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Committee No. 2284

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) YOSHITAKA FUKAWA

Block No. 3214-D

Sex: Male ☒ Female _____

Age: 20 years Date of Birth: Month: 4 Day: 21 Year: 1925

Place of Birth: (City) OAKLAND (County) ALAMEDA State) CALIF.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: _____

1722 SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Occupation at time of evacuation: WORKING NEWS PAPER.

Have you "dual citizenship"? YES

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? _____

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as

a dual citizen: PARENTS When: AT BIRTH

Where: OAKLAND, CALIF.

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? No

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

On what date did you sign a form renouncing your U. S. citizenship:

Month: JANUARY Day: _____ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that

renunciation form? YES

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? YES

What was his name? _____

Did you have a hearing on the matter at that time? YES

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

Did you attend that hearing alone? YES If not, who went with you? _____

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? YES

If you have, what date does it bear? APRIL

On what date did you receive the letter of approval? AUGUST

Who signed that letter of approval? HERBERT WECHSLER

_____. (Attach the letter of approval and the envelope.)

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received a letter approving your renunciation? No

If you did, what date did you send that letter in the U. S.
mail? _____

Have you a copy of that letter? _____

(If you have, annex it to this form)

Since receiving a letter from the Attorney General's office approving your renunciation, have you sent a letter to that office or to the Attorney General revoking your renunciation? YES

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? _____

(If you have a copy of that letter revoking your renunciation, annex it to this form.)

Have you served in our military forces? No

If so, what date did you enroll? _____ When were you discharged or released from military service? _____

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? 4-C

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku

Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp? either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? YES, But withdrawn immediately

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: MITSUJI FUKAWA (FATHER DECEASED)
SATO FUKAWA (MOTHER)

Have they been released from detention? (LIVING IN JAPAN)

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? _____

Have you registered as an "alien" under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? YES When: OCTOBER 16, 1945

Where: TYLER LAKE CTR. Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? _____ Were you represented by

anyone at that time? NO

Was any hearing given to you at that time? YES

Who registered you, if you know? _____

Did you protest registering as an alien? YES

Did you write your protest on the form? YES

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer?

No (If so, annex a copy of the letter to this form.)

Have you signed non-repatriation form asking to stay in U.S.? YES

Have you filled out a Department of Justice Repatriation form asking to be sent to Japan? NO If you did, when? _____

Where: _____ Before whom did you appear to sign that repatriation form? _____

Did anyone represent you at that time or were you alone? _____

_____ Were you given a hearing by anyone on the question of signing the repatriation form? _____

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

Did you file a letter of protest with the registering officer at the time you signed it? _____

What was the name of the officer present when you signed, if you know? _____

When, if ever, did you fill out a repatriation form for W. R. A.

Social Welfare? APRIL 7, 1943

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? ABOUT OCT. 1945

Do you own any agricultural land, a home, or commercial property in the U. S.? NO If so, where? _____

The following space is for any remarks you care to write:

Date: FEBRUARY 20, 1946

Toshitaka Fukawa

3214-D

(Name)

NEWELL, CALIFORNIA

FEBRUARY 20, 1946

Honorable Tom Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On or about JANUARY, 1945, I signed an application for renunciation of U. S. Nationality at the Tule Lake Center, Newell Modoc County, California.

I hereby repudiate, withdraw, retract and revoke the said renunciation form upon the the following grounds and for the following reasons:

(1) The circumstances under which said renunciation form was signed by me did not constitute a fair and impartial hearing and was a denial of my constitutional guaranty of due process of law and of the equal protection of the laws:

(2) I was not a free agent at the time when and the place where said renunciation form was signed but then and there was held in duress and was the victim of fraud, menace, undue influence and mistake of fact and law;

(3) I then and there was and for a period of time prior thereto had been detained in said Tule Lake Center by official authority and was deprived of substantially of my constitutional rights, liberties, privileges and immunities as an American Citizen and was treated as though I were an Alien enemy and thus was discriminated against solely by reason of the Japanese nationality of my ancestors.

(4) I was intimidated, coerced and compelled to sign said renunciation form by reason of the duress in which I was held by the government and the duress, fraud, menace and undue influence of groups and individuals within said Center, against which the government failed to protect me.

Because of the foregoing reasons the said renunciation was fictitious and is invalid and void.

I am not a citizen or subject of Japan and I do not and never have owed or given that country or nation any allegiance. I am not an alien enemy. I am a native American by birth and by choice. I have no dual citizenship through any act or acceptance upon my individual part.

I demand that you withdraw and set aside the said renunciation form, and the approval thereof if any approval thereof was given.

I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing by granted me in order to prove the said renunciation application was executed under the circumstances above-mentioned when I was not a free agent in any sense of the word but was acting under duress, menace, fraud, undue influence and mistake of fact and law.

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very Truly yours,

Yoshitaka Yikawa
Address 3214-D
Tule Lake Center