew a considerable amount of merchandise

which Chew had agreed to pay for when it was sold.

A number of real estate agents in Sausalito were interviewed and each one expressed the opinion that this property should lease for from \$40.00 to \$60.00 per month. Arrangements were finally made with Chew by which he agreed to pay Kasuga \$50.00 per month rental for the property and in addition a payment in the amount of \$200.00 was collected from Chew as part payment for the merchandise Kasuga had consigned to him. This \$200.00 check was forwarded to Kasuga and he, as well as Chew, consented to the \$50.00 per month rental arrangement.

Kawabata, Nobue and Yugi

requested assistance in the collection of some 41 past due accounts in the amount of \$2,296.90. The names of three collection agencies willing to handle these accounts were obtained and forwarded to the evacuee out of which one was selected.

\$380.02 was collected by this agency, one half of which was retained in accordance with the collection contract entered into between the evacuee and the agency. The other half of the amount collected or the \$190.01 was forwarded to the evacuee. \$158.36 of this amount appeared on our previous monthly report under "Partial Collections, Open Accounts". \$31.65 appears under "Collections" of this report.

At the time the collection agency remitted this last payment, they reported that they did not consider the



balance of the accounts collectable, as this entire list had been in the hands of attorneys for collection, that all of the accounts were outlawed and that the evacuees had failed to comply with their request to furnish them with an itemized statement of the services performed.

Kawaguchi, Denzo

WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE

Assisted ~~Henry~~ Broderick in obtaining new lease on the CORONA HOTEL. The lease is for a period of 3 years commencing Aug. 1 1944 based upon 25% of gross income each month with a \$400 per month minimum rental with provisal that the laundry bill is not considered a part of the gross receipts. Arranged with Attorney John W. Day to obtain a new rental agreement with Kawaguchi. Case closed 6-7-44. WRA-S June Memo, June 30 '44. Case WA-664.

Kawakanni, K.

Tule Lake

Requested adjustment of claim against the Tide Water ~~Asso.~~ Oil  
Co. Contacted oil Co. who promised to mail the check.



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Kawayoshi, Harry Takeshi

Requested our investigation to determine whether or not his personal property located in a ranch near at Route 3 Box 754, San Jose, had been pilfered. The owner of the property on which Kawayoshi's personal property was stored was interviewed and stated that he was positive none of the Kawayoshi property that represented any value had been taken. The evacuee was so advised.

nursery

5/22/43

7/23/43

Katayama, S.

Oakland

Central Utah

During a survey of owner-owned greenhouses, it was found that this property was not receiving the proper care. Foreman notified of this fact but decided to take no action.

Foreman advised that while manager ~~of this~~ may not be taking care of his property in the most efficient manner, he is making payments regularly to the bank and he is satisfied his interest is being fairly well taken care of.  
Cont to Browne

Kato, S.,  
Seattle, Washington

Kato operated Kenilworth Apartments under lease expiring April 10, 1942, rental \$250.00 per month. Landlord Robert Terhune, representing owner, an estate, refused to grant new lease. Kato believed furnishings with renewal of lease worth \$6,000.00 although paid \$8,500.00 in August, 1942. Investigation revealed one Kabota (now in Japan) entered into a three-year lease April 10, 1939, paying \$250.00 per month plus \$4,000.00 for furnishings. Kabota assigned lease to M. Nakata who paid Kabota \$5,000.00 cash for furnishings in November, 1940. On July 10, 1941 Nakata assigned lease and sold furnishings to Kato for \$8,500.00; terms, \$2,000.00 cash down and \$150.00 per month, plus 6% interest. Mrs. Nakata signed earnest money receipt guaranteeing three-year renewal of lease. Terhune insisted he had told Kabota lease would not be renewed. No one denies except Kato, who purchased



lease on representation of Mrs. Nakata, that lease would be renewed.

Terhune requested Kato to sell furnishings for \$1,500.00 at expiration of lease or remove furniture. Appraisal indicated value of furnishings on street \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 - possibly \$3,500.00 in hotel. Nakata insisted Kato pay balance of \$8,500.00 contract for purchase of furnishings. Kato had no legal right to request renewal of lease. Nakata had apparent right to balance of \$8,500 purchase price of furnishings except for informal earnest money receipt of Mrs. Nakata indicating that consideration included guarantee of new three-year lease.

