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Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

September 6, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Acting Project Attorney,
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - August 31, 1943 to September 6, 1943
inclusive

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - AUGUST 31, 1943

1) MEMO:

Prepared the weekly report covering August 24, 1943 to August 30, 1943, inclusive, which consists of seventeen pages. I had an especially busy week covering usual routine matters pertaining to evacuee property, and legal work.

2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. J. Kakutani, relative to the claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: Mr. Kakutani owes on a note, that he executed in favor of the Yokohama Specie Bank in the sum of \$500.00, dated June 1, 1941. He had placed, as collateral, for the note his Yokohama Specie Bank Time Draft dated October 25, 1939, in the sum of ¥15,748.55.

Under date of June 25, 1943, the liquidator of the Yokohama Specie Bank advised Mr. Kakutani, that it would be proper for him assign to the Yokohama Specie Bank his deposit claim against the Sumitomo Bank in the sum of \$538.46 to pay off the note and interest.

Mr. Kakutani claimed that, notwithstanding, he had complied with the request by forwarding the aforesaid assignment, he has failed to hear from the bank or to receive the cancelled note and collateral. Mr. Kakutani requested the aid of this office to secure the cancelled note and Time Draft.

Under date of August 21, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor advised us:

"Please inform Mr. Kakutani that the Alien Property Custodian acknowledges receipt of his assignment of account from the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle in the amount of \$538.46. However, this assignment is being held pending the time when it has been decided to settle the affairs of the Sumitomo Bank, at which time credit will be given on the note which the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., holds against Mr. Kakutani in the amount of \$500.00. If, at that time, there is additional interest required, Mr. Kakutani will be notified. If a refund is due Mr. Kakutani on the credit, that amount will be sent to him together with the cancelled note and his Yokohama Specie Bank Time Draft, number 43601, dated October 25, 1939, in the sum of ¥15,748.55."

I interpreted the contents of this letter to the evacuee, and he was satisfied with the investigation.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the office notified him to this effect, and that the case can now be considered closed.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Hamada, relative to his savings account.

Banking: Mr. T. Hamada prior to evacuation changed his individual account in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank to a joint account with his wife, K. Hamada. There is now the sum of \$6,363.96 in said account, as of July 30, 1943. Mr. Hamada now desires to change this account back to its former status of an individual account in his own name, "T. Hamada" (only).

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the office requested of the bank to write to us the necessary instructions, and to provide for forms, in order that we can accommodate the evacuee.

4) TRIP TO TWIN FALLS:

I made a special trip to Twin Falls, Idaho, for the

purpose of contacting the Internal Revenue Office to secure the following forms:

- (1) Power of Attorney - individual return
- (2) Power of Attorney - joint return

These forms are necessary; for the reason some of the evacuees have business enterprises operated by their agents at the point of evacuation. Since all of the books are in possession of these agents it is more satisfactory, and convenient to have these agents file the "Declaration" in behalf of these evacuees.

5) SCHOOLING STATUS OF EVACUEES IN THE STATE OF IDAHO:

The following newspaper item appeared in the Twin Falls Times-News, under date of Tuesday, August 31, 1943:

"FREE SCHOOLING DENIED EVACUEES-(AP)--In a bulletin sent to school officials throughout the state today, C. E. Roberts, state superintendent of public instruction, reaffirmed an opinion issued on May 14 by Attorney General Miller that Japanese children are not entitled to free school privileges.

The bulletin is being issued, he said, after conferring with attorneys from the Hunt Japanese relocation center and at the request of several school officials.

The opinion was written by Miller after Roberts had requested information as to 'whether children of Japanese parents who are placed in a school district of Idaho by the federal war relocation authorities are entitled to receive school privileges at the expense of the district?'

In the opinion, Miller held that Japanese families, 'are virtually prisoners or at least charges of the United States government, having been taken into custody by the federal authorities and moved from their places of residence.....in coastal and defense areas because of the likelihood of their interfering with the war effort.'

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 1, 1943

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi, relative to his papers.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Kawaguchi formerly operated the

"Corona Hotel" at Seattle, Washington. Up to the up-break of the war, Mr. Masuda had acted as his attorney. He left all of his papers including legal documents, for safe keeping in Mr. Masuda's files.

These files are now being kept by Mrs. Mamie Gregory, formerly the secretary of Mr. Masuda.

Mr. Kawaguchi had requested the aid of this office to secure these papers for him.

Under date of August 20, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor has remitted several of these papers, and has advised us, that "Mrs. Gregory has promised to make a list of all of these documents and bring them to this office so that we can transmit them to Mr. Kawaguchi for his determination as to whether he wants any of them sent to him."

Prepared the receipt, wherein Mr. Kawaguchi acknowledged the receipt of the enclosures.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein this receipt in duplicate was enclosed.

7) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Mume Mori, relative to the Savings Account of her deceased husband.

Estate: Mr. Sasuke Mori died at this Center leaving a Savings Account in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank in the sum of \$501.36. He left, as his heirs, his wife, an evacuee now sojourning in this Center, a blocked Japanese National, and a daughter, who is now isolated in Japan as a result of the present war. I am now attempting to have this account transferred to the widow without probate.

Under date of July 29, 1943, we were advised by the attorneys for the bank, that the bank will accommodate us, provided we are able to secure the waiver on the estate from the Inheritance Tax Commission, and also a license from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Under date of August 11, 1943, the waiver on said estate was granted by the Inheritance Tax Division of the State of Washington.

The application for a Federal Reserve License is now

pending. Under date of August 28, 1943, Mrs. Mume Mori was advised by the bank, that further information is necessary. Prepared an answer to this letter to the following effect:

"Replying to your letter of August 28, 1943, and in support of my application, as described in the above caption, I hereby respectfully state:

- (1) That Sasuke Mori, as described in the aforesaid application was a Generally licensed Japanese National up to the time of his death at the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho, on June 3, 1943.
- (2) That the said Sasuke Mori had on deposit with the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington, the sum of \$501.36 in Savings Account number 1230, as of July 1, 1943.
- (3) That this estate is being settled without probate in view of the smallness of this estate by transferring the account to the blocked account of the applicant, as indicated in her application, after paying for the expenses incurred for the funeral services of the deceased.
- (4) That the applicant is entitled by law to all of said estate, since there has been no homestead claim in the manner provided by law, either prior or subsequent to the death of said Sasuke Mori, and therefore, eventually by the Laws of the State of Washington, the surviving spouse would be entitled to the entire estate.
- (5) That the request for this transfer has been made with said bank by filing with the bank the following:
 - (a) The affidavit of Mume Mori requesting the transfer, together with the indemnity statement signed by Ichiriki Nakagawa, and Fuji Ogishima.

- (b) The claim of Harushige Harry Minagawa by moneys advanced for the funeral services of Sasuke Mori in the sum of \$100.00.
 - (c) Letter of authority by Mume Mori, the said bank authorizing the payment of said sum of \$100.00 to Harushige Harry Minagawa, and directing the payment to her of the balance of said account in the sum of \$401.36.
- (6) That under date of July 29, 1943, the attorneys for the bank, Falknor, Emory & Howe, with offices in the Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, Washington, advised the Evacuee Property Office of the Minidoka Relocation Center, to the following effect:

"The International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, for whom we are counsel, has referred the above matter to our attention, forwarding to us the creditor's claim of Harushige Harry Minagawa, the letter from Mume Mori directing us to pay the balance of the amount after payment of funeral expenses, and the affidavit of Mume Mori.

In your letter you state that you will apply for a waiver from the Inheritance Tax Commission in this matter, and also prepare an application to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to have the proper license issued for release of this account.

As soon as these papers are properly in order and forwarded to us, we will direct the payment of the account as requested."

- (7) That under date of August 11, 1943, the Inheritance Tax Division of the State of Washington has advised the Property Division of the War Relocation Authority at

Hunt, Idaho, to the following effect:

"In accordance with affidavit filed pursuant to Rem. Rev. Stat., Section 11216, with this division, we hereby find that the property of the above estate, as disclosed in said affidavit, is not subject to inheritance tax in this state, and which property is described as follows:

Seattle-First National Bank
(International Branch) Savings Account No. 1230
Estimated Value at date of death - \$501.36.

There is enclosed herewith a duplicate original of this statement; one for recording, if you desire, and other for your files."

In view of the foregoing, I hereby request that my application be granted."

Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid answer was transmitted.

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney in Fact for Hiroshi Fujino, the owner of the New England Hotel and the son of M. Fujino. The lease of the hotel is about to expire. The "Fujinos" secured a new lease through the efforts of another party without informing the Attorney in Fact. Mr. Fujino was desirous of explaining the situation to Mr. Boyle.

I explained the situation to Mr. Boyle over long distance to the satisfaction of both parties.

9) INTERVIEW:

Seizo Itoi and Ben Itoi, his wife, relative to their "Declaration of Estimated Income and Victory Tax".

Income Tax: Mr. Boyle is Attorney in Fact for Mr. S. Itoi. He has now taken over the management of the

"Carrollton Hotel" from Clise & Co., the former agents. All of the books of the hotel are in Mr. Boyle's hands. The "Itois" are desirous to have Mr. Boyle file the Declaration.

Prepared the following:

- (1) Joint Power of Attorney by the "Itois" to Mr. Boyle, wherein they authorized him to make the Declaration.
- (2) Letter from the "Itois", in which they estimated their earnings for the year 1943, outside of the hotel business.
- (3) Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office enclosed the aforesaid letter and Power of Attorney.

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 2, 1943

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi, relative to the payment of his debts.

Federal Reserve: Mr. Kawaguchi is the operator of the "Corona Hotel" in the City of Seattle, Washington. He has a checking account in the main office of the Seattle-First National Bank. In July, 1936, at the time when he purchased the furniture and furnishings of said hotel, he borrowed considerable sums of money from G. Y. Kurata and Y. Ishikawa, both Generally Licensed Japanese Nationals. There is now due and owing the sum of \$1,000 to Y. Ishikawa and the sum of \$2,000 to G. Y. Kurata. Mr. Kawaguchi is now desirous of retiring the indebtedness.

Prepared the following:

- (1) Federal Reserve License Application, whereby Mr. Kawaguchi requested authorization to issue a check in the sum of \$2,000 against the Seattle-First National Bank to retire the indebtedness in favor of G. Y. Kurata.
- (2) Federal Reserve License Application, whereby Mr. Kawaguchi requested authorization to issue a check in the sum of \$1,000 against the Seattle-First National Bank to retire the

indebtedness in favor of Y. Ishikawa.

- (3) A letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the two license applications are to be enclosed.

11) BIRTH CERTIFICATE:

Mr. George Makoto Iwakiri is desirous of securing his birth certificate. His father has delivered to the office a Postal Money Order in the sum of \$.50 to cover the cost of a certified copy.

Prepared a letter to the Washington State Board of Health, wherein the office requested a copy of said birth certificate, and enclosed the aforesaid Postal Money Order.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Ura Yoshioka, relative to the estate of her deceased daughter.

Estate: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is now acting as the Attorney and administrator for the state of Dorothy Miyako Yoshioka.

Under date of August 13, 1943 Mr. Boyle has reported to the Evacuee Property officer, as to the present status of this estate. Ura Yoshioka, the mother, is the sole heir of the estate.

I interpreted the contents of Mr. Boyle's letter to Mrs. Yoshioka.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Sadako Abe, relative to the estate of her deceased husband.

Estate: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is now acting as the attorney and administrator for the estate of Takaji Abe. Sadako Abe is the principal heir of the estate.

Under date of August 13, 1943 Mr. Boyle has reported to the Evacuee Property officer, as to the present status of the estate.

I interpreted the contents of this letter to Mrs. Sadako Abe.

14) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Mume Mori, relative to her husband's Savings Account.

Estate(without probate(: Mrs. Mume Mori today has signed

the answer in reply to the inquiry by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. This was notarized in the presence of Miss Yasuko Koyama, the office Notary.

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seizo Itoi, relative to the "Carrollton Hotel".

Evacuee Property: Mr. Boyle is now acting, as Attorney in Fact for Mr. Itoi, relative to the management of the "Carrollton Hotel". Under date of August 25, 1943, Mr. Boyle reported to the Evacuee Property officer, as to the progress that he has made, since taking over the management of the hotel from Clise & Company.

He also requested, that the Declaration for the bank be signed by Mr. Itoi. The contents of this letter was related to Mr. Itoi.

Prepared the following:

- (1) The Declaration for the bank, which was signed by Mr. Itoi.
- (2) The Affidavit, as to the status of Mr. Itoi.
- (3) A letter to Mr. Frank E. Boyle, wherein the affidavit, and the Declaration were enclosed, and the office advised Mr. Boyle, that Mr. Itoi expressed his satisfaction in the matter. The office also forwarded to Mr. Boyle at the request of the evacuee, Mr. Itoi's check in the sum of \$150.00 to cover the cost of Mr. Boyle's services for the month of July, 1943.

16) MEMO TO:

Dr. L. M. Neher, relative to the registration of Misao Kishida, under the Enemy Alien Registration Act. I have this date returned the documents, which Dr. Neher had attached to his Memo of August 28, 1943.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 3, 1943

17) INTERVIEW:

Toshio Sakai, relative to his farm on Bainbridge Island.

Evacuee Property: Kazuko Sakai at the time of evacuation was owner of two pieces of farm land, totaling

approximately nineteen acres of land. She leased a portion of the farm to Manuel H. Garcia, a Filipino.

Under date of August 16, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, advised this office, that Mr. Garcia is desirous of securing a lease on the farm property; that he is willing to pay the sum of \$25.00 per acre per year for the duration; that, as far as the eight acres, which are now in cover crop, he is willing to pay the taxes on same, and that the lease should contain a clause, whereby, in the event should the evacuee return during the crop year, that he will be reimbursed for what work and expenses incurred in the production of the crop up to such time.

Recently Kazuko Sakai transferred all of her interest in said farm property to her brother, Toshio Sakai. Upon interviewing Toshio Sakai I learned, that Toshio Sakai is desirous of leasing the farm for the period of his exclusion for the sum of \$370.00 per year, payable yearly in advance; and that he will agree to the termination clause.

Prepared a request for assistance on form WRA-153-A, wherein the said Toshio Sakai authorized the War Relocation Authority to assist him in securing this lease from Manuel H. Garcia. Prepared, in addition, the following:

- (1) The affidavit, as to the status of Toshio Sakai
- (2) A letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the request for assistance in duplicate, and the affidavit were both enclosed.

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel.

Evacuee Property: The "Fujinos" are the operators of the New England Hotel. Mr. Frank E. Boyle is now the Attorney in Fact for H. Fujino, the son of M. Fujino, and is managing the hotel. The lease on this hotel is about to expire. One Katagi, formerly a hotel broker, and now an evacuee at Heart Mountain Relocation Center, through his attorney L. A. Michelson assisted the "Fujinos" in securing the new lease.

