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Nov. 11, 1952

TO THE TULE LAKE DEFENSE COMMITTEE:

The undersigned, one of the party plaintiffs in the mass equity Consolidated Suits No. 25294 and No. 25295, hereby releases the Tule Lake Defense Committee from any further responsibilities in connection with the proceeding to have his individual renunciation of U.S. citizenship cancelled and his U.S. citizenship restored.

Masako Mary Iseu

(Signature of renunciants)

August 5, 1947

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 upon 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 all 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.

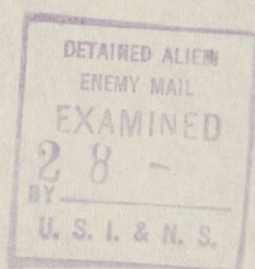
I am ready and willing to have this matter re-opened and a hearing be granted me in order to prove the said renunciation application was executed under the circumstances above-mentioned when I was not a free agent in any sense of the word but was acting under duress, menace, fraud, undue influence and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

I respectfully request your immediate consideration of this urgent matter.

Very truly yours,

Masako M. Iseur
(Name)

Address: P.O. Box 788
Alien Int. Camp,
Crystal City, Texas



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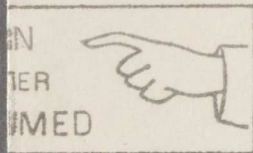


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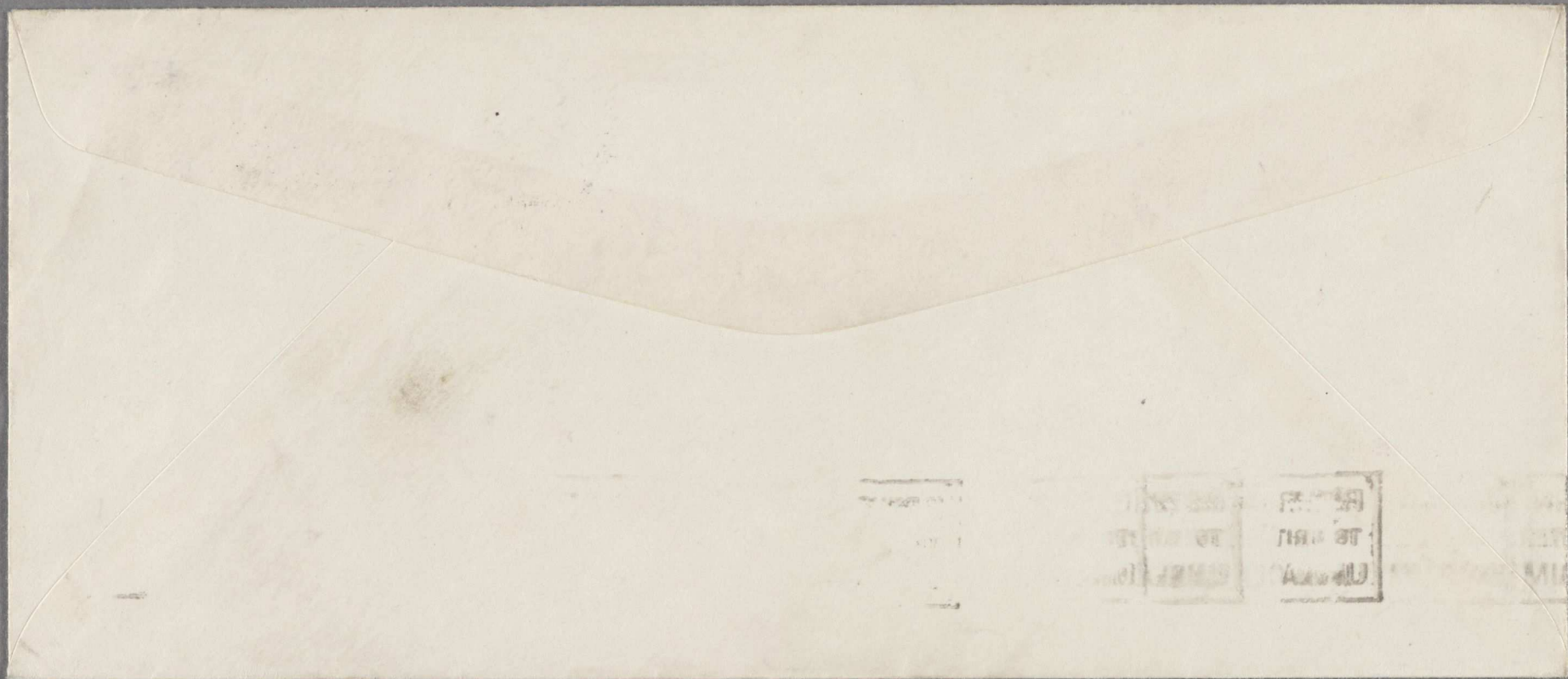
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January 11, 1954.

Dear Plaintiff-Renunciant:

A final effort will be made to cancel your renunciation of U. S. citizenship administratively, through an arrangement I have made with the Justice Department (Attorney General of the United States), before it becomes necessary to resort to an individual court trial for you in the mass class equity suits.

I have had printed the Affidavit forms, an Outline of Events Leading to Renunciation of Citizenship, a Letter of Instructions and a Memorandum informing you of the nature of the evidence which the Justice Department asserts it holds against you and which it asserts indicates you were disloyal to the United States and the evidence which it asserts indicates that your renunciation was voluntary. By means of these documents which I have sent to the Tule Lake Defense Committee, 124 South San Pedro Street, Room 215, Los Angeles 12, California, telephone MIchigan 4728, it may be possible to clear you administratively so that you may not be required to have an individual court trial.

You should get in touch with your Tule Lake Defense Committee immediately so that you can obtain the forms you are to fill out and also to learn the nature of the evidence the Justice Department asserts it has which indicates that you renounced U. S. citizenship voluntarily and which it asserts also indicates that you were not loyal to the United States. It is essential that you obtain that information in order to be able to fill out the Affidavit forms fully and truthfully in an effort to convince the Justice Department that your renunciation was not voluntary but was the product of duress or coercion and to prove that you were not disloyal to the United States.

The new alien registration law (Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, also called the Walter-McCarran Act) requires every alien in the United States to notify the Attorney General of the United States, in writing, within 30 days from January 1, 1954, that is to say *on or before January 31, 1954*, and within the same period of time in each succeeding year, *of his current address* and also to supply him with such additional information as he may require. This notification is to be made on a form called an "Annual Address Report Card", Form I-53.

For your own protection, because your citizenship status still is in doubt, you must give him such a notice. You must go to the nearest Post Office, ask for such a form, and there fill it out and deliver it to the postal authorities. You cannot mail this notice—you are required to deliver it in person there to the postal authorities on or before January 31, 1954.

Further, you must notify the Attorney General, in writing, of each change of address you thereafter may have within ten (10) days after you change your address. You can obtain the notification "Change of Address", Form AR-11, from the Post Office nearest you and then fill it out, date and sign it, place a postage stamp on it and mail it to the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 19th and East Capitol Streets, NE, Washington 25, D.C., to which it is addressed. That will constitute notice to the Attorney General who is head of the Department of Justice and also of the Immigration Service of any change in your address.

Very truly yours,

Wayne M. Collins