Terhune and a broker for Kabota (P.P. Antill of Puget Sound Company) satisfied us renewal or extension of lease had been refused to Kabota and that any future representations of promised renewal of lease were not founded on fact.

The property was listed by us as available for rent on month to month basis.

Kato, whose lease had expired, appeared with Mr. C. Taylor who offered to pay \$3,500.00 cash for furnishings and take over hotel operation. Taylor had received our

listings of available hotels.

Terhune threatened to remove furniture since lease had expired. We requested him to withhold any action pending our further advice and he agreed to a three-day deferment of action.

Our request of former operator for opinion brought response that furnishings could be replaced for \$3,500.00 to \$4,00.00 and that furniture had been abused.

We suggested to Kato that \$3,500.00 offer be accepted. Kato agreed \$3,500 valuation of furniture was reasonable except for fact he had mistakenly purchased for \$8,500.00 from Nakata in belief lease would be renewed. Nakata claimed entire \$3,500.00 for application on \$8,500.00 debt.

Guarantee by Mrs. Nakata of three-year lease renewal pointed out and parties urged to divide \$3,500.00 since both had relied on inflated values not justified by actual

value and both should assume some portion of loss.

Parties agreed to divide \$3,500.00 as follows: 40% to Nakata and 60% to Kato, based on respective losses. Although both suffered loss in transaction, they informed us they appreciated fact that losses were minimized by our intervention since otherwise would have been under necessity of accepting \$1,500.00 from Terhune in full settlement.



Kido, Frank

requested our assistance in the collection of \$50.00 from Mr. J.B. Flenner for landscaping work done prior to evacuation. Mr. Flenner was contacted and paid this account at the rate of \$10.00 per month, the final \$10.00 payment being collected this month. Previous payments were listed on previous reports.

Kita, Katsumi

{ 2/16/43  
[ 5/3/43

Heart Mt

Request by evacuee to assist in sale of 9"x12"  
Voigtlander Helios Camera. \$50.0 bid obtained &  
submitted. Evacuee however requested that  
camera be shipped to him.

Kiyamura, Henry

reported to be the owner of some farm property located on Lawrence Station Road just north of the Southern Pacific Railway near San Jose, California, which Mr. D. Giotta of San Jose was interested in purchasing. Mr. Kiyomura was contacted and replied that he had already sold this property, and Mr. Giotta was so advised.



V + C

## Kobuke Family

Requested assistance in the adjustment of insurance for the reported destruction by fire of their sleeping quarters and garage in Sebastopol. Investigation revealed that their father, Tomotaro Kobuke, a resident of Lordsburg Internment Camp was handling this adjustment through his attorney. The family was notified of this arrangement, and they declared it was satisfactory to them.

Kodani, Seizo  
Monterey (?)  
Boston

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3/20/43  
5/8/43

Received application to purchase vacant  
property in Monterey. Finance when contacted  
declared he did not wish at this time to  
sell. Property is being rented,

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Koishi, Genkichi

} 7/15/43  
[ 11/30/43

### Tule Lake

Requested assistance in sale of many sardine nets located in Takagawa Warehouse in Monterey, as well as a considerable amount of fish nets located in the L.A. Area. The nets located in the L.A. Area were referred to the L.A. office. Investigation revealed the fact that there were nets located in the Monterey Warehouse and an effort was made to dispose of them, which was unsuccessful owing to the fact that the fishermen who were interested in their purchase reported that the nets had deteriorated so badly that they



would not be interested in their purchase, & for the further reason that there was no way of identifying the nets belonging to this licensee. Mr. Koishi was notified of these facts and reported that he was contacting his stepson who placed these nets in the warehouse and that if we could be of further assistance to him, he would notify us.

Koike, Grace

Tule Lake

{ 3/30/43  
4/27/43

Forney requested gas range located in  
Klamath Falls to be shipped to S.F. & sold.  
obtained bid \$75.00 for range, but suggested that  
she attempted selling it to acquaintances in  
Klamath Falls. This she agreed to do.