Mr. Katagi forwarded a letter, that he had received from the real estate agent, relative to the lease.

Mr. Fujino is desirous of transmitting this letter, together with his request to Mr. Boyle in order that Mr. Boyle would be properly advised in the matter. Prepared the following:

- (1) A letter containing Mr. M. Fujino's request directed to Mr. Boyle.
- (2) A letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office transmitted Mr. Fujino's request, together with the letter from the Real Estate agent to Katagi.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Muneo Yatsuki, relative to his claim against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle.

Consultation.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. K. Sugino, relative to the proceeds of the Togo Hotel.

Evacuee Property:

George Arakawa formerly operated the "Togo Hotel" at Seattle, Washington. He had purchased the business and the hotel equipment from Kizo Sugino on a conditional sale contract. Mr. Kizo Sugino had borrowed the sum of \$500.00 from M. Kuroiwa by delivering to M. Kuroiwa the aforementioned conditional sale contract, as collateral for the loan. Prior to evacuation, George Arakawa appointed Robert B. Porterfield, as his Attorney-in-Fact to liquidate the business and the property of the Togo Hotel.

Kizo Sugino was picked up by the FBI and was held in custody at Fort Missoula, Montana. Mrs. Sugino, while acting for and on behalf of Kizo Sugino under a Power-of-Attorney, paid off the loan to M. Kuroiwa. M. Kuroiwa instead of returning the conditional sale contract by mistake satisfied the conditional sale contract. This satisfaction thus inured to the benefit of George Arakawa at the expense of Kizo Sugino.

Robert B. Porterfield liquidated the hotel, and then

held the proceeds. Mr. Sugino was later released on parole, and while at the Assembly Center at Puyallup, it was mutually agreed between George Arakawa and Kizo Sugino, that Kizo Sugino was entitled to the sum of \$558.88, as his share of the proceeds in the hands of Mr. Porterfield, Mr. Thomas Masuda, formerly of Poston, Arizona, handled the matter for Mr. Sugino, and although he had considerable correspondence with Mr. Porterfield, he failed to secure the sum of \$558.88 from Mr. Porterfield. It was in this state of affairs, when Mr. Sugino requested the assistance of this office. Mr. Linville, then in Seattle, took charge of the case for the Seattle office. Upon the request of Mr. Porterfield thru Mr. Linville, this office prepared an agreement, whereby Kizo Sugino was to be paid the sum of \$558.00, M. Kuroiwa the sum of \$50.00, and the balance of the proceeds to George Arakawa.

In the meantime, Mr. Porterfield was inducted into the army and went overseas. This agreement was forwarded to Mr. Porterfield by his representative in Seattle. Considerable time passed by without any response from Mr. Porterfield, and at one time it appeared that no settlement was in sight for the duration of the war.

Finally to our greatest surprise, Mr. George Arakawa delivered a check to this office in the sum of \$558.80 from the Porterfield Investment Company, dated May 31, 1943, made payable to George Arakawa, Sawano Arakawa, and K. Sugino. On the back of the check appears the following indorsement:

"In full--together with accompanying checks for \$263.91 and \$50.00--of all sums payable in connection with proceeds of Togo Hotel, Seattle, and all sums payable by Robert B. Porterfield.

SS "George Arakawa"
George Arakawa

SS "Sawano Arakawa"
Sawano Arakawa

K. Sugino

This check was indorsed by said George Arakawa and Sawano Arakawa.

Since Mr. K. Sugino was once picked up by the FBI, and then later released, it was necessary to ascertain his status.

After checking his status with the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank, this office learned that Mr. Sugino was still a Generally Licensed Japanese National.

Prepared the following:

- (1) The receipt covering said check, which was signed by Mr. and Mrs. K. Sugino.
- (2) The affidavit, as to the status of K. Sugino.
- (3) The affidavit, as to the status of Mitsuye Sugino.
- (4) A letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the receipt, and the affidavits, as to the status of Mr. and Mrs. Sugino, were enclosed, and the office advised him, that the case can now be considered closed.

21) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to his nephew's oyster farm in Tillamook, Oregon.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Frank Y. Okada---Consultation

23) INTERVIEW:

Dr. George Takeno, relative to his mother's status.

Treasury Department: Mrs. Ai Takeno, mother of Dr. George Takeno, was picked up by the FBI on or about February 28, 1942, and was later released on parole in May, 1942. Dr. Takeno is desirous of ascertaining the status of his mother. Mrs. Takeno is able to sign the WRA form 154 except for the fact that she was picked up by the FBI.

Prepared a letter to the Treasury Department for the signature of the Project Director, wherein he inquired, as to the status of Ai Takeno.

24) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi, relative to his License Applications with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Federal Reserve (Continued from Item 9): Mr. Kawaguchi today has signed the two license applications before

the office notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the two license applications were transmitted, each executed in triplicate in form TFE-1.

SATURDAY-SEPTEMBER 4, 1943

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kinzo Tada, relative to claims against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle.

Sumitomo Bank Claim: Mr. K. Tada is the brother-in-law of H. Teshirogi. Mr. and Mrs. R. Teshirogi had on deposit with the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, the following:

1. Savings account in the sum of \$2,151.33.
2. Certificate of Time Deposit in the sum of \$5,461.97.
3. Certificate of Time Deposit in the sum of \$5,593.06.

The "Teshirogis" are both isolated in Japan, as a result of the present war. Mr. Tada informed me, that the bank has on file Powers-of-Attorney written in Japanese characters from Mr. H. Teshirogi and Mrs. K. Teshirogi, and that this is further supported by the fact, that he was allowed to withdraw the sum of \$150 on three occasions just prior to the "freezing" of the bank.

This office inquired of the Receiver of the Sumitomo Bank, as to whether or not Mr. K. Tada will be allowed to file the claims on these accounts in behalf of the "Teshirogis".

The Sumitomo Bank advised us, that Mr. Tada will be allowed to file the claims. The claims were then forwarded to the bank.

Under date of August 17, 1943 the Receiver of the Sumitomo Bank advised us, that:

"The proofs of claim are in proper form and

have been duly filed and that the certificates of deposit and savings pass book are attached to the proof of claims, and that he will be notified when we are authorized to make payment of a dividend. The passport of Mr. Tada is returned herewith."

The contents of this letter was today interpreted to Mr. Kinzo Tada. Delivered to Mr. Tada his Japanese passport, and a copy of the letter from the Receiver.

26) BANKING:

Utaka Morishita has an account with the First State Bank of Milwaukie in the sum or \$1,014.12. He has volunteered and is now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Prior to his departure for Camp Shelby, he requested that the office aid him in changing his account to a joint checking account with his brother, Takeo. This office handled the arrangements for the volunteer.

Under date of August 28, 1943, the First State Bank of Milwaukie advised us, that:

"We are in receipt of check signed by Utaka Morishita and have transferred this checking account to a joint checking account of Utaka or Takeo Morishita."

Prepared a letter to Mr. Utaka Morishita advising him to this effect by enclosing a copy of this letter.

27) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Y. Shimizu, relative to the bank accounts of her daughters.

Banking: Helen and Mary Shimizu have a savings account in the Miners and Merchants Bank of Ketchikan, Alaska in the sum of \$407.55 and \$177.37 respectively. The daughters requested thru their mother to have their interest entered on their pass books, and to find out whether or not their accounts have been blocked by the Treasury Department. Mr. Shimizu, the father, is now interned; and hence, the mother's account in said bank has been blocked.

This office wrote to the bank, wherein this inquiry was made.

Under date of August 12, 1943 the Miners and Merchants Bank of Ketchikan advised us, that:

"These girls were born in Ketchikan and are citizens of the United States. Their accounts are not blocked."

The contents of this letter was interpreted to Mrs. Shimizu. Delivered to Mrs. Shimizu the pass books covering the savings accounts, which the bank had returned after entering the interest to date. Prepared the receipt covering same, which was signed by Mrs. Shimizu. I advised Mrs. Shimizu that it is necessary for her daughters to sign the enclosed signature cards, as the bank informed us, that they would like to have them sign and fill out these cards for their files; for the reason, that the accounts were opened up years ago and their handwriting may have changed.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yoshijima---Consultation

Sumitomo Bank Claim: Mr. Yoshijima has a small claim against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle. He left his passbook in a trunk, which is now stored in a private home in Seattle. He wanted advice, as to whether or not the passbook is necessary to perfect his claim.

I advised him, that, unless the passbook is sent in, the bank will require a bond.

29) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Shioishi and his daughter---Consultation

30) MEMO TO:

Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Project Attorney, wherein I submitted the following report for the month of August, 1943:

"1. Legal Services to Evacuees

Federal Reserve	8
Deeds	2
Power of Attorney	10
Affidavits	12
Lease	2
Alien Registration	4
Satisfaction of Mortgage	2
Releases	2

Miscellaneous	2
Railroad Retirement	2
Income Tax	1
Contracts	1
Assignment	1

II. Evacuee Property Cases Referred by Evacuee Officer:

Hotels	4
Automobiles	1
Farm Equipment	3
Farms	6
Insurance	3
Banking	10
Greenhouse	1
Claims	4
Claim by Bank	3
Commercial Equipment	1

III. Evacuee Property Cases Referred to Outside Attorney:

None."

31) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Taneichi Ota, relative to his "Declaration of Estimated Income and Victory Tax."

Income Tax: Mr. Taneichi Ota is the operator of the Rainier Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Frank E. Boyle, is now acting, as his Attorney-in-Fact relative to the management of said hotel. Mr. Ota is desirous of having Mr. Boyle file his "Declaration" for the year 1943.

Prepared the Power-of-Attorney, wherein Taneichi Ota, and Miyo Ota, his wife, authorized Mr. Boyle to make this return.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein Mr. Ota related all of the necessary data outside of the hotel business.

Prepared a letter, wherein the office transmitted the aforesaid Power-of-Attorney, and letter to Mr. Boyle.

32) MEMO TO:

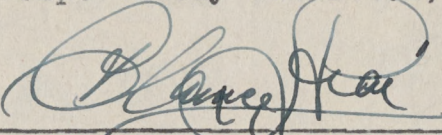
Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Project Attorney.

Federal Reserve: At the request of Mr. Featherston, I wrote to the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve

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Bank of San Francisco, and secured a copy of the "Press Release" concerning form TFR-500, which is required to be filed by November 1, 1943. I attached a copy of same to this memorandum.

Respectively submitted,



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

September 13, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Acting Project Attorney, Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - September 7, 1943 to September 13, 1943 inclusive

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 7, 1943

1) MEMO:

Prepared the weekly report covering August 31, 1943 to September 6, 1943, inclusive, which consists of nineteen pages. I had an especially busy week covering the usual routine matters pertaining to Evacuee Property and Legal Work.

2) MEMO TO:

Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, wherein I submitted a "Press Release" for our project newspaper in regard to the filing of the "Declaration of Estimated Income for the year 1943" with the Collector of the Internal Revenue.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Frank Utaro Hashimoto, relative to the Hanson Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Frank Utaro Hashimoto prior to evacuation operated the "Hanson Hotel" at Seattle, Washington. He appointed, as his Attorney-in-Fact, Mr. Frank E. Boyle. Mr. Boyle was later substituted by Mr. Ralph Santisteban, a Filipino. The agreement between the evacuee and Santisteban was, that the evacuee was to be paid \$50.00 per month, with the rest of the profits to be retained by said Santisteban after deducting all business expenses. Mr. Santisteban has been arrears in the payment since January 1, 1943.

Through this office Mr. Hashimoto requested the aid of the Evacuee Property Supervisor in Seattle.

Under date of August 24, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor advised us:

"In accordance with the Power of Attorney granted War Relocation Authority on July 20, 1943, Mr. Ralph M. Santisteban is being evicted as of this date and Larry R. Rapatato will take full and complete charge as of this date.

Mr. Rapatato will make \$50.00 monthly payments to Mr. Hashimoto on the first of every month, and will also make monthly payments of \$50.00 each month to the Thieme-Morris, Inc. An agreement is being drawn up between Mr. Rapatato and Mr. Hashimoto to this effect.

Mr. Santisteban has agreed to pay all back indebtedness due Mr. Hashimoto. Due to the serious nature of Mr. Santisteban's action in the matter, we have every reasonable cause to presume he will meet this obligation within a comparatively short time."

Under date of August 27, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor remitted a Cashier's Check in the sum of \$50.00, covering the payment of the rental on the fixtures and furnishings of the "Hanson Hotel" for the month of August, 1943 by Larry R. Rapatato.

The contents of both letters were interpreted to Mr. Hashimoto. Prepared a receipt, wherein Mr. Hashimoto acknowledged the receipt of said Cashier's Check.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the receipt in duplicate was enclosed.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Genichi Mizuki, relative to his lost Alien Registration Receipt Card and Certificate of Identification.

Alien Registration: This office wrote to the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, and requested,

that they accommodate the evacuee in issuing duplicates of same.

Under date of August 30, 1943, we received the following answer:

"This is to advise an officer from this office will be in Hunt, Idaho in the near future at the time the applications for copies of the lost documents will be executed."

The contents of this letter was related to Mr. Genichi Mizuki.

5) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Taneichi Ota and Miyo Ota, his wife, relative to their 1943 income tax declaration.

Income Tax (Continued from Item 31 of last week's report): Mr. and Mrs. Ota this date have acknowledged the "Joint Return Power of Attorney" before the office notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama, wherein they appointed Mr. Frank E. Boyle, as their attorney, to file said declaration.

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Grant Beppu, relative to an affidavit from his father.

Affidavit: At the request of Mr. Linville, I prepared an affidavit, which is to be signed by Grant Beppu's father before the office notary.

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi, relative to General License Number 11 as amended.

Federal Reserve: Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi is a blocked Japanese National. His daughter is about to secure a "Student Relocation Leave" from this center for the purpose of attending a University back East. Mr. Kawaguchi is desirous of ascertaining whether or not he is allowed to draw out from his blocked account her necessary school expenses under General License Number 11, provided it does not exceed \$500.00 in any one month.

General License Number 11 as amended provides:

"A general License is hereby granted authorizing payments and transfers of credit in the United

States from accounts in banking institutions within the United States in which a national of any of the foreign countries designated in Executive Order No. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, has a property interest within the meaning of the Executive Order of April 10, 1940, as amended, and the Regulations issued thereunder, to or upon the order of the person in whose name the account is held, provided that (a) the banking institution making any such payments or transfers of credit satisfies itself that such payments and transfers of credit are needed for living, traveling, and similar personal expenses in the United States, (b) such payments and transfers of credit by such banking institution do not exceed \$500 in any one month to or for the account of any one depositor, and (c) each banking institution making any such payments or transfers of credit shall file promptly with the appropriate Federal Reserve bank monthly reports showing the details of such payments and transfers of credit."