Original cost of stove: \$125<sup>00</sup>

Komada, A.T.

requested an investigation to determine the present condition of a valuable art collection stored at 468 Bush Street, San Francisco, with the idea in mind of having it removed from its present location and stored in a government warehouse providing experienced packers could be obtained so that none of this property would be injured by being transferred.

An inspection of this property was made in company with a member of our Transportation Department. The evacuee was informed that the property appeared to be in good condition and would be handled by experienced packers and movers which would reduce to a minimum the likelihood of any of it being damaged by moving.

In the meantime word was received by the lessee of the



building in which this property was stored that his lease would expire on March 31, 1944, and it would be necessary to have the property moved before that date. The case was therefore transferred to the Transportation Department.

Komatsu, Mary

Oakland

Denver Col

{ 7/28/43  
10/4/43

Request from Breuners to locate Eva Mae in  
order to enable them to have a piano  
belonging to her removed from their warehouse.  
Komatsu married. Unable to trace her.

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Kubota, J.  
Maple + Foothill Ave. between San Martin + Morgan Hill

Tule Lake (Dec 22 1943)

Was reported to be the owner of a piece of property in Morgan Hill, Calif., by Mr. Anselmo Escobar who wished to rent it for \$400 per annum, and who stated he was willing to take a 4 years' lease at that figure. The evacuee, after being contacted informed us that the property had been sold and Mr. Escobar was so advised. Sold the property for \$400. net cash to Ray E. Ryan. Ryan to pay all title expense, taxes prorated to close of escrow.

40 acres property. bare land.



Kubota, Yonejiro

} 5/4/43  
{ 6/15/43

Rowler

Assisted warror to complete sale of 100 shares  
of Buttes Oilfield Corp. "Common" stock for \$75.00

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Kubota, Yoshio

5/4/43

11/18/43

Route 2 Box 283-a Morgan Hill

22-11-D Gila River

\$250<sup>00</sup> flew listed with Santa Clara County USDA  
War Board. Equipment stored with John Steffen  
Morgan Hill, Calif

Kuramoto, Hinaye

widow of Yoshitaro Kuramoto, requested assistance in the selection of an attorney in probating the estate of her deceased husband. The names of three attorneys were selected from the Attorney Referral List and forwarded to the project. One of these, Judge W.J. Cannon, was selected by them in act in this capacity. Judge Cannon, however, refused to act and Mrs. Kuramoto's brother corresponded with a friend of theirs, Mr. Cos Loustalot, and requested that he find another attorney. Mr. Loustalot then recommended Attorney Chester B. Forrester, 340 Pine Street, San Francisco. Mrs. Kuramoto approved of this selection and Mr. Forrester was appointed.



Kurasaki, Henri

Male 28

Heart Mountain 29-F-12 9/13/42

Santa Anita 5/28/42

Rt. 1 Box 131 Doyle Road

Cupertino

High School Calif. '29-'33

No education in Japan..

No residence outside U.S.

Married San Jose

Born San Jose 4/14/14

Wife = Fusae  
Kurasaki, Henry      Citizen M 28  
Rt. 1 Box 131, Doyle Road, Cupertino  
29-12-F Heart Mountain

purchased a fruit ranch from P.J. Giacomette in 1939 for \$13,000.00 making a down payment of \$1,000.00 and giving the Giacomettes a Deed of Trust for the balance. At the time he purchased this property, the P.J. Giacomette moved from the residence that was located on this property leaving behind them a small amount of old furniture, which according to Kurasaki, Mr. Giacomette told him he could have. Mr. Kurasaki claims to have made some repairs on this furniture and requested our Transportation Section to pick it up and store it in the Government warehouse.

Mr. Giacomette had died in the meantime, and Mrs. Giacomette refused to relinquish possession of this furniture taking the stand that this furniture was community property and she had never consented to have her husband give it to Kurasaki. She also claimed that Kur-

asaki had never made any other payment towards the purchase of this property than the original \$1,000.00 down payment, that he had received the income from the orchard from the time he purchased it in 1939 until he was evacuated in 1942, that he had obtained possession of a tractor and other farm machinery that was included in the sale of this property and that they were forced to start foreclosure proceedings in order to repossess the property and to expend nearly \$2,000.00 to obtain the transfer of the title to this property from Kurasaki to them. For these reasons, she still refused to give up this furniture and Mr. Kurasaki was so advised.



Kurasaki, H.

had been conducting negotiations for the sale of his International TD tractor to Mr. G.M. Dimmett, Campbell, California for \$3,850.00. The project requested the completion of this transaction providing the price did not violate the OPA ceiling for this machine. Upon obtaining a ceiling price of \$2,601.60 for this tractor from the OPA office in San Francisco, the project was informed that this transaction could not be concluded without violating the OPA ceiling price, and requested to advise whether or not Kurasaki wished to complete the transaction at this ceiling price. They replied that he did not care to conclude the sale under these conditions and the transfer papers were returned to the project.

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Kurotori, Sadao

Farm equipment listed with U.S. D.A. War Board

Kuze, Viola

This woman requested us to obtain a statement from her agent, F.B. Hulting Company for rentals collected from leased property located at 1687 Geary Street, San Francisco, and to remove her furniture and fixtures from this location location and store it in our government warehouse. The requested statement was obtained and forwarded to the project for delivery to this evacuee. The necessary forms for the removal of this furniture to the government warehouse were obtained and turned over to the Transportation Department.



Wife = Haruye

Kuze, Senyen

Alien M. 51 Restaurant  
manager

San Francisco, Calif. 1129 Pierce

Heart Mountain (April 1944)

This evacuee, about four months prior to his evacuation on May 11, 1942, had leased the premises at the above address and completely re-equipped this location for a restaurant with an investment of approximately \$3,000.00. The premises were leased from Burt Hulting, realtor, 41 Sutter Street, San Francisco, for ten years at \$30.00 per month.

On presentation of this problem to the representative of the bank it appeared that a substantial portion of this investment would be lost unless some consideration could be obtained by the landlord to have the restaurant taken over by a new tenant on such a rental basis as would cause the evacuee to realize some return on his investment in equipment and furnishings.

Our representative had a conference with Mr. Hulting and the above named evacuee wherein an amicable settle-

ment was entered into, whereby any excess rental obtained would be credited and deposited to the evacuee's account on the existing contract.

Within a few days after this conference the premises were leased at a monthly rental of \$65.00 per month, which afforded the evacuee a credit to be applied on the contract in excess of the \$30.00 rental under the lease.

The interest in this matter shown by the bank brought forth an expression of appreciation from both the evacuee and the landlord.

*Present address given to Chas F. Whiffen  
Deputy collector, Collector of Internal Revenue  
100 McAllister St.  
San Francisco*

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Mado Koro, Harry Fumis

Waterville

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Removal of personal belongings from  
Waterville

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Maruyama, Frank  
Gilroy, Calif.

Evacuee approached our San Jose representative April 7, 1942, stating that he was one of several laborer and share-cropper occupants of the house owned by their employer. Further related that employer was trying to evict them from house in order to substitute Filipino labor. He and associates refused to leave the house until such time as they had been paid their back wages. Our representative contacted landlord immediately, ascertained truth of foregoing statement and concluded arrangements same day for payment in full of back wages, the evacuees agreeing to ~~xxxxxxx~~ vacate property that evening.



Masuda, Jerry

requested assistance in the sale of contraband articles consisting of one Eastman Kodak, and a 1940 RCA Victor Radio, table model. When this property was picked up by our Transportation Department it was placed in our Sacramento warehouse. The case was then transferred to the Sacramento office for their attention.

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Matsui, Kitinosuke

Klamath Falls

Lindberg internment camp

S. Requested assistance in the sale of real property for \$5,000. Seller interned. Case referred to him for settlement with purchaser.

Matsui, M.

Wife:  
Citizen Male 37

San Francisco

Central Utah

requested assistance in the sale of his residence located at 1335-8th Avenue, San Francisco at the best price obtainable. This property was listed with nine real estate firms for the purpose of obtaining bids and three bids in the amount of \$5,000.00, \$5,425.00 and \$5,505.00 were received and submitted to the evacuee for his consideration. The \$5,505.00 bid was accepted and the necessary deed for the transfer of this property to the purchaser was placed in escrow with the Title Company. It was discovered when the Title Company's preliminary report was received that the property was subject to a \$4,000.00 deed of trust held by the San Francisco Bank, and one for \$170.49 held by a Timothy Lynch and Catherine Lynch, his wife. Correspondent with the project in which Matsui resided revealed the fact that the \$170.49 second deed of trust had been given to Lynch in connection with the



original purchase of the property and according to Matsui had been paid.