I checked with Mr. R. H. Morrill of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, relative to same over long distance. Mr. Morrill concurred with me in that the blocked evacuee is entitled to draw sums of money, not to exceed \$500.00 in any one month for the purpose of his daughter's education.

I advised Mr. Kawaguchi accordingly, and suggested that the check should be made payable to the order of his daughter, with the following notation in the lower left hand corner of the check:

"Drawn in accordance with General License Number 11-for school expenses of my daughter."

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 8, 1943

8) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kyo Suzuki, relative to her savings account.

Federal Reserve: Mrs. Kyo Suzuki has a savings account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, under the name of "Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura", in the sum of \$1,287.99, as of July 1, 1943. Mrs. Suzuki

is a blocked Japanese National. Sakae Nakamura is her daughter, and is an American citizen. This savings account represents a portion of the community property of Kyo Suzuki and Gozo Suzuki, her husband. Mr. Suzuki was picked up by the FBI and then later released.

Mrs. Suzuki is desirous of substituting her husband, in the place of her daughter.

Prepared the application on form TFE-1, which, in part states:

"Authorize the substitution of Gozo Suzuki, her husband, in the place of Sakae Nakamura, her daughter, an American citizen, in that certain savings account, being number 6670, in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington, under the name of "Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura"; for the reason, that all of the moneys in said account is the community property of the applicant, and Gozo Suzuki, her husband.

That there is in said account the sum of \$1,287.99, including interest up to and including July 1, 1943.

That said Sakae Nakamura is the daughter of the applicant and said Gozo Suzuki. That said Sakae Nakamura owns no interest in said account whatsoever, -her name being included in said account as a matter of convenience only.

That said Gozo Suzuki is a Generally Licensed Japanese National, except for the fact that he was picked up by the FBI on March 7, 1942, and then later released from the detention camp at Fort Missoula, Montana, to the Puyallup Assembly Center on July 8, 1942. That said Gozo Suzuki resides with the applicant at 1-4-F, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.

That Sakae Nakamura now resides at, 706 S. Sheridan, in Spokane, Washington."

Prepared a letter of transmittal to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein this license application was enclosed in triplicate.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fusa Nishimoto, relative to her lost Alien Registration Receipt Card and Identification Book.

Alien Registration: Mrs. Fusa Nishimoto lost the aforesaid documents, as a result of a fire. This office wrote to the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, requesting, that duplicates be issued to Mrs. Nishimoto.

Under date of August 30, 1943, the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised us, that an officer will be present in Hunt, Idaho in the near future to take care of the lost documents.

I have this date related the contents of this letter to Mrs. Fusa Nishimoto.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. George Y. Yoshijima, relative to his claim against the Sumitomo Bank.

Sumitomo Bank Claim: Mr. Yoshijima has a claim against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle in the sum of \$6.68. The policy of the bank is to require the presentation of a passport or a birth certificate at the time when the claim is filed. Mr. Yoshijima was admitted to the United States under the name of Yoshihisa Soga. He is a holder of an Imperial Japanese passport under that name. Therefore, I prepared the following clause to be inserted in the Proof of Claim:

"That said George Y. Yoshijima hereby certifies, that George Y. Yoshijima, as described in this Proof of Claim, and Yoshihisa Soga, as described in the Imperial Japanese Government Passport #72449, issued under date of March 6, 1907, by Viscount Tadasu Hayashi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Empire of Japan, are the same and one person; that he was formerly adopted by Takichi Soga; and that his true and correct name at the time of his birth was Yoshihisa Yoshijima, which he regained, as result of the change in the family records in Japan."

Prepared a letter to the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, wherein the proof of claim, and the passport were both enclosed, and the office requested, that they advise us when the claim is properly proven.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tokutaro Omoto-----Consultation

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kyusayemon Yamasaki-----Consultation

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seizo Itoi, relative to the "Carrolton Hotel".

Evacuee Property: Under date of September 1, 1943, Mr. Boyle, the Attorney-in-Fact for the evacuee reported, as to the progress he is now making concerning the management of said hotel.

I have this date related the contents of this letter to Mr. Itoi.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 9, 1943

14) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kyo Suzuki, relative to her blocked savings account.

Federal Reserve (Continued from Item 8): Mrs. Suzuki has today signed the application with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on form TFE-1 before the office notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

Prepared a letter to the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, wherein the office requested, that the bank forward the necessary forms in order that Gozo Suzuki can be substituted in the place of Sakae Nakamura immediately upon issuance of the Federal Reserve License.

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nisaku Araki, relative to the sale of his boat.

Federal Reserve: Mr. Nisaku Araki owns a wooden boat sixteen feet long, without an engine or any propelling device, which is now stored at M. Tamesa's farm, in Sunnydale, King County, Washington. Mr. H. E. Nims is desirous of purchasing the boat. He has forwarded the sum of \$20.00 in the form of a postal money order to Toru Araki, the evacuee's son, an American citizen.

Mr. Nisaku Araki is a "Blocked Japanese National"; for the reason that he has not continuously resided at all times in the continental United States since June 17, 1940.

This office prepared an application on form TFE-1 for Nisaku Araki to consummate this transaction.

Under date of August 23, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in reply stated, that it is necessary for Mr. Araki to indicate the national status of H. E. Nims, the purchaser. This office had received a copy of this letter from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Mr. Araki informed me, that he has already answered the inquiry personally, so that this matter is now taken care of.

16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Takichi Nitta, relative to a claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.-----Consultation

17) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kyusayemon Yamasaki has already attained the age of sixty-five years. He first worked for the Railroad in the year 1905. He worked continuously since said year and up to and including December 10, 1941, when he was dismissed as a result of the present war, excepting the years from 1929 to April 1937. He first applied for his benefits immediately after his dismissal and just prior to evacuation from the City of Seattle.

Under date of September 30, 1942, the United States of America, Railroad Retirement Board, advised him, that he is ineligible to receive an annuity based in whole or in part on services performed prior to January 1, 1937; for the reason he was not working on August 29, 1935.

At the request of the evacuee, this office wrote to the Board, wherein an inquiry was made, as to how much monthly benefits he will be entitled to under the provision of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.

Under date of September 3, 1943, the Railroad Retirement Board advised us:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 17, 1943, requesting an estimate of the amount of annuity Mr. Kyusayemon Yamasaki may be entitled to receive under the Railroad Retirement Acts.

On the basis of thirty-three months (three years) of compensated service subsequent to December 31, 1936, and average monthly compensation of \$83.40 earned by him during that period, it appears that Mr. Yamasaki, upon attaining sixty-five years of age, may be entitled to an annuity of approximately \$4.50 a month.

The applicant's statement of his claimed service has been made a part of his file."

The contents of this letter was interpreted to Mr. Yamasaki. Mr. Yamasaki is desirous of applying for benefits on services performed after 1937.

Prepared a letter to the United States Railroad Retirement Board, wherein the office inquired, as to whether or not a separate claim must be made by the claimant to claim benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937.

18)) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Y. and Sammy Yamaguchi are both evacuees residing at this center. Sammy Yamaguchi owns a farm at Troutdale, Oregon. Prior to evacuation he left the farm together with all farm equipment, including trucks and automobiles with Clara Webb Smith. Y. Yamaguchi owns an interest in the vehicles. This farm is now operated by Clara Webb Smith under a partnership arrangement with Sammy Yamaguchi.

Clara Webb Smith now desires to have all of said vehicles registered in her name, with the legal title in the evacuees in order that she can secure insurance for same. It is apparent from the letters that we have received from our Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, that the insurance companies are now refusing to insure the vehicles belonging to evacuees, when absent.

Upon writing to the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, we learned, that the transfer can be made to Clara Webb Smith, and at the same time protect the legal rights of Y. Yamaguchi to the vehicles. However, we discovered, that one of the cars is registered in the State of Washington. In order to change same to Oregon, we wrote to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland to secure the necessary forms to make the change from Washington to Oregon.

Under date of August 16, 1943 the Department of Financial Responsibility of the State of Oregon advised Mr. Yamaguchi, that his automobile was involved in an accident on July 9, 1943; that it will be necessary for him to file proof

of financial responsibility on or before October 5, 1943, in order to avoid suspension of his Motor Vehicle Registration.

Prepared a letter to the Department of Financial Responsibility, wherein the office stated, in part:

"This is to advise you, that Y. Yamaguchi was not driving the motor vehicle, in question, on July 9, 1943, since he was already evacuated from the Coast by Military Order issued by Lt. General John L. DeWitt; that all of his motor vehicles are covered under that certain agreement made on the 6th day of May, 1942, wherein Clara Webb Smith is the party of the first part, and Nagano (Sam) Yamaguchi is the party of the second part; that by virtue of this agreement the said Clara Webb Smith is the operator of the Yamaguchi farm under a partnership agreement; that under said agreement Clara Webb Smith agreed to provide for insurance on all of the vehicles; that said Clara Webb Smith attempted to secure such insurance, but the Insurance Companies had refused to insure the vehicles, as long as Yamaguchi is the registered owner; that this office is now negotiating to make Clara Webb Smith the new registered owner; that this matter is now being held up, since one of the automobiles bears a State of Washington Certificate Title; and that as soon as the title to this car is registered in Oregon, the transfer to all of the cars to Clara Webb Smith will be made.

Therefore, it will be greatly appreciated, if you will grant Y. Yamaguchi sufficient time to make the contemplated transfer in order that all of the cars may be properly insured."

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 10, 1943

19) PERSONAL INJURY SUIT:

Mr. Harry H. Uno, through his attorneys, Knapp and Vinton, brought suit against one Lucas for personal injuries. The attorneys under date of April 23, 1943, advised the project attorney:

"Even though the Supreme Court, apparently, has given the privilege to an enemy alien to prosecute a legal action, we would not recommend that Mr. Uno, because of the conditions prevailing, submit his cause for decision to a jury. We certainly feel that we are justified in this recommendation, the only other resources is to

try the action before the Court sitting without a jury."

I had discussed the situation with Uno, and he felt that it would be to his best interest to settle the case out of Court and, if this settlement with Lucas is impossible it would be wise to continue the case until the end of the war, since the witnesses were all scattered.

Under date of June 2, 1943, I prepared a letter to Knapp and Vinton to that effect, which still remains unanswered.

Prepared a letter to Knapp and Vinton, wherein I brought to their attention, that we have failed to receive a reply from them to our letter.

20) INTERVIEW:

Miss Michiko Sunamoto, and Yozo Sunamoto, her father, relative to Sunamotos' farm.

Evacuee Property: Satoru and Katsumi Sunamoto, prior to evacuation were both joint operators of the berry farm at Hillsboro, Oregon. They are both now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The farm property was leased from Abe Youngen. The "Sunamotos" built certain improvements consisting of a house, a 20-room cabin, and a 2-car garage and several shacks, which under the lease they were authorized to remove upon termination. The "Sunamotos" sold the berry farm to Alta Carsten for the sum of \$5,000.00 by assigning the lease. Alta Carsten has torn down the cabins and was about to sell the house. The "Sunamotos" contended that the improvements and certain farm equipment were not sold by them to Mrs. Carsten.

Michiko Sunamoto has been appointed as the Attorney-in-Fact by her brothers.

Under date of August 25, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland advised us, that Alta Carsten has returned all of the farm equipment excepting a check writer and adding machine; that Mrs. Carsten is taking the position that all of the improvements now belong to her; that, however, Mrs. Carsten is of the opinion that an amicable settlement can be made when and if the "Sunamotos" return.

The contents of this letter was interpreted to the evacuees.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office advised him, that the "Sunamotos" are willing to discuss this matter, as suggested by Mrs. Carsten, if and when they are able to return to Hillsboro; that in the near future Satoru Sunamoto will be getting a furlough, and it may be possible to adjust the matter, when he contacts your office and Mrs. Carsten; and that Michiko Sunamoto has already requested government storage of all of the property, which were loaned to Mrs. Carsten.

21) INTERVIEW:

Mr. J. Hirokane, relative to the claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: Mr. J. Hirokane is indebted to the Yokohama Specie Bank in the sum of \$455.00 by virtue of a note in the bank's hands. The bank has in its possession Mr. Hirokane's Yen Certificate, as collateral for the note.

Through this office, Mr. Hirokane informed the bank, that he is unable to retire the indebtedness.

Under date of September 2, 1943, the bank advised us:

"As you know this bank is in Liquidation, which means that we must collect all notes so that we can pay the depositors. In these liquidations the customary procedure is to allow the debtors a reasonable length of time to take care of their obligations, but if it develops that they are unwilling to do so, or unable, then suit is started, judgement is taken, not only for the amount of the note and interest, but also for attorney fees and court costs. The collateral is then offered for sale and is usually bid in by the bank. As these notes are secured by Yen Certificates of Deposit payable only in Japan you can well imagine that at present they will sell for next to nothing.

The result will be that the debtor will loose his collateral and will still owe the bank even more than he did originally and it will

be in the form of a judgement which will hang over him until it is paid.

So you can see these people in their own interest should use every effort to pay these notes. If they do not have the funds it will be unusual indeed if they do not have friends who will loan them the necessary amounts if the situation is explained. It is not as though they would be spending the money as we will immediately return to them the collateral by registered mail.

Please bear this in mind in conferring with other debtors. You will undoubtedly hear from others as we will be pressing them all systematically."

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office advised the bank, that Mr. Hirokane is unable to raise the money to pay the note; and that Mr. Hirokane understands what the consequences will be, if the note is not paid.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Takichi Nitta, relative to a claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: Under date of August 30, 1943, the Yokohama Specie Bank wrote to Mr. Nitta demanding payment on two notes, one in the sum of \$1,223.69, and the other in the sum of \$100.

Mr. Nitta contends that the \$100 note has been paid in full, and therefore he is entitled to the return of same. Mr. Nitta is unable to pay the other note, but desires time in order to contact his friends for the purpose of securing a loan to pay the note.

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the office advised the bank to this effect.

23) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seizo Itoi, relative to his 1943 income tax.

Income Tax: Friedman and Lighter, Certified Public Accountants, are now preparing Mr. Itoi's declaration. Mr. Friedman requested certain information relative to the 1942 income tax payment.

Prepared a letter to Friedman and Lighter, wherein Mr. Itoi's answer was conveyed.

24) TAX REBATE:

Mrs. K. Fuji, formerly operated the Paramount Cafe at Seattle, Washington. She informed us, that she has certain tax rebates coming to her in the sum of approximately \$177.00; that Mr. George Ishihara had made the claim for her; that she does not know, as to the kind of tax it involves; and that George Ishihara has full information concerning the same. Mr. George Ishihara is now working outside of the center at Nampa, Idaho. Under date of July 30, this office wrote to Mr. Ishihara, wherein an inquiry was made relative thereto.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Ishihara, in which the office called to his attention that said letter still remains unanswered.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 11, 1943

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Yamaguchi, relative to the family farm at Troutdale, Oregon.