It was then necessary to locate Lynch in order to verify this fact and if it was found to be correct to prevail upon him to record the satisfaction of this obligation. This transaction occurred in May of 1939 and Lynch's present whereabouts were unknown at the San Francisco address he gave at that time.

After considerable correspondence, a Marin County address was obtained only to find that he had again moved back to San Francisco. He was finally located at a local address and after considerable negotiations he was prevailed upon to file for record a satisfaction of this deed of trust. It was then possible to consummate the sale, pay the \$4,000 mortgage to the San Francisco Bank and send the remaining proceeds in the amount of \$2,300.40 to the evacuee.

*Loan was \$2,943.35 and not \$4,000. Evacuee had stated correctly that loan from the San Francisco Bank was in the neighborhood of \$2,700. Evacuee was asked by Browne to rent but he preferred to sell.*

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Matsumoto, Pvt. Frank M.

During investigation of property located at 3609 Sacramento St., it was discovered that considerable personal property belonging to this licensee was stored on the premises, & owing to its location & to the fact that numerous other properties in this area have been pilfered, an endeavor was made to contact licensee to have property placed in gov. storage. Our letters addressed to him were however, unanswered, and therefore the ~~etc~~ case was closed.

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Matsumoto, go. ✓

Came to us after being involved with 2 different prospective purchasers for his chicken farm near Santa Rosa because of the fact that he had entered into negotiations with both of them at a different price, & after getting this situation straightened out for him, he reported that he had sold the property direct.



Matsumoto, George Y. *Ct. male 26*

*Hotel Utah 240 S. State St.  
Salt Lake City, Utah*

requested assistance in the sale of certain personal property belonging to him stored on his former chicken ranch at 575 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, California, and to ship the balance of his personal property to him at Salt Lake City, Utah.

The assistance of the present owner of the property was solicited to assist in the sale of the articles Matsumoto desired sold. It then developed that this individual claimed that some of these articles had been included in the sale of the real property. It was necessary to make a special trip to Santa Rosa in order to clarify this situation. After this had been accomplished Matsumoto then decided not to sell any of his personal property but to have it all shipped to him at Salt Lake City. The necessary forms were obtained authorizing the

shipment of this property and turned over to our  
Transportation Department.

Letter from Matsumoto to WRA, March 22, 1943 (Salt Lake City)

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I received recently from the law offices of Geary and Tauzer of Santa Rosa....It is true that I wrote Mr. Sanchietti a letter, naming a sum that I would like to receive for my place; but I am positive that I did not state positively or definitely that I would actually sell at that price. At any rate I ~~was~~ expecting an answer from him stating what he thought of my price; and ~~also~~ also, told Mr. Sanchietti to contact Mr. Hotle, President of the Bank of Sonoma County in Sebastopol as he is handling my place for me during my absence. Mr. Hotle sent me a wire stating that Mr. Sanchietti had put a \$1,000 deposit for a \$5,500 deal for my property, and for me to wire my acceptance of the deal immediately. But I didnt send my acceptance.. I told Mr. Hotle ~~not to~~ not to rush the matter. Then in the meantime, another

Matsumoto, George Y.

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party offered me \$6,000 cash net to me for the place. Naturally I would sell at the higher price, for a few hundred dollars mean a lot to me at a time like this. Mr. Sanchietti, hearing of this, took my letter to his ~~letter~~ lawyer and is now trying to enforce the contract we made, as he so calls my letter. Please advise me if they have a winning case in forcing me to sell my property to Mr. Sanchietti. At the time I wrote a letter to Mr. Sanchietti I considered him an old and trusted friend, being our neighbors; so I told him I would be willing to sell him the place for \$5,500, without the equipment & personal belongings stored and left there. But I was expecting an answer from him stating what he thought of my price, before I closed the deal with him. Instead he put a deposit with Mr. Hotl; but I definitely did not wire my acceptance of that \$5,500....