Evacuee Property (Continued from Item 18): Mr. Yamaguchi has today consented to and authorized the mailing of a letter, to the Department of Financial Responsibility of the State of Oregon, which this office had prepared.

26) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Hamada and K. Hamada, relative to their savings account.

Banking: Mr. T. Hamada, prior to evacuation changed his individual account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank to a joint account with his wife, K. Hamada. There is the sum of \$6363.96 in said account, as of July 30, 1943. Mr. Hamada is desirous of changing this account back to its former status of an individual account in his own name, "T. Hamada" (only).

This office wrote to the bank concerning Mr. Hamada's request.

Under date of September 4, 1943, the bank advised us:

"Inasmuch as either signature is authorized to withdraw these funds, it will be necessary for this account to be closed and a new one opened up under the name of T. Hamada as requested.

We are enclosing a blank withdrawal slip which should be executed and returned to us, accompanied by the savings pass book.

When this withdrawal slip and pass book are received by us, we will open up a new account for that amount and are enclosing a signature card for that purpose."

Therefore, prepared the following:

- (1) Withdrawal receipt in the sum of \$6363.96, made by T. Hamada and K. Hamada, the proceeds of which are to be deposited to the credit of a new account in the name of T. Hamada (only).
- (2) Passbook on Savings account #8798 in the name of "T. Hamada or K. Hamada."
- (3) The affidavit, as to the status of Taisuke Hamada, also known as T. Hamada."
- (4) The affidavit, as to the status of Kishino Hamada, also known as K. Hamada.
- (5) Signature card of T. Hamada.

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the aforesaid instruments were enclosed, and the office requested, that a new account be opened in the name of "T. Hamada", and the new passbook be sent in-care-of this office.

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 13, 1943

27) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Fujino's son in managing the New England Hotel.

Under date of September 7, 1943, Mr. Boyle advised us, as to a certain claim against the hotel by one Smith in the sum of \$76.00.

I discussed the situation with Mr. Fujino, and he decided to follow the suggestion of Mr. Boyle.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office advised him accordingly.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Yao Yabe, relative to the estate of Chozo Yabe, her deceased husband.

Estate:

I. FACTS:

1. Vital Statistics: Chozo Yabe was born at Saitama-ken, Japan on May 5, 1878. He came to the United States about forty years ago, and he has lived in the United States ever since said time until his death. He died at the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho, on September 16, 1942, as evidenced by his death certificate.
2. Marital Status: He was married, and left Yao Yabe, as his surviving spouse. There being no issue; so, Yao Yabe is the sole heir of the estate.

The widow is now sojourning at 14-9-A, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho. The deceased and the family formerly lived at 415 6th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, prior to evacuation.

3. Heirs: Yao Yabe, the surviving spouse, age 65 years.

II. ESTATE:

1. Savings Account: In the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, Account No. 3767, balance as of June 30, 1942, as evidenced by passbook covering same.....\$1008.72
Total.....\$1008.72
2. Liabilities: No indebtedness against said estate. The funeral expenses have been paid by the War Relocation Authority.

III. DISTRIBUTION:

The entire estate should be awarded and set aside to the surviving spouse, as provided for in Section 1473 of Remington's Revised Statute of the State of Washington; since no homestead has been claimed in the manner provided by law, either prior or subsequent to the death of the person whose estate is being administered, there being no funeral expenses,

and expenses of the last sickness unpaid for, and said estate being less than \$3,000.

IV. STATUS:

- (1) The deceased was a "Generally Licensed Japanese National".
- (2) The widow was born in Japan; but she is a "Generally Licensed Japanese National" as evidenced by her affidavit.

Mrs. Yabe now desires the services of Mr. Frank E. Boyle, Attorney-at-Law with offices at the 1331 Third Avenue Building, Seattle, Washington, to handle the estate for her, as administrator and attorney. Prepared on form WRA 153-A her request for assistance to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Boyle.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Mrs. Yao Yabe, which she signed before the office notary.

Prepared a memorandum to Mr. Boyle, wherein all of the facts relative to the estate were described in detail, - attaching thereto all of the documents pertaining to the estate, which consisted of as follows:

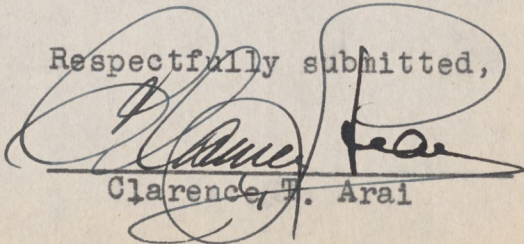
- (1) The Death Certificate of Chozo Yabe
- (2) Passbook covering savings account No. 3767 in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, in the sum of \$1008.72, as of June 30, 1942.
- (3) The affidavit, as to the status of Yao Yabe.

Mrs. Yabe acknowledged the signing of the request for assistance before the office notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the request for assistance and the memorandum to Mr. Boyle were all enclosed, (all documents in the case being attached to this memorandum). In this letter, we stated:

"It will be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Yabe if Mr. Boyle can act as both administrator and attorney for the estate, as Mr. Boyle will then be able to lessen the cost in administering this estate."

Respectfully submitted,


Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

September 20, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Acting Project Attorney,
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - September 14, 1943 to September
20, 1943 inclusive

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 14, 1943

1) MEMO:

Prepared the weekly report covering September 7, 1943 to September 13, 1943, inclusive, which consists of seventeen pages. I had an especially busy week covering the usual routine matters pertaining to Evacuee Property and Legal Work.

2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Masatake Tanaka-----Consultation

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. William Koda, relative to his lost birth certificate.

Birth Certificate: Mr. Koda lost his birth certificate, as a result of a burglary occurring at his apartment. Mr. Koda was born at Kent, Washington on June 22, 1923. He is desirous of securing a new certified copy of his birth return.

Prepared a letter to the Washington State Board of Health, wherein the office enclosed a postal money order furnished by Mr. Koda in the sum of \$.50, and the office requested, that a certified copy be mailed to him in-care-of the Evacuee Property Office.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Hirozo Hirata, relative to his safety deposit box.

Safety Deposit Box: This case came to our attention, when Mr. Hirata requested the withdrawal of all of the contents in a certain safety deposit box in the Seattle-

First National Bank. Mr. Hirata was denied access to the box. The daughter was formerly employed by the American Embassy at Tokyo, Japan and she recently returned to the United States on the U.S.S. Gripsholm.

We advised him, that chances are he was denied access to the box, since his daughter was then still in Japan; and that, however, he will now be allowed to secure the contents of the box, as his daughter is now entitled to the privileges of General License No. 28.

Upon writing to the bank, we discovered, that there has been a confusion in the identities of Hirozo Hirata, and Mitsuko Hirata, now known as Mitsuko H. Rustad, in the records of the bank.

This office prepared all of the documents in securing the contents for Mr. Hirata. It was necessary to send a special Power-of-Attorney to Washington, D.C. to secure the signature of Mitsuko H. Rustad.

Mr. Hirata today has returned the Power-of-Attorney, and the affidavit as to the status of Mitsuko H. Rustad, - all properly signed.

Prepared the following:

- (1) A request for assistance on form WRA 153-A, wherein Mr. Hirata authorized the War Relocation Authority to assist him in the matter.

- (2) A letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the office enclosed the following:

- (1) Request for assistance on form 153-A by Hirozo Hirata.

- (2) Special Power-of-Attorney by Hirozo Hirata, Katsu Hirata, and Mitsuko H. Rustad, formerly known as "Mitsuko Hirata", in which they authorized the Seattle-First National Bank to open their safety deposit box for the purpose of mailing all of the contents of said box to Katsu Hirata at 40-10-F, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho, by Registered United States Mail.

- (3) An affidavit by Hirozo Hirata, which clarifies the records of the Seattle-First National Bank.

- (4) The affidavit, as to the status of Hirozo Hirata.
- (5) The affidavit, as to the status of Katsu Hirata.
- (6) The affidavit, as to the status of Mitsuko H. Rustad, formerly known as "Mitsuko Hirata".
- (7) The two keys to the safety deposit box, bearing tag No. 3759

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 15, 1943

5) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Tomi Inuzuka and her daughter Ise Inuzuka.

Evacuee Property: Takashi and Tomi Inuzuka, husband and wife, were owners of two greenhouses in Portland, Oregon. Takashi Inuzuka is a Blocked Japanese National, and he is now interned at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Both of the greenhouses were heavily mortgaged, and taxes on same were unpaid for many years. Through the aid of this office the "Inuzukas" were released from all liability on the notes and mortgages, thru the execution of "Deeds in lieu of foreclosure" to the mortgagee.

Under date of August 30, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle remitted the Satisfaction of Mortgages covering both of the greenhouses.

The Satisfaction of Mortgage on each property was delivered to Tomi Inuzuka and her daughter, Ise Inuzuka. Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Ise and Tomi Inuzuka.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, Oregon, wherein this receipt in duplicate was enclosed.

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Fudeshi Morihiro, relative to a claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: Under date of August 30, 1943, the Yokohama Specie Bank wrote to Fudeshi Morihiro, whereby the bank requested the payment of \$2517.91. Mr. Morihiro was formerly engaged in a poultry business at Portland, Oregon. He had placed as collateral his Yen Certificate, as security for the three notes, -totaling \$2700.

Mr. Morihiro informed us, that he failed in business just prior to the outbreak of war; that he wrote to the bank that he was unable to pay the indebtedness, as a result of his failure in business; that in said letter he instructed the bank to accept the collateral in full payment of the loan; and that, since he had failed to hear from the bank in this regard, he took it for granted, that the loan was retired.

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the office requested, that the present status of said loan be thoroughly checked by the bank.

7) INTERVIEW:

Messrs. Denzo Kawaguchi, G. Y. Kurata, and Y. Ishikawa, relative to the Federal Reserve License Applications of Denzo Kawaguchi.

Federal Reserve: Denzo Kawaguchi is the present operator of the "Corona Hotel" which he had purchased on or about July, 1936. Mr. Kawaguchi is a Blocked Japanese National. At the time of the purchase of said hotel, he borrowed the sum of \$2000, and \$1000 from G. Y. Kurata, and Y. Ishikawa, respectively. Through this office Mr. Kawaguchi applied for licenses with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to pay these loans.

Under date of September 9, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco requested additional information relative to these license applications.

Prepared the answer by Denzo Kawaguchi to said inquiry relative to the G. Y. Kurata loan, wherein he stated:

- (1) That at the time, when I purchased the furniture and furnishings of the "Corona Hotel", my present business enterprise, I borrowed the sum of \$2000 from G. Y. Kurata;
- (2) That I purchased the said hotel furniture and furnishings on or about July, 1936;
- (3) That ever since the year 1925 it was customary for me to borrow various sums of money from said G. Y. Kurata;
- (4) That on or about July, 1936 the said G. Y. Kurata had in his possession my certain note, dated July 24, 1931, which although paid in full, had not been returned to me;

- (5) That, in lieu of a new note, I authorized him to retain said note in consideration of the \$2000, which I had borrowed from said G. Y. Durata in purchasing the furniture and furnishings of the "Corona Hotel";

That said note is still unpaid, a copy of which is hereto attached;

- (6) That said G. Y. Kurata is willing to accept the sum of \$2000 in full payment of the note, notwithstanding none of the interest has been paid on same; and

- (7) That said G. Y. Kurata's new address is:

"12 - 8 - E, Minidoka
Relocation Center,
Hunt, Idaho."

Prepared the answer by Denzo Kawaguchi to said inquiry relative to the Y. Ishikawa loan, wherein he stated:

- (1) That at the time, when I purchased the furniture and furnishings of the "Corona Hotel", my present business enterprise, I borrowed the sum of \$1000 from Y. Ishikawa;
- (2) That said sum of \$1000 was used toward the purchase of the furniture and furnishings of said hotel on or about July, 1936;
- (3) That there was no note, or any instrument in writing executed at the time of the loan;
- (4) That no part of said loan has ever been paid by me;
- (5) That said Y. Ishikawa is willing to accept the sum of \$1000 in full payment of the loan, notwithstanding none of the interest has been paid on same; and
- (6) That said Y. Ishikawa's new address is:

"5 - 8 - D, Minidoka Relocation
Center, Hunt, Idaho."

Prepared letters to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the two answers were transmitted.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 16, 1943

8) INTERVIEW:

Messrs. Denzo Kawaguchi, G. Y. Kurata, and Y. Ishikawa, relative to the Federal Reserve License Applications of Denzo Kawaguchi.

Federal Reserve (Continued from Item 7): In the absence of Miss Yasuko Koyama, the office notary, I advised these persons to contact Mr. Albertson to have the papers notarized.

An affidavit was attached to each answer to the inquiry by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco by Denzo Kawaguchi, wherein G. Y. Kurata and Y. Ishikawa, respectively, swore to the correctness of the claim.

9) INTERVIEW:

Miss Margaret Shioishi-----Consultation.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tadae Toyoji-----Consultation.

11) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Y. and Sami Yamaguchi are both evacuees residing at this center. Sami Yamaguchi owns a farm at Troutdale, Oregon. Prior to evacuation he left the farm together with all farm equipment, including trucks and automobiles with Clara Webb Smith. Y. Yamaguchi owns an interest in the vehicles. This farm is now operated by Clara Webb Smith under a partnership arrangement with Sami Yamaguchi.

Clara Webb Smith now desires to have all of said vehicles registered in her name, with the legal title in the evacuees in order that she can secure insurance for same. It is apparent from the letters, that we have received from our Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, that the insurance companies are now refusing to insure the vehicles belonging to evacuees, when absent.

Upon writing to the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, we learned, that the transfer can be made to Clara Webb Smith, and at the same time protect the legal rights of Y. Yamaguchi to the vehicles. However, we discovered, that one of the cars is registered in the State of Washington. In order to change same to Oregon, we wrote to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland to secure the necessary forms to make the change from Washington to Oregon.

Prepared a letter to Sami Yamaguchi, wherein we enclosed the application for a certificate title in the State of Oregon, for his signature. In said letter the office also answered his inquiry of August 23, 1943, relative to the status of the motor vehicles, which are now in the hands of Clara Webb Smith.

12) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Kazuko Sakai at the time of evacuation was owner of two pieces of farm land totaling approximately nineteen acres of land. She leased a portion of the farm to Manuel H. Garcia, a Filipino.

Recently Kazuko Sakai transferred all of her interest in said farm property to her brother, Toshio Sakai.

Mr. Garcia is now desirous of securing a lease on all of the farm property. Under date of September 8, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, advised us, that Mr. Toshio Sakai should prepare and sign a lease acceptable to him involving the nineteen acres of farm land.