( These facts check with letter to Sanchietti in files )

~~Letter~~ from Browne to Matsumoto April 15, 1943

Visit to Sanchiettis. They are willing to compromise:

Pay \$5,750 for property with poultry equipment but excluding



personal belongings.

Letter from Geary to Browne April 23: Mr. Sanchietti is willing to pay \$5,700, which he feels is \$6,000 less the \$300 commission figured at the rate of 5%.

Letter from Matsumoto to Browne, April 26:

Your proposed compromise is not quite satisfactory, as it isn't any better than Sanchietti's first offer, because the price of \$5,500 did not include the chicken equipment... Since other buyers have offered me considerable more money for my place, I guess I can't be blamed for wanting to cancel the deal with the Sanchiettis.

Letter from Lucas, Insurance Agent, Santa Rosa, April 29 to Browne: Offer of \$6,000 net.. If Sanchietti wishes to play fair, or withdraw from further action, I will agree in writing, that if I acquire property I will not sell to an oriental or negro... We feel that our rights have priority over Sanchiettis . I wish to state further that we will step out of the picture for the sum of \$300, being a 5% commission on \$6000.

Matsumoto, Geo. Y.

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Letter to Geary from Browne inquiring whether offer of \$5,700 includes chicken ranch and ~~whether~~ communicating Lucas' proposal. May 3 1943

Ibid May 29, 1943

Letter from Geary to Browne June 10 1943: repeating offer without specification.

Letter from Browne to Sanchiatti asking for specifications of offer June 21

Letter from Geary to Browne, June 24: repeating the offer again without specifications.

Letter from Lucas to Matsumoto June 26; Mr. Sanchiatti called at our office yesterday... Willing to assign his rights to us providing we agree not to sell to a Chinese or colored people. 2. Legal expense of \$50 will have to be taken care of (by Matsumoto)... Sell at \$6000 net including all chicken & equipment.

Letter from Matsumoto to Browne, July 1, 1943: I have been consulting my parents about the whole thing and they advised me to keep the place so that we would have a place to return to

after the war. So I have changed my mind about ~~the~~ selling  
the ~~property~~ farm.

Letter from Browne to Matsumoto, July 28 1943

It appears that neither Sanchiatti or ~~therr~~ the real estate firm  
represented by Lucas are willing to drop their cases against you  
unless you pay the real estate firm their commission amounting to  
\$300 on ~~their~~ their deal to purchase the property for \$6,000  
and to pay Sanchiatti \$50.00 cost of filling his action against you

Letter from Matsumoto to Browne Sept 9 1943: I wish to inform you  
that my chicken ranch has been sold and that all disputes with  
Mr. Sanchiatti has been satisfactorily settled; so you can consider  
the matter closed.



Matsumura, Frank  
San Francisco, Calif.

The subject appeared at our head office March 25, 1942 stating that as proprietor of a garage he had certain tools including a lathe, machine tools, hydraulic press, compressor, etc. He wished to sell this equipment if such proceedings were legal. Upon advice from us that any sale which satisfied him was in order, he departed. Two days later he reappeared, stating that he had consummated the sale of the equipment, apparently prior to his first visit, as the deal was made March 3, 1942. This equipment was sold to Patterson Parts, Inc. with the understanding that check would be forwarded promptly. After contacting these people numerous times asking for either payment or the tools, he was told that they had surrendered the tools to some United States government agency and payment would be forthcoming as soon as they were reimbursed. This office checked with the company in question who advised that

subject's machine tools had been delivered to Fort Baker and they had been advised by the Quartermaster that requisition slips had been presented and they would get their money as soon as possible.

We then contacted the Quartermaster's office at Fort Baker and Fort Scott and discussed with a clerk the matter of payment. He advised that the equipment had been obtained in order to fit a machine shop. An order for payment was promised and after discussing it again with Patterson Parts, Inc. we advised Matsumura of the details underlying this transaction. On April 6, 1942 Matsumura was called upon in person by one of our representatives and information received that he had been paid in full.