Prepared a letter to Toshio Sakai, wherein the office advised him of the receipt of said letter, and requested of him, that he contact the office for the purpose of having this lease prepared.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to the Oyster Farm of his nephew.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Minoru Namba is serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Prior to evacuation he leased his oyster farm in Tillamook County, Oregon, to one, Mogan for the sum of \$50.00 per quarter. Mr. Watanabe, his uncle, called this to the attention of the office, in that the rent on this property has not been paid since June 5, 1942. Mogan in the meantime had passed away. His estate is now being administered by Anders Stensrud. Mr. Robosky, a former employee of Mr. Mogan's, is now on the property without the consent of Mr. Namba.

Mr. Namba appointed Henry I. Tambara, an American citizen, as his Attorney-in-Fact. Mr. Tambara signed the request for assistance to have the War Relocation Authority collect all of the back rentals.

Robosky is interested in leasing or purchasing this property on his own terms.

Under date of August 21, 1943, the administrator for the estate of Mogan through the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland forwarded his check in the sum of \$50.00, representing payment in full of all claims. The administrator contended, that Mogan only owed for the period from June 5, to September 5, 1942.

Under date of September 15, 1943, received the following wire from the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland:

"Mr. Robosky wishes to lease Namba property for duration of war. Rental to be \$30.00 per quarter. Namba to stand cost of repairs to oyster house and water system estimated cost \$500.00. Robosky willing to make repairs provided he can charge against rental. Robosky willing to purchase property will pay \$1200.00 cash as is. Refer our letter September sixth. Please wire reply as Robosky figures on abandoning place unless satisfactory arrangements are made immediately."

After discussing the situation thoroughly with Mr. Watanabe, our office telegraphed the following answer:

"Reurtel Namba property Evacuee declines offer because ridiculously low he raises the question by what right is Robosky on the premises letter will follow."

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office explained in detail the position of Mr. Namba. We called to his attention, that the \$50.00 that the administrator has remitted will cover for all rentals up to September 5, 1942; but said check cannot be accepted by Minoru Namba, as "payment in full of all claims," since the original lease dated March 3, 1942, is still outstanding"; that "Mr. Namba cannot accept the terms of your wire dated September 15, 1943, since the offer is ridiculously low"; that "we are forced to agree with Mr. Watanabe, in that Mr. Robosky is in no position to dictate the terms of the new lease or sale price"; that "Mr. Robosky must realize that there is nothing in the lease, which obligates our client to make any repairs and furthermore, that no rents have been paid since June 5, 1942, as provided for in the original lease";

and that "Mr. Robosky need not feel that he is the only person, who is now interested in the property".

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

- 14) INTERVIEW:
Miss Edith Suzuki-----Consultation
- 15) INTERVIEW:
Mrs. Nagaishi-----Consultation, relative to an estate.
- 16) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Sadao Komoto, relative to a claim against Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nomura.

Collection: The "Nomuras" of the Jerome Relocation Center held the sum of \$130.00 for safe keeping in behalf of Mr. Sadao Komoto of this center. Mr. Komoto had requested for the money; but the "Nomuras" had refused to comply with the request. Mr. Komoto brought this to the attention of Mr. Moore, then project attorney of this center, who in turn, wrote to the Project Attorney of the Jerome Relocation Center concerning the matter.

Under date of May 31, 1943, Mr. Ulys. A. Lovell, the Project Attorney of the Jerome Relocation Center, advised the office, that Mr. Nomura is waiting for a Cashier's Check; and that he has promised to send the check, as soon as it arrives.

Upon checking with Mr. Komoto, I learned, that he had only received the sum of \$100.00; so, I wrote to the Project Attorney of the Jerome Relocation Center regarding the balance.

Under date of August 20, 1943, Mr. Lovell advised us, that "he (Jack Nomura) informs us that he (Jack Nomura) will send the balance of \$30.00 direct in the very near future".

The contents of this letter was today interpreted to the evacuee. I advised him, that, in the event he receives the money, or he fails to receive the balance within one month, he should call at this office.

ILLNESS:

I was absent from the office for the most part of the day by reason of illness.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 18, 1943

16) INTERVIEW:

Miss Edith Suzuki-----Consultation

18) INCOME TAX:

The following item concerning Victory Tax Exemptions for married couples in community property states appeared in the September 15th issue of the Seattle Post Intelligencer:

"PROPERTY LAW AIDS TAXPAYERS

Both Husband and Wife May Claim Exemption on Salary

Washington, Sept. 14.--(AP)-- Community property laws in effect in ten states give many married couples an additional \$624 Victory tax exemption, treasury officials said today.

This is true in cases where only one spouse has taxable income.

The community property states permit a husband and wife to divide the income of either for tax purposes, the treasury explained. Thus, each spouse may enter the \$624 exemption upon making a return. In states where there is no community property law, and only one spouse has taxable income, only one \$624 exemption may be entered.

Example: In Washington, John Doe makes \$8,000 a year, his wife makes nothing. But this income is divided between them. Each reports gross income of \$4,000 and each takes the \$624 exemption.

If the couple lived in Illinois, which has no community property law, the return would be for \$8,000 and only \$624 exemption could be taken.

However, couples filing joint returns on combined incomes in any state are allowed a \$1248 Victory tax exemption--unless the income of one is under \$624. The exemption in that case is \$624 plus the amount of the lower income.

States with community property laws include Washington.

Officials said the law in those states may be applied to the declaration before tomorrow midnight."

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 20, 1943

19) MEMO TO:

Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, concerning Victory Tax Exemption for married couples in community property states,

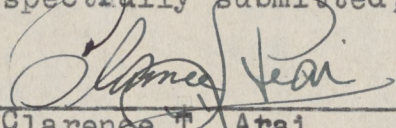
wherein I submitted an excerpt from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, dated September 15, 1943.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to his nephew's oyster property-----Consultation.

Evacuee Property: He has today consented to and authorized the mailing of the letter prepared by this office under date of September 17, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

September 27, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Acting Project
Attorney, Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal
Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - September 21, 1943 to September
27, 1943 inclusive

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

1) MEMO:

Prepared the weekly report covering September 14, 1943, to September 20, 1943, inclusive, which consists of eleven pages.

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 22, 1943

2) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yoshito Takano, relative to his claim for personal injuries.

Claim for Personal Injuries: Mr. Takano has been injured, as a result of a brawl with another evacuee. He is desirous of bringing suit for damages. I advised him to contact the Project Attorney concerning same.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Masato Eto.

Legal Aid: An evacuee, who is residing at this center, has in his possession certain personal belongings, which are wrongfully detained from Mr. Eto. Mr. Eto desires the return of these articles. I advised him to contact the Project Attorney relative to the matter.

4) TULELAKE SEGREGANTS:

I spent most of the day checking the files of persons, who are scheduled to leave for Tulelake Relocation Center on Saturday, September 25, 1943, as a result of the Segregation Program. All files of the segregants were turned over to either Mr. C. W. Linville, Evacuee Property Officer, or Mr. C. Moxley Featherston, Project Attorney, for delivery to the Statistical Division, which department was designated by the Project Director to handle the transfer of all files pertaining to the Tulelake Segregants.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 23, 1943

5) INTERVIEW:

Miss T. Suzuki-----Consultation

6) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Mume Mori-----Consultation

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kay Okuda, relative to his farm equipment.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Okuda formerly operated a farm in King County, Washington. He sold certain farm equipment to Mr. Ralph E. Ruggles, upon which there is a balance due and owing him in the sum of \$400. The Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle is now handling this claim for Mr. Okuda. In the course of processing this case, it came to our attention, that Mr. Okuda was entitled to a certain share of easement money for the crops destroyed when the Bonneville power line was put through his farm.

Under date of September 14, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor advised us, that they are expecting a final settlement with the Bonneville Power Company within a very short time.

The contents of this letter was today related to the evacuee.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein we advised him that Mr. Okuda was very much pleased in the matter, and that Mr. Okuda would appreciate, if he will keep on pressing Mr. Ruggles on his indebtedness.

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Suyeo Uno, relative to his meat shop equipment.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Uno formerly operated a Butcher Shop in Seattle, Washington. At the time

of evacuation he left the equipment of the butcher shop on the premises, where the business formerly operated. He appointed Mr. Boyle, as his Attorney-in-Fact, to look after his interest in the equipment. Mr. Boyle was successful in selling the slicing machine, and had forwarded to the evacuee the down payment on the machine. Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein Mr. Uno acknowledged the receipt of the down payment.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein Mr. Uno's letter was transmitted.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Yozaemon Kondo-----Consultation

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seizo Itoi, relative to the Carrollton Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle, the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Itoi, in the management of the Carrollton Hotel, under date of September 13, 1943, forwarded to this office various papers in connection with Mr. Itoi's Declaration of Estimated Income and Victory Tax for the year 1943.

Prepared the receipt, wherein Mr. Itoi acknowledged the receipt of the enclosures.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein this receipt was transmitted.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Seizo Itoi, relative to his banking account.

Banking: Under date of September 10, 1943, the Seattle-First National Bank wrote:

"The Federal Reserve Bank will not accept the affidavit of an alien without further verification. Will you inspect Mr. Itoi's passport and if you find his statement to be true, send us a letter to that effect, which we will attach to the affidavit for the verification required."

Mr. Itoi has this date presented his passport for examination.

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the office advised the bank, that:

"He has presented for examination his Imperial Japanese Government Passport, being No. 78120, issued by Tadasu Hayashi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Japan, under date of March 7, 1907; and that I have noted its contents, and found, that said Seizo Itoi was first admitted to the United States at Seattle, Washington, on June 13, 1907, arriving on the S.S. Tosa Maru, and that he was last admitted to the United States at Seattle, Washington, on August 22, 1926, arriving on the Arabia Maru."

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. D. Kusakabe, relative to his house.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Kusakabe in the management of a house and lot in Seattle, Washington. This house is now rented to Daisy O'Neil, a Negress, for the sum of \$30.00 per month.

Under date of September 17, 1943, Mr. Boyle advised us, that Daisy O'Neil has an unsavory reputation; that her present husband has "served some time" in California; that he suspects, that, since Daisy used to run a "sporting house" in Canada, she is doing a little bit of that on the premises in question; that he can possibly sell the same for \$3,000; and that he recommends the sale to Mr. Kusakabe in view of this bad situation.

I have this date interpreted the contents of this letter to Mr. Kusakabe, and he was entirely in accord with Mr. Boyle's suggestion.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office advised Mr. Boyle, as to Mr. Kusakabe's reaction in the matter.

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 1943

13) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kyo Suzuki, relative to her Savings account.

Federal Reserve: Mrs. Kyo Suzuki has a savings account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, under the name of "Kyo Suzuki

or Sakae Nakamura", in the sum of \$1,287.99. Mrs. Suzuki is a blocked Japanese National. Sakae Nakamura is her daughter, and an American citizen. This savings account represents a portion of the community property of Kyo Suzuki and Gozo Suzuki, her husband. Mr. Suzuki was picked up by the FBI and then later released.

Mrs. Suzuki is desirous of substituting her husband in the place of her daughter. Through this office Mrs. Suzuki applied for a license with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein she requested the substitution of Gozo Suzuki, her husband, in the place of Sakae Nakamura in said savings account.

Under date of September 14, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco requested the following additional information from her:

"Original date when the account was opened and why was the name of Gozo Suzuki not placed in said account at the time that it was opened."

Prepared an answer to said inquiry, wherein Mrs. Suzuki stated:

- (1) That Savings Account No. 6670 in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington, was first opened on March 18, 1940, during my absence from the United States by my daughter, Sakae Nakamura;
- (2) That said account was in the name of "Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura";
- (3) That this became necessary, for the reason, my daughter, the said Sakae Nakamura from time to time during my absence collected the interest on certain bonds, which I had then possessed, in my behalf;
- (4) That said Sakae Nakamura during my absence from the country deposited all of the interest, which she had collected from the bonds, in this savings account;

- (5) That I had customarily done all of the banking for the marital community composed of myself, and Gozo Suzuki;
- (6) That my husband, the said Gozo Suzuki, then operated a shoe repair shop at 1101 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington;
- (7) That my husband was then too busy in the shop to do the banking for the community;
- (8) That my daughter, the said Sakae Nakamura, had accommodated the aforesaid marital community by looking after the collection of the interest on the bonds;
- (9) That, therefore, Sakae Nakamura's name was included in said account, as a matter of convenience only, - without her having any interest in said account whatsoever;
- (10) That all of the moneys now on deposit in said account is the community property of myself, and said Gozo Suzuki, my husband; and
- (11) That no other person owns any interest in said account whatsoever.

Prepared the letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid answer was transmitted.

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 1943

- 14) Mr. C. W. Linville, has been designated by the Project Director to accompany the first trainload of segregants for Tulalake. Therefore, Mr. Linville will be absent from the office for a period of five days, or more. I spent the morning in discussing with him the problems, which may require special attention, during his absence.

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 27, 1943

15) INTERVIEW:

Messrs. Okada and Shiogi-----Consultation

Marriage License: Mr. Shiogi's son, a serviceman, is about to be married to Luriko Okada. A physical examination is required by the State of Idaho in order to secure a marriage license. Mr. Shiogi has to leave by tomorrow, since he was granted only a short furlough. Mr. Shiogi is desirous of securing a waiver of the physical examination in order that he can be married prior to his departure for camp. I referred the case over to Mr. Lick-ladder, the new Project Attorney.

16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Tada, relative to the claim against the Yokohama Specie Bank in behalf of Mrs. K. Teshirogi.

Yokohama Specie Bank Claim: Mr. Tada is the brother-in-law of H. Teshirogi. Mr. and Mrs. Teshirogi had on deposit considerable money in several of the banks, which are now liquidated by the Alien Property Custodian. The "Teshirogis" are both isolated in Japan, as a result of the war. Mr. Tada has in his possession a Power-of-Attorney in Japanese characters from both Mr. and Mrs. Teshirogi.

Mrs. Teshirogi had on deposit with the Yokohama Specie Bank a fixed time deposit in the sum of \$247.50. Under date of August 11, this office wrote to the State Banking Department in California regarding this claim.

Under date of September 10, 1943, the State Banking Department of California replied:

"This letter indicates that in the records of the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., San Francisco, a "Dollar Fized Deposit" dated February 6, 1941, #90483, was issued in favor of K. Teshirogi, whose address at the time of issuance was 812 - 24th Avenue, So. Seattle, Washington. The amount of the certificate was \$247.50.

At the present time we have not as yet called for claims against this bank. As soon as we do the individual mentioned will be notified."

The contents of this letter was today interpreted to the evacuee.

17) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Yaeko Nagaishi, relative to the estate of Kazuo Yamashita, her deceased brother.

Estate:

I. FACTS:

1. Vital Statistics: Kazuo Yamashita was born at Winslow, Kitsap County, Washington, on October 15, 1908. Prior to evacuation he resided at P.O. Box 82, Winslow, Washington. He died at the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho, on September 8, 1943.
2. Marital Status: He was never married, therefore, he left no issue.

At the time of his death he was sojourning at 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.

3. Heirs: He left the following:
Moto Yamashita, mother, 56, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Cpl. Masaharu Yamashita, brother, 27, Transportation Section, Reception Center, Camp Walters, Texas.
Mrs. Yaeko Nagaishi, sister, 24, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Michiko Yamashita, sister, 22, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Eba Yamashita, sister, 20, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Emi Yamashita, sister, 18, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Anna Yamashita, sister, 16, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.
Sally Yamashita, sister, 14, 44-4-B, Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho.

(The father, Enichi Yamashita, died on February 2, 1940, at Winslow, Washington.)

II. ESTATE:

1. Savings Account: No. 18228 in the Seattle-First National Bank, which shows a balance in the sum of \$787.50,

as of January 24, 1942, as evidenced by passbook covering same, to which balance the sum of \$1224.10 should be added, as evidenced by a duplicate deposit slip under date of September 22, 1942. Thus making it a total of \$2011.60. (plus interest)

2. Savings Account: No. 2855 in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank, which shows a balance in the sum of \$302.67, as of August 11, 1941, as evidenced by passbook covering same.
3. Tracts 13 to 23 inclusive Angel's Garden Tracts, situate at Bainbridge Island, Kitsap County, Washington, as evidenced by Real Estate Contract dated March 15, 1926, between Otto H. Rundberget, a bachelor, the seller, and Kazuo Yamashita, the purchaser. This contract has been paid in full. To date the deed covering this property can not be located.
4. The N. W. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4, and the N. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of the S. E. 1/4, all in Section Twenty two (22) Township Twenty five (25) N. R. 2, E. W. M., situated in Kitsap County, Washington, as evidenced by Statutory Warranty Deed dated July 8, 1941 from Jessie L. Beardsley to Kazuo Yamashita.
5. Dwelling house with nearly five acres of ground situated in Kitsap County, State of Washington, as evidenced by Warranty Deed dated June 21, 1919 from Louis Jacobs to Kazuo Yamashita.

Note: The real property is now being managed by Mr. Orville Robertson, 107 Securities Building, Seattle, Washington. Mr. Robertson was the Attorney-in-Fact for Kazuo Yamashita. Any sums of money that are held by him, are also part of the estate.

III. LIABILITIES:

No indebtedness against said estate. The funeral expenses have been paid by the War Relocation Authority.

IV. DISTRIBUTION:

The entire estate should be awarded to the mother, Moto Yamashita, as provided for in Section 1341 of the Remington's Revised Statutes of the State of Washington:

"If the decedent leaves no issue, nor husband, nor wife, the estate must go to his father and mother or the survivor of them."

V. STATUS:

- (1) The deceased was a natural born citizen of the United States of America.
- (2) The mother is a "Generally Licensed Japanese National", as evidenced by her affidavit, as to her status.

Mrs. Yamashita, mother, desires the services of Mr. Clark M. Burkheimer, Attorney-at-Law with offices in the Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, Washington to handle the estate for her, as administrator and attorney. Prepared on form 153-A her request for assistance to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Burkheimer.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Moto Yamashita.

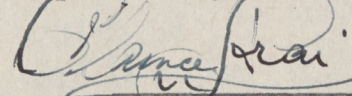
Prepared a memorandum to Mr. Burkheimer, wherein all of the facts relative to the estate were described in detail, -attaching thereto all of the documents pertaining to the estate, which consists of as follows:

- (1) Copy of the Death Certificate.
- (2) Passbook No. 18228 covering savings account in the Seattle-First National Bank.
- (3) Duplicate deposit slip dated September 22, 1942, relative to savings account No. 18228 in the Seattle-First National Bank.
- (4) Passbook No. 2855 covering savings account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank.

- (5) Real Estate Contract, dated March 15, 1926, between Otto H. Rundberget, and Kazuo Yamashita.
- (6) The Statutory Warranty Deed, dated July 8, 1941, from Jessie L. Beardsley to Kazuo Yamashita.
- (7) Warranty Deed, dated June 21, 1919, from Louis Jacobs to Kazuo Yamashita.
- (8) The affidavit as to the status of Moto Yamashita.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the request for assistance and the memorandum to Mr. Burkheimer were all enclosed (all documents in the case being attached to this memorandum).

Respectfully submitted,



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

October 4, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Irvin Lechliter, Project Attorney,
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney,
Legal Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - September 28, 1943 to
October 4, 1943 inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 28, 1943

- 1) MEMO:
Prepared the weekly report covering September 21, 1943 to September 27, 1943, inclusive, which consists of eleven pages.
- 2) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Dengo Kusakabe, relative to his house.

Evacuee Property (Continued from Item 12 of last week's report): Mr. Kusakabe has today signed the letter, which was prepared by this office.
- 3) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Toshio Sakai, relative to his lease-----
Consultation.
- 4) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Eizo Sakumoto, relative to his lost camera.

Evacuee Property: Under date of September 16, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at San Francisco advised us, that he has done everything possible in the case, and that unless he hears from us further in the matter, he shall consider the case closed.

The contents of this letter was related to Mr. Sakumoto.

5) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Moto Yamashita, and her daughter, relative to the estate of Kazuo Yamashita.

Estate (Continued from Item 17 of last week's report): Mrs. Yamashita has today signed the following documents before the office notary:

- (1) The request for assistance on WRA form 153-A.
- (2) The affidavit, as to her status on form WRA 154.

In addition thereto, she signed the memorandum addressed to Mr. Clark M. Burkheimer, which related all of the facts in connection with the estate.

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nisaku Araki-----Consultation

WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 1943

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel--Consultation.

8) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Recently George Kabuto Okitsu leased his farm in King County, to S. J. Calibuso for one year. George Kabuto Okitsu is now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and he acted through his Attorney-in-Fact, John Okitsu. At the time of the execution and delivery of the lease Calibuso paid the sum of \$200, and there was in addition, the sum of \$300 to be paid on or before September 1, 1943.

Under date of September 16, 1943, Mr. John Okitsu made an inquiry relative to the balance.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office called this matter to his attention, and requested that he make the collection.

A copy of this letter was sent to Mr. John Okitsu.

9) INTERVIEW:

Miss Michiko Sunamoto and Yozo Sunamoto her father, relative to "Sunamotos" farm.

Evacuee Property: Satoru and Katsumi Sunamoto prior to evacuation were both joint operators of the berry farm at Hillsboro, Oregon. They are now serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. The farm property was leased from Abe Yungen. The "Sunamotos" sold the berry farm to Alta Carsten for the sum of \$5000 by assigning the lease. Alta Carsten attempted to withhold some of the "Sunamotos'" personal property and equipment, which had been left in her care. Among the personal property there were 500 berry crates.

Under date of September 15, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland advised us, that:

"It has been brought to our attention that the 500 berry carriers listed among the equipment belonging to the Sunamotos were not brought into the warehouse for storage because of their tremendous bulky nature and inability to store properly unless knocked down. The principal value of these carriers is in the labor in constructing them.

Mrs. Carstens has informed us that she could use the berry carriers and would be willing to pay a maximum price of 5¢ per carrier for those carriers that are in serviceable condition. She informed us that many are broken and not usable.

Mr. Yungen does not want the carriers left on his place and Mrs. Carsten's offer may be a good out for the Sunamotos as they would deteriorate rapidly if left exposed to the weather and there is no adequate place on the Yungen place to store them anyway.

Please have the Sunamotos advise us of their wishes in this matter. It is our opinion that 5¢ per carrier is probably adequate and unless the Sunamotos are willing to accept this, the carriers may be destroyed for lack of storage space."

I discussed the situation with Michiko, and her father, and they finally agreed to sell the carriers

to Mrs. Carsten for the sum of five cents per carrier in cash. However, they felt that Mrs. Carsten should pay for all of the 500; since they were in serviceable condition at the time when Mrs. Carsten took over.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein the office advised him accordingly.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mr. George Y. Yoshijima, relative to his claim.

Yokohama Specie Bank Claim: Through this office Mr. Yoshijima entered his claim against the Receiver of the Yokohama Specie Bank of Seattle in the sum of \$8.68.

Under date of September 14, 1943 the Receiver acknowledged, that "this claim has now been properly proven."

I delivered to Mr. Yoshijima his passport, which was returned by the Receiver of the bank. Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Mr. Yoshijima.

11) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Tom Kentaro Kahara is the owner of a United Funds Accumulative Contract and Purchase Agreement upon which he has paid down the sum of \$105. Mr. Kahara now desires the return of this purchase agreement and passbook.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Kahara, wherein the purchase agreement and the passbook were both enclosed.

12) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the office called to his attention, that he has failed to answer our inquiry of June 21, 1942 concerning Mr. Kahara's automobile.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Toshio Sakai

Evacuee Property: Kazuko Sakai at the time of evacuation was owner of two pieces of farm land totaling approximately nineteen and one-half acres of land. She had leased a portion of the farm to Manuel H. Garcia, a Filipino.

Recently Kazuko Sakai transferred all of her interest in the farm property to her brother, Toshio Sakai. Mr. Garcia is desirous of securing a lease on all of the farm property, excepting the house situated thereon. Under date of September 8, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle advised us, that Mr. Toshio Sakai should prepare and sign a lease acceptable to him involving the nineteen acres of farm land.

Prepared a lease covering the property, which calls for an annual rental of \$375 per year for "the term of the duration and existence of the Military Exclusion Order whereby the said lessor is excluded from living or residing at Kitsap County, State of Washington." Mr. Toshio Sakai has signed the lease in the presence of the office notary.

Prepared the letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the lease in duplicate, together with a copy for the files of the Evacuee Property Supervisor, were enclosed.

14) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Yao Yabe, relative to the estate of her deceased husband.

Estate: Mr. Chozo Yabe died at this center and left a savings account in the sum of \$1008.72 in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank. Mrs. Yabe is the sole beneficiary of this estate. Through the Evacuee Property Supervisor's office at Seattle, Mrs. Yabe secured the services of Mr. Frank E. Boyle as the attorney and administrator for the estate. Under date of September 21, 1943, Mr. Boyle forwarded the "waiver of right to act as administratrix and request that Frank E. Boyle be appointed", for Mrs. Yabe's signature.

Mrs. Yabe has today signed the petition in the presence of the office notary.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein this petition was transmitted.

15) FEDERAL RESERVE (Long distance call to Mr. Morrill of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco):

George K. Suzuki, the father of Edith Suzuki, is now interned at Santa Fe, New Mexico. Miss Suzuki has paid several insurance premiums on her father's policy out of her own funds. Miss Suzuki is now desirous of having the same reimbursed from the funds of her father, which is now blocked in the Miners and Merchants Bank of Ketchikan, Alaska. It is necessary in this case to apply for a license with the Governor of Alaska. It was my understanding, that the Governor of Alaska is acting in a similar capacity as the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco in regard to these matters.

Mr. Morrill concurred with me, in that Miss Suzuki should apply for a license with the Governor's office of Alaska by using the same forms as provided for by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 1943

16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Hamada, relative to his savings account.

Banking: Mr. Hamada prior to evacuation had changed his individual account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank to a joint account with his wife, K. Hamada. There is the sum of \$6363.96. Through the aid of this office he changed the account back to its former status of individual account in his own name only.

Under date of September 15, 1943 the bank advised us, that the new savings account under the name of "T. Hamada" has been opened, and that the bank is now enclosing the passbook.

The passbook was today delivered to the evacuee, who acknowledged the receipt of the same.

17) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Nisaku Araki, relative to his boat.

Federal Reserve: Mr. Nisaku Araki owns a wooden boat, 16 feet long, without an engine or propelling device, which is now stored in M. Tamesa's place in Sunnydale, King County, State of Washington. Mr. H. E. Nims is desirous of purchasing the same for \$20. He has forwarded the sum of \$20 in form of a United States Postal Money Order to Toru Araki, the evacuee's son, an American citizen. Mr. Araki is a "blocked Japanese National"; for the reason that he has not continuously resided at all times

within the continental United States since June 7, 1940. Through this office Mr. Araki applied for a Federal Reserve License to consummate the transaction.

Under date of September 10, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco granted the license, wherein, in part, it states:

"Effect of transactions ordinarily incident to the sale to H. E. Nims, Seattle, Washington, of that certain round bottom wooden boat approximately 16 feet long and without an engine or any propelling device whatsoever, which is now located at M. Tamesa's residence in Sunnydale, King County, Washington, for a total consideration of \$20."

Prepared a Bill of Sale covering the sale of the boat, and incorporated in the Bill of Sale the following clause:

"That said Nisaku Araki is a 'Blocked Japanese National'. Therefore, this transaction has been authorized and this Bill of Sale made pursuant to a license issued herein by direction and on behalf of the Secretary of Treasury thru the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, being License No. SF37575, dated September 10, 1943."

Mr. Araki today has signed the Bill of Sale in the presence of the office notary, and the same was turned over to him for delivery to Mr. Nims.

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 1, 1943

18) I spent considerable time in looking up the laws relative to the following:

- (1) Federal Reserve Regulations
- (2) Wills in State of Oregon
- (3) Emancipation of Minors

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 2, 1943

19) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Denzo Kawaguchi, relative to his papers.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Kawaguchi formerly operated the "Corona Hotel" at Seattle, Washington. Up to the time of the upbreak of the war, Mr. Masuda had acted as his attorney. Mr. Kawaguchi left all of his papers including legal documents for safe-keeping in Mr. Masuda's files.

These are now being kept by Mrs. Mamie Gregory, formerly the secretary of Mr. Masuda.

At the request of Mr. Kawaguchi the office made an inquiry concerning same through the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle.

Under date of September 22, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor forwarded to this office for delivery to Mr. Kawaguchi a complete list of written instruments and documents contained in the office files of Thomas Masuda for and in behalf of D. Kawaguchi, which was submitted by Mrs. Mamie Gregory.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the receipt of the list by Kawaguchi was enclosed, and the office suggested that the case can now be considered closed.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Takichi Nitta, relative to his claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: The Yokohama Specie Bank had made a claim against Mr. Nitta on two notes, one in the sum of \$1,263.96 and the other in the sum of \$100.

Mr. Nitta contended that the \$100 note was paid in full therefore he was entitled to the return of same. Mr. Nitta had requested for the return of the \$100 note, and for additional time on the other note in order that he can contact his friends for the purpose of retiring the note.

Under date of September 17, 1943, the Receiver of the Bank returned the \$100 note.

This note was delivered to Mr. Nitta, who acknowledged the receipt of same. Mr. Nitta further informed us, that after contacting his friend he will be able to raise only \$250; that he would like to know, in the event of the delivery of this \$250 to the bank, whether or not the bank will be kind enough to wait for the

balance for two years; that he would be willing to pay one-half of the balance plus interest one year hence, and the other half of the balance plus interest two years hence; and that he would like to ask the bank to consider this matter, since he has no ways and means of raising this money, when he is now confined in a Relocation Center.