Mayekawa, Masao

requested assistance in obtaining reimbursement from the United States Fire Insurance Company for a fire loss which had occurred to property belonging to this evacuee near the town of Mountain View.

After contacting Crum & Forster, agents for this Insurance Company, we were able to obtain an adjustment by which the company paid the total face amount of the policy in the amount of \$500.00. A check for this amount was collected from the Insurance Company and forwarded to the evacuee.



Menda, Banji

*L. Sellers Bros.*

Requested through his attorney, Taul Watanabe, 830-18th Street, Denver, Colorado, that an investigation be made in an endeavor to locate some sake wine and other merchandise of an approximate value at \$10,000 that was reported to be stored in some government warehouse in Monterey or Salinas at the time of evacuation.

An endeavor was made to obtain through Watanabe some additional information as to the circumstances under which this merchandise was supposed to have been stored and to furnish us with any additional information that might help in locating the government agency in whose warehouse this property was allegedly stored.

In the meantime we communicated with the Foreign Funds Control Office of the Federal Reserve Bank, the Monterey Branch of the Bank of America, S.W. Mack, U.S. Commissioner

in Monterey, Minick Transfer Storage Company of Monterey, Board of Equalization of San Jose, without obtaining any information relative to this merchandise or where it may have been stored. Personal inquiries were also made regarding this merchandise in which the Captain of the Port of Monterey, the head of the United States Customs of Monterey, the head of the Navy Intelligence in Monterey, the Sheriff of Monterey County, and the Salinas representative of the F.B.I. were interviewed together with the Alien Property Custodian of San Francisco, without finding any trace of this merchandise.

When no reply was received from Menda's attorney, Watanabe, to our original letter asking for additional information, a follow up letter was written and when no reply was received from either of our letters and our investigation failed to uncover any information regarding this merchandise the case was closed.

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Miho, Pumi

Obtained authorization from Loacue & had property removed from Custodian's possession so as to enable her to rent room where property had been stored.



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Minami, Harry

Colorado River-Poston

The assistance of this office was requested on the behalf of this evacuee by Mr. R.W. Schmitt of Poston for the purpose of making an investigation with refernece to the loss of this evacuee considerable personal property left in storage on the Acostia Pack ing ranch, five mile west of ~~Calexico~~ Calexico, Calif.

An extensive investigation was made and a complete report thereof send to Schmitt on April 24 1944. The evidence developed, indicated that "someone" in the Imperial Valley had a key to the box car in which this considerable prsonal property was stored. During the writer's visit to Poston, the 4 evacuees involved were called into conference by Mr. Schmitt, at which time, this evacuee frankly admitted that he ~~it~~ did, in fact, leave a key with George Charles 511 Ethel St., Calexico, but had overlooked informing Mr. Schmitt! The writer had, while in Calexico, found this evacuee's Cold Spot

refrigerator, as well as pther items of persenal property, in the hands of George Charles who was presently using them.

This case boiled down to this : the evacuee had pladed his confidence in a person who did not warrant it and must obviously proceed against him. Case Closed. WRA-LA June Memo, July 7 '44

Case LA-426-6

Mitsuzi, Frank  
Mt. Eden, Calif.

Evacuee approached our Hayward representative stating that certain fire insurance on his automobile had been cancelled March 25, 1942. A rebate on the premium to which he was entitled was not forthcoming and he therefore sought our help. Our representative contacted the insurance company who stated that they needed authorization from this bank before making such payment. Upon due investigation of the status of this evacuee we then informed the insurance company that no such authority was necessary and they promptly paid the amount in question. We had many more such cases, generally similar in character.



Miura, Roy K.

Letting crates belonging to R.K. Miura sold  
to Mike for \$599.32

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Miyamoto, Lily

Richmond

Central Utah

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requested an inventory be made of her household effects and equipment located in a store and boiler house at 5013 Wall Street, Richmond. An inventory of this property was made and forwarded to the evacuee through the center in which she was located, and she was informed that Mr. and Mrs. Soldati, the custodians, reported that some tools and motors had been removed from the premises, probably by a former sub-tenant. A request was received from Miss Miyamoto to check the damage done by a storm to her greenhouses and to advise what means she should take to protect her property. She also included a list of personal property that appeared to be missing from the place and requested that an endeavor be made to locate the missing articles. She was informed that the

Soldatis believed that all of these articles had been taken by her former tenant with the exception of the nicotine spray pump and Kenmore washing machine which were in their possession. It was also suggested to her that the best way to protect her property was to have it rented to some responsible tenant.