Prepared a letter to the Receiver of the bank, wherein Mr. Nitta's receipt for the note was enclosed and the office advised the Receiver, as to Mr. Nitta's request.

MONDAY - OCTOBER 4, 1943

21) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kyo Suzuki, relative to her savings account.

Federal Reserve: Mrs. Kyo Suzuki has a savings account in the International Branch of the Seattle-First National Bank under the name of Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura in the sum of \$1287.99. Mrs. Suzuki is a blocked Japanese National. Sakae Nakamura is her daughter, and an American citizen. This savings account represents a portion of the community property of Kyo Suzuki and Gozo Suzuki, her husband. Mr. Suzuki was picked up by the FBI and was later released. Mrs. Suzuki is desirous of substituting her husband in the place of her daughter. Through this office Mrs. Suzuki applied for a license with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein she requested the substitution of Gozo Suzuki, her husband in the place of Sakae Nakamura.

Under date of September 28, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco granted a license being No. SF38019. This license, however, did not comply with the application; so, it was necessary to seek correction of the same.

Prepared on form TFE-1, wherein Mrs. Suzuki requested the following:

"(1) Amend paragraph 1 of the License No. SF38019, under date of September 28, 1943, so when corrected, it shall read as follows:

'Withdraw by check not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$1,287.99 from blocked Account

No. 6670 in the name of Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura, maintained with the International Branch, Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, Washington, and effect transfer of a like amount to a blocked account in the name of Kyo Suzuki and/or Gozo Suzuki in the said Bank.

This license is authorized provided payment is made to a blocked account in the name of Kyo Suzuki and/or Gozo Suzuki as nationals of Japan, in the International Branch, Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, Washington.'

This request is made; for the reason that aforesaid license is not in accordance with applicant's license application, dated September 9, 1943, relative to same.

- (2) Extend the new license for additional 30 days in order that the applicant may have sufficient time to consummate the transaction, as provided for in said license issued thereunder."

Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the application on TFE-1 was transmitted in triplicate.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Roy Shigeo Furuta, relative to two Certificates of Deposit.

Evacuee Property: Koichi Furuta, the father of Roy Shigeo Furuta, was picked up by the FBI on December 8, 1941. The father is now interned at Santa Fe, New Mexico. The son has been appointed as the Attorney-in-Fact for Koichi Furuta. The father had on deposit large sums of money in the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, and it was necessary to submit the certificates to file a claim against the bank. Unless the certificates are presented, the policy of the bank is to require a bond which is practically impossible to get at the present time.

Mr. Roy Shigeo Furuta had requested of this office to contact the FBI, as he understood that the two certi-

ificates were in the father's possession at the time when he was taken into custody.

The Evacuee Property Supervisor's office at Seattle was contacted by this office in this regard.

Under date of September 23, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor advised us, that, although proper inquiries were made, the two certificates cannot be located.

In the meantime Mr. Furuta's brother-in-law visited the family home on Bainbridge Island. He was successful in locating the certificates in question.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office stated, that the case can now be considered closed, and related to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, that the certificates in question were found.

23) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Yamaguchi, relative to certain farming equipment.

Evacuee Property: Y. and Sami Yamaguchi are both evacuees residing at this center. Sami Yamaguchi owns a farm at Troutdale, Oregon. Prior to evacuation he left the farm together with all farm equipment, including trucks and automobiles with Clara Webb Smith. Y. Yamaguchi owns an interest in the vehicles. This farm is now operated by Clara Webb Smith under a partnership arrangement with Sami Yamaguchi.

Clara Webb Smith now desires to have all of said vehicles registered in her name, with the legal title in the evacuees in order that she can secure insurance for same. It is apparent from the letters that we have received from our Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, that the insurance companies are now refusing to insure the vehicles belonging to evacuees, when absent.

Upon writing to the Secretary of State of the State of Oregon, we learned, that the transfer can be made to Clara Webb Smith and at the same time protect the legal rights of Y. Yamaguchi to the vehicles.

Under date of August 16, 1943 the Department of Financial Responsibility of the State of Oregon advised Mr. Yamaguchi, that his automobile was involved in an accident on July 9, 1943; that it will be

necessary for him to file proof of financial responsibility on or before October 5, 1943, in order to avoid suspension of his Motor Vehicle Registration.

Under date of September 9, 1943, this office together with Mr. Yamaguchi wrote to the Department of Financial Responsibility, wherein we requested sufficient time to allow us to make the transfer to Clara Webb Smith.

Under date of September 24, 1943, the Department of Financial Responsibility advised us, that the Department is without authority to grant an extension to Y. Yamaguchi.

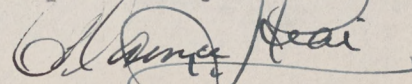
Today I took the matter up with Mr. Clarence Ellis, Manager of the Department of Financial Responsibility by long distance, and he stated, that he had failed to consider the matter thoroughly; that in view of the present agreement between the "Yamaguchis" and Clara Webb Smith it may be construed that Mrs. Smith is actually in fact the registered owner; and that when the transfer as to the registered ownership is made he would appreciate, if we will contact his office and deliver to him a copy of the agreement, as he will then iron out the matter.

Mr. Yamaguchi has today endorsed the certificates of title covering the three cars to transfer the registered ownership to Clara Webb Smith, reserving to himself however, the legal title.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein these certificates were transmitted, and the office requested, that he make the necessary arrangements to have the transfer made, and that he contact the Department of Financial Responsibility relative to the suspension of Mr. Yamaguchi's motor vehicle registration, and deliver to the department a copy of the agreement between the "Yamaguchis" and Clara Webb Smith.

Prepared a letter to the Department of Financial Responsibility, wherein the office advised him, that arrangements are now being made to transfer the registered ownership, and the office advised him, that he will be contacted by the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland.

Respectfully submitted,



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

October 11, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Irvin Lechlitter, Project Attorney,
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal
Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report - October 5, 1943 to October
13, 1943 inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 5, 1943

- 1) MEMO:
Prepared the weekly report covering September 28,
1943 to October 4, 1943, inclusive, which consists of
twelve pages.
- 2) INTERVIEW:
Mr. F. Y. Uchida, relative to his hotel in Seattle---
Consultation.
- 3) INTERVIEW:
Mr. K. Kawanishi-----Consultation
- 4) INTERVIEW:
Mr. Nobuka Toyooka, relative to his farm.

Evacuee Property: Prior to evacuation Mr. and Mrs.
Toyooka operated a berry farm at Troutdale, Oregon.
This farm consisted of 60 acres. On April 11, 1942
the "Toyookas" leased the farm to Elmer Sturm for the
duration of the war at the annual rental of \$1000.
Elmer Sturm is now in default on the 1943 rental.

The Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland was
contacted by this office to collect this rental
in behalf of the "Toyookas".

Mr. Toyooka has called to the attention of this office, that he has failed to receive this rental to date, and that he would appreciate, if the Evacuee Property Supervisor will press the claim against Mr. Sturm.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein the office requested, that he contact Mr. Sturm, and have him pay the rental at once.

5) MEMO TO:

Mr. Irvin Lechlitter, Project Attorney, wherein I submitted the following report for the month of September, 1943:

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Commercial Equipment	1
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IV. Evacuee Property Cases Referred to Outside Attorneys:

None

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Isaburo Suzuki, relative to his deceased wife's Travelers checks.

Estate (Without probate): Kimi Suzuki died at this center on March 7, 1943. At the time of her death she had in her name twenty (20) American Express Company's Travelers checks in the total sum of \$200. Mr. Isaburo Suzuki, the surviving spouse, is now desirous of seeking a refund of these checks.

Prepared a letter to the Department of Public Welfare of the State of Idaho, wherein the office requested for a certified copy of Mrs. Suzuki's death certificate, and enclosed therein a United States Postal Money Order in the sum of 50¢ furnished by Isaburo Suzuki.

Interrogated the said Isaburo Suzuki to secure the necessary facts to fill out the affidavit, which is required by the Express Company.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki are both blocked Japanese Nationals, it is necessary to apply for a Federal License to authorize the refund. Prepared on form TFE-1 in triplicate the application of Isaburo Suzuki, wherein he requested the following:

"Authorize the refund on the following described American Express Company's Travelers check:

C,5,669,219 to C,5,669,238, inclusive,
each of the face value of \$10.00,

or the total sum of \$200.00, which Travelers checks were issued in the name of Kimi Suzuki.

That said Kimi Suzuki, a blocked Japanese National, is the deceased wife of the applicant. That said Kimi Suzuki died at the Minidoka Relocation Center on March 7, 1943. That there has not been an administrator or executor appointed for the estate of the said Kimi Suzuki. That said refund is to be granted to said applicant by the American Express Company upon filing with them an affidavit by the applicant containing all facts relative to said Travelers checks, as required by the American Express Company.

Authorize the issuance of a check by the American Express Company to make this refund to said applicant, which is to be used by the applicant for his personal living expenses only."

Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein the aforesaid license application was transmitted.

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 6, 1943

7) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Prior to evacuation, "Tainaka Bros." sold certain produce to the Western Growers' Exchange of Seattle, which was not paid by the Growers' Exchange. In the State of Washington all produce dealers are required to be bonded. The Maryland Casualty Company put up a bond in favor of the Western Growers' Exchange. Mr. Tainaka has made a claim against the Maryland Casualty Company in the sum of \$492.16 in behalf of the "Tainaka Bros."

All papers in connection with the claim were prepared by this office. Under date of September 22, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, advised us, that the Maryland Casualty Company is now ready to pay the claim in the sum of \$492.62; that, however, it will be necessary for the Tainaka brothers to release the Western Growers' Exchange and the Maryland Casualty Company; that there is an outstanding bill in the sum of \$6.49, which must be paid by the Tainaka brothers; and that the Tainaka brothers should send in a check in the sum of \$6.49 made payable to "The Copy Company".

Prepared a "release of all claims", which is to be signed by Kenichi Tainaka and Shigeo Tainaka co-partners.

Prepared a letter to Kenichi Tainaka, wherein this release was enclosed for their signatures, and the office requested, that the release, after being properly signed, be mailed back to this office, along with a check in the sum of \$6.49.

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Kawada, relative to Soldier's Dependency Allotment.

Soldier's Dependency Allotment: Mr. Kawada has a son in the Armed Forces of the United States who is about to go overseas. He requested advice concerning the Soldier's Dependency Act, and War Risk Insurance. I accommodated the

evacuee and suggested to him, that all matters pertaining to the Soldier's Dependency Allotment should be taken up with the Counselor of this Project.

9) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Niro Matsuuro.

Affidavit: Mr. Matsuuro is now an applicant for annuities under the Railroad Retirement Act. He is having this case processed through the office of the Counselor of this Project. On or about March 5, 1943, he had a certificate of translation of his passport made by Mr. Elmer Nishimoto, the Insurance Counselor of our department. Mr. Matsuura mailed the certificate of translation to the Railroad Retirement Board. He lost the passport on or about this time. He was later advised by the Railroad Retirement Board, that this translation will not be sufficient, and they will require the original passport.

I have this date prepared an affidavit, which was signed by Mr. Matsuura, in connection with this lost passport.

10) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Sami Yamaguchi is the owner of a 1929 White truck, which is now being used by Clara Webb Smith, in connection with the farm, that he has left in her care. The State of Oregon will not issue a license on said truck, unless the registered onwership is transferred to Mrs. Clara Webb Smith. This truck has been registered in the State of Washington, and it is necessary to transfer the title to the State of Oregon. The certificate of title has been misplaced.

Therefore, prepared the following letters:

- (1) Letter to Sami Yamaguchi to find out whether or not he has the same in his possession.
- (2) Letter to the Director of Licenses of the State of Washington, wherein the office requested the necessary forms to secure a duplicate certificate of title on said truck.

In the meantime, we learned that the motor number on said truck has been changed. Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein the office requested, that he contact Clara Webb Smith to ascertain the present motor number on said truck.

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 7, 1943

11) ABSENTEE VOTING:

Mr. Thomas Sakai, who is now sojourning at Salt Lake City, Utah, under date of October 7, 1943, wrote to this office for information relative to absentee voting for elections in the City of Seattle.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Sakai, wherein I answered his inquiry, and advised him, that for any further information he may contact the Comptroller's office, County City Building, Seattle, Washington.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Itoi, relative to the Carrollton Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle, the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. S. Itoi, relative to the management of the Carrollton Hotel, wrote to this office concerning the present situation and problems of said hotel.

This letter was today interpreted to Mr. Itoi.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office advised him, that Mr. S. Itoi was very much pleased with his frank and interesting report, and that Mr. Itoi realizes the difficult situation that he is now in.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Matazo Tokumasu, relative to the Tourist Hotel.

OPA: Miss Masters, the attorney for the present operator of the hotel under date of September 29th wrote to Mr. Tokumasu concerning the books of the Tourist Hotel.

Prepared a letter to Miss Masters, wherein the office advised her, that Mr. Tokumasu has informed us, that at the time of the sale of the Tourist Hotel to Mr. Charles Sand, Mr. Tokumasu had left the books of the hotel in the office of the Tourist Hotel for Mr. Sand's use.

14) TREASURY DEPARTMENT:

Mrs. Ai Takeno, mother of Dr. George Takeno was picked up by the FBI on or about February 28, 1942, and was later released on parole in May, 1942. Dr. Takeno is desirous of ascertaining the status of his mother. Mrs. Takeno is able to sign the WRA form 154 except for the fact that she was picked

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up by the FBI. This office prepared a letter to the Treasury Department under the signature of the Project Director, where he inquired as to the status of Ai Takeno.

Under date of September 20, 1943 the Treasury Department advised Mr. Stafford to the following effect:

"Reference is made to your letter of September 3, 1943, (Evacuee Property Division, C. Arai), relative to Ai Takeno, an evacuee sojourning at your Relocation Center.

According to information in our files Ai Takeno was detained on March 31, 1942 and paroled on May 28, 1942, but never interned; nor has she been blocked by this office."

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Sunada, relative to his household and farm equipment.

Evacuee Property: Mr. H. Sunada is the owner of a cranberry farm at Warrenton, Oregon. At the time of evacuation, he left all of his farm equipment, and household belongings on the farm.

Under date of September 13, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland advised us, that:

"The house belonging to the Sunadas on their farm near Mr. Anderson's place, has been broken into during the past two weeks and the contents fairly thoroughly rifled and many articles strewn about the floor. The warehouse has also been reentered and some things stolen. Mr. Anderson is of the opinion that someone must have a pass key to the warehouse.

Please refer to our letter under date of April 10, 1943 in which we pointed out the need of concentration of stored articles belonging to the Sunadas.

It would assist us in checking on missing articles, if Mr. Sunada would furnish us with a list of personal effects and farm equipment."