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Miyanağa, Tom

Arrangements completed whereby Rue  
Carley would have the use of farm  
machinery belonging to Miyanağa

(out to Brown)

Miyanaga, Tom

was reported to be the owner of a F-12 Farmall tractor now in storage near Salinas, California, which Rue Carley of 37 National Street, Salinas, wished to rent. Mr. Miyanaga was contacted and arrangements were completed by which Mr. Carley obtained the use of this tractor.

Moredomi, Tom  
Concord, Calif.

Evacuee approached our Pittsburgh representative April 4 1942, stating that he was not delinquent on a purchase contract involving an automobile. A representative of the finance company had called, wishing to reposses the machine, and he asked our protection. Head office of the finance company was called. Specific instructions were rendered that no repossession would be allowed unless normal delinquency had occurred, to which the finance company agreed. Evacuee subsequently returned to our office, stating that local utilities company had presented bill for unexpired term of three-year contract. These contracts were a common method of obtaining power facilities in certain rural areas by means of which the utility company agreed to furnish such power and construct the necessary ~~line~~ polelines, etc., predicated upon a long-term power subscription agreement by the consumer based on certain



monthly requirements. The utility company was contacted, the situation explained, together with suggestion that the subsequent occupant of property be allowed to assume contract. Considerable discussion took place, but utility company eventually agreed to such arrangement, and if necessary, to waive the contractual requirements until the property was being successfully operated or until after eventual return of the evacuee, if need be.

Morino, George

had stored his personal property in his residence at 1806 Sutter Street and requested that we inventory the property. This was done and a copy of the inventory forwarded to him. He then executed the necessary forms for its removal to our warehouse but asked us not to act upon this request until he was able to visit this area on a furlough from the Army, at which time he would pack his goods and have them removed after he had completed the packing. After visiting this area and preparing the goods for our Transportation Section, the goods were removed and stored in our warehouse.

Morishita, George

San Francisco

Central Utah

8/13/43

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requested our Transportation Section to pick up his garage equipment located at 1075 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco. Our Transportation Section reported that the present tenants of this garage claimed ownership of the tools and equipment located therein and had no knowledge of any such items belonging to this evacuee. They suggested that it would be desirable to have the Evacuee Property Office follow this matter up further. This case had previously been investigated by this office and a full report made to the evacuee on October 18, 1943. The case was closed on December 2, 1943 when the project informed us that we would be advised if this evacuee desires any further assistance.

Note: Previous to the Transportation Section receiving



authorization to repossess this equipment, R.T. Robinson, Chief, Evacuee Property Office, had notified the project that the real property in which Morishita's equipment and tools were located was in the process of being sold and suggested authorization from him might be requested on very short notice.

Our investigation revealed that the Superior Diaper Service had purchased this building and had also agreed to purchase the garage equipment and tools from the former tenant, John W. Flannery, for \$400.00 and had already paid \$200.00 on the purchase price. They also stated that they had re-leased the garage portion which included the use of this equipment and tools and that Flannery had joined the armed services. After explaining the situation to the officials of the Superior Diaper Service, they signified their willingness to pay Morishita the \$200.00 they had withheld from the Flannery deal. This information was made they said in order to get a clear title to the equipment. We then received a reply from the project in which they stated that Morishita had concluded a deal for the purchase of the equipment with a new tenant at \$225.00

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Morishita, Geo.

Requested investigation of his garage & repair shop 1075 Golden Gate Ave S.F., which is now being operated by a John Flannery. Flannery claims that he purchased garage & repair shop business from Morishita for \$200. An inventory was made of the personal property in the buildings which was forwarded to the concue together with the report of Flannery's case. The concue expressed his appreciation for our inventory & stated that the transaction

involving \$200 was in connection with the  
purchase of some oil stock. He further stated  
that he would contact us again in the event  
he wished us to proceed further