Upon contacting Mr. Sunada, he informed me, that he is about to relocate at Mesa, Idaho, where he intends to farm, and that he would like to have the household

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furnishings and the farm equipment shipped out to him.

Prepared the following:

- (1) The affidavit, as to the status of Mr. H. Sunada.
- (2) The request for assistance on form 153-A, wherein Mr. Sunada authorized the WRA to do the following:

"To take possession of, and sell for the best price obtainable to any person or persons all of the personal property, as itemized in Exhibit "A"; to collect any and all sums of money, as a result of said sale; to make effectual receipts and discharges therefor; to take possession and arrange for transportation of all personal property, as itemized in Exhibit "B" and "C" to me in-care-of the Mesa Company, Mesa, Idaho; to demand, secure, and institute legal proceedings for any and all of the above described personal property from or against any person or persons, who are wrongfully withholding the same from me; to maintain, preserve, and to salvage any and all of the aforesaid property in my behalf; and to do any and all acts, which are proper and requisite in the premises."

- (3) A letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein the request for assistance in duplicate, along with the affidavit, as to the status of Mr. H. Sunada, were enclosed.

As far as the household furnishings were concerned, this matter was referred to our Traffic Department to prepare form 156 on same. As far as the transportation of the farming equipment was concerned, this matter was also referred to our Traffic Department with instructions, that Mr. Sunada is to pay the deposit on the farm equipment to be transported.

(16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Watanabe, relative to the oyster farm of his nephew.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Minoru Namba is serving in the Armed Forces of our country. Prior to evacuation he left his oyster farm at Troutdale, Oregon to one Mogan for the sum of \$50 per quarter. Mr. Watanabe called

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this to the attention of this office, in that the rent of this property has not been paid since January 1942. Mogan in the meantime had passed away. His estate is now being administered by Anders Stensrud. Mr. Robosky, a former employee of Mr. Mogan, is now on the property without the consent of Mr. Namba.

Mr. Namba appointed Henry I. Tambara, an American citizen as his Attorney-in-Fact. Mr. Tambara has signed the request for assistance to have the WRA act on the case.

Mr. Robosky is now interested in leasing or purchasing this property.

Considerable negotiations have been made concerning the property without a meeting of the minds.

Under date of September 27, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, advised us, that Mr. Robosky is willing to lease the property for the duration of war in the sum of \$30 per quarter provided Mr. Namba will credit him for all repairs on the premises, in lieu of the rent to the extent of the repairs.

In discussing the situation with Mr. Watanabe, he felt, that the offer is too low; and he suggested the following:

- (1) "To lease the oyster property for the duration of the present exclusion order against persons of Japanese ancestry.
- (2) The property to be rented for the consideration of \$50 per quarter, the same as provided in the original lease with Mr. Gerard T. Mogan.
- (3) The new tenant Mr. Bobosky to pay and assume for all repairs on premises. As far as the \$500 repair bill is concerned Mr. Namba is to meet Mr. Robosky half way by allowing Mr. Robosky free rent from March 5, 1943 and up to and including June 4, 1944."

Mr. Watanabe stated, however, that the Mogan estate should pay for all of the rental up to the time when he was served with a written notice to the effect, that the Mogan estate no longer wished to retain the property.

This matter was taken up with Mr. Walker over long

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distance, and he agreed to submit the proposition to Mr. Robosky.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Walker confirming our telephone conversation.

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 8, 1943

17) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Yamaguchi-----Consultation

18) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to his nephew's oyster farm.

Evacuee Property: (Continued from Item 16): Mr. Watanabe has today signed the offer prepared by this office.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Hiroshi Fujino-----Consultation

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. T. Yoshimoto-----Consultation

21) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Sunada, relative to his farm equipment and household goods.

Evacuee Property: (Continued from Item 15): Mr. Sunada has today informed me, that he desires to delete from the items to be sold the following:

- (1) One cranberry separator
- (2) 800 boxes (for changing and drying)

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the office advised him, that these two items should be deleted from the goods to be sold, and the same to be left in storage on the farm.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Fudeshi Morihiro, relative to a claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: Under date of August 30, 1943, the Yokohama Specie Bank wrote to Fudeshi Morihiro, whereby the bank requested the payment of \$2517.91. Mr. Morihiro was formerly engaged in a poultry business at Portland, Oregon. He had placed as collateral

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his two Bills of Exchange in the sum of Y12,631.98 as security for the three notes--totaling \$2700. Mr. Morihiro had informed us, that he had failed in business just prior to the outbreak of the war; that he wrote to the bank that he was unable to pay this indebtedness, as a result of the failure; that in said letter he instructed the bank to accept the collateral in full payment of the loan; and that since he had failed to hear from the bank in this regard he took it for granted that the loan was retired. This office wrote to the bank inquiring, as to the present status of the loan.

Under date of September 23, 1943, the bank replied:

"We do not find anything in the files of the bank that would indicate that they have accepted or agreed to accept the collateral in lieu of the notes. We do find some correspondence in Japanese that was sent by Mr. Morihiro to the bank but we are unable to translate this correspondence.

The present status of the loans made by the bank to Mr. Morihiro is therefore as above out-lined."

The contents of this letter was interpreted to the evacuee. He requested, that we advise the receiver of the bank to the following effect:

"That he failed in the poultry business at Portland, Oregon, seven (7) months or so prior to the outbreak of the war; that at the time he liquidated his business, he paid up all of his outstanding indebtedness, except on the notes, which your bank is now holding; that, in view of the fact your bank was then holding his two (2) Bills of Exchange, which were of value, he instructed the bank to accept these collaterals in full payment of the loan; that he had failed to hear from your bank in this regard, so, he took it for granted that the loan had been retired; that at the present time he has no means or ways of raising any money; and that, therefore, in the event your bank considers, that this indebtedness has not been paid in full by him, he has no other alternative than to leave this matter at the mercy of the bank."

Prepared a letter to the bank, wherein the office advised the bank accordingly, and that such being the circumstances, our office can be of no further assistance in the matter.

23) LONG DISTANCE:

Mr. Frank E. Boyle is now handling several matters in behalf of the various evacuees relative to cases, which were turned over to him at the request of each of the evacuees concerned through the Evacuee Property Supervisor's office at Seattle. I discussed the following matters with Mr. Boyle over the telephone:

- (1) Relative to the management of the New England Hotel, which is owned by Hiroshi Fujino. I clarified matters with him, as to the status of the father in relation to the hotel business.
- (2) Relative to the house and lot of Dengo Kusakabe. I informed him, that Mrs. O'neil is now attempting to secure the sale price of the house and lot from the evacuee.
- (3) Relative to the Rosedale Hotel which is owned by M. Kosaka. Mr. Boyle has served a notice of forfeiture upon the purchaser of this hotel. Mr. Boyle related to me the progress of this case.

24) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Dengo Kusakabe, relative to his house and lot.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is now managing the house and lot for Mr. Kusakabe. Daisy O'neil is now the tenant and she is now desirous of purchasing same. Under date of September 30, 1943, Mrs. O'neil wrote to Mr. Kusakabe inquiring therein, as to the sale price of the house and lot.

Prepared a letter for Mr. Kusakabe, wherein he advised her, that everything relative to the sale and the management of this house was left in the hands of Mr. Frank E. Boyle, Attorney-at-Law, with offices in the 1331 Third Avenue Building, Seattle, Washington.

SATURDAY - October 9, 1943

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Yamato-----Consultation

26) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Yesterday Mr. H. Sunada placed his deposit in the

sum of \$200 to have all of his farm equipment transported to Mesa, Oregon, from his former farm in Warrenton, Oregon.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, wherein the United States Postal Money Orders in the sum of \$200 were transmitted.

27) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

At the request of Mr. Linville, I prepared on Form 153-A the Request for Assistance for Mrs. W. Shibata, wherein she authorized the sale of the Sun Hotel for a sum not less than \$3500.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Y. Shimizu-----Consultation

29) INTERVIEW:

Mr. William Koda, relative to his lost birth certificate.

Birth Certificate: Mr. William Koda lost his birth certificate, and through this office he applied for a duplicate. A duplicate was issued by the Washington State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it was mailed in care of this office.

This birth certificate was delivered to Mr. Koda, who acknowledged the receipt of same.

MONDAY - October 11, 1943

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tom Miura, relative to his apartment house.

Legal Aid: Mr. Miura is the owner of the "Magnolia Apartment" in Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Janek is now managing this hotel for the evacuee. Mr. Morris Eben is the attorney for Mr. Miura. Mr. Eben under date of October 5, 1943 reported the income and expenses for the month of September, and the burglary, which occurred at the apartment, whereby the business suffered a loss in the sum of \$183.

Prepared a letter to the attorney, wherein the office conveyed Mr. Miura's instructions to Mr. Eben.

31) INTERVIEW:

Mr. George Makota Iwakiri, relative to his birth certificate.

Birth Certificate: This office wrote to the Department

of Health and Sanitation of the City of Tacoma, Washington for the birth certificate of George Makota Iwakari. A copy of this birth certificate was received by this office.

This birth certificate was delivered to Mr. Iwakiri, who acknowledged the receipt of same.

32) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Fujiko Izumi relative to her husband's accident.

Personal Injury: Mr. Izumi was injured in an automobile accident recently at this center. Mrs. Izumi is desirous of finding out, whether or not her husband can claim for damages, as a result of the injuries.

Inasmuch, as this is a case, where the government is involved, and also one between the evacuees, I advised her to contact the Project Attorney.

33) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Tamuro Miura, relative to the "Magnolia Apartments."

Evacuee Property: (Continued from Item 30): Mr. Miura is dubious about the alleged burglary,-- especially, in view of the fact, that the garbage collection bill has been raised from \$8 to \$10 per month. I have examined this receipt and find, that this change was made in a different handwriting, and by a different pencil. Mr. Miura desires the assistance of this office to have the alleged burglary investigated and the books and records of the apartments checked.

Prepared a request for assistance on Form 153-A, wherein the evacuee authorized the War Relocation Authority to act in his behalf.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Mr. Miura.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor wherein the request for assistance in duplicate and the affidavit, were both enclosed.

34) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Teddy Ohi, a recent transferee from Tule Lake, relative to a claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank against his sister-----Consultation.

35) INTERVIEW:

Mr. A Sasaki, a recent transferee from Tule Lake relative to his child.

Legal Aid: Mr. Sasaki, while at Tule Lake cohabited with a woman without being married. A child was born at the Tule Lake Relocation Center as a result of the cohabitation. The mother has been transferred to another project from Tule Lake. Mr. Sasaki is now desirous of securing legal custody of this child.

Since this matter is a problem between two evacuees, and one in which the government may be interested, I referred this case to our Project Attorney.

I advised Mr. Sasaki, that he should contact the Project Attorney at once.

36) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. George Ishihara, who is now relocated in Nampa, Idaho, under recent date wrote to this office regarding claims against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, which is now under liquidation by the Alien Property Custodian.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Ishihara, wherein the office advised him, as to the present situation of these claims.

37) SUMITOMO BANK CLAIM:

Under date of October 1, the receiver of the Sumitomo Bank wrote to us, in which he called to our attention, that Mr. A. Shibukawa should make proof of his claims at once.

Upon checking the files, I found that we have already written to Mr. A. Shibukawa, relative to this matter under date of May 26, 1943.

Prepared a letter to Mr. A. Shibukawa by addressing the same to his brother, H. Shibukawa, wherein the office called this matter to his attention, and enclosed a copy of the letter, which we had received from the receiver of the bank.

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38) INTERVIEW:

Mr. F. Y. Uchida, relative to the Newton Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Uchida is the owner of the Newton Hotel at Seattle, Washington. Prior to evacuation he left the hotel in care of the landlord, Mr. A. C. Grant. Through the evacuee supervisor's office at Seattle Mr. Uchida has offered to sell the furnishings and equipment of the hotel for the sum of \$1,500.00 cash net to himself or \$1750.00 on terms.

Under date of September 27, 1943 the evacuee property supervisor advised us, that Mr. Grant is willing to purchase the same for the sum of \$1200.

The contents of this letter was interpreted to the evacuee, and he informed us,

"That he is unable to entertain any offer below the sum of \$1,500.00 cash; that at the time, when he took this business over, there was hardly any furniture or equipment to speak of; that during the 12 years, when he operated the hotel, he expended well over \$1,000.00 to improve the furnishings of said hotel; and that, since evacuation Mr. Grant has expended the total sum of \$388.50 for the new equipment for the hotel."

Prepared a letter to the evacuee property supervisor, wherein the office advised him relative to the evacuee's reaction, and that, since Mr. Grant is interested in purchasing the hotel, the evacuee is willing to concede to the extent, that he will sell the hotel to Mr. Grant for the sum of \$1400 cash.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 12, 1943

39) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Minoru Namba is the owner of an oyster company at Tillamook, Oregon. Prior to evacuation he leased the farm to one Mogan; Mogan passed away, and his estate is now being administered by Anders Stenstrud. Mr. Robosky is now on the premises without consent. The rent on the oyster property has been unpaid, except for one-quarter. Minoru Namba is now serving in the armed forces of the United States, and he is now overseas. Mr. Namba has appointed Henry I. Tambara as

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his attorney-in-fact. Mr. Kumago Watanabe is the uncle of Mr. Namba and is well acquainted with all of the facts relative to the lease. Mr. Tambara is now working outside of the center at Twin Falls, Idaho. To facilitate matters Mr. Watanabe suggested, that that he be authorized to aid in the negotiations for Mr. Tambara,-- Mr. Tambara having consented to the arrangements.

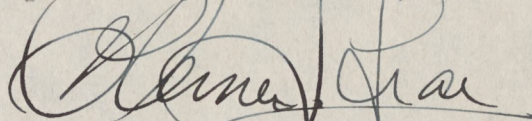
Prepared an instrument whereby the War Relocation Authority is authorized to consult with Kumago Watanabe relative to the management, lease, and sale of the oyster property.

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 13, 1943

40) EVACUEE PROPERTY: (Continued from Item No. 39):

I made a trip with Mr. Kumago Watanabe to Twin Falls, Idaho to contact Henry I. Tambara, whom we met there. Mr. Tambara signed the authorization, and his signature was witnessed by Mr. F. Y. Uchida and myself.

Respectfully submitted,



Clarence T. Arai

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

October 14, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Irvin Lechliter, Project Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal
Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report-October 14, 1943 to October 20, 1943
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 14, 1943

1) MEMO: Prepared the weekly report covering October 5, 1943 to October 13, 1943, inclusive, which consists of 17 pages.

2) INTERVIEW: Mr. Kazuo Mori, relative to his safety deposit box.

Legal Aid: Mr. Kazuo Mori has a safety deposit box in the International Branch of the First National Bank in Seattle, Washington. He is now desirous of appointing Mr. A. H. Gould as his Attorney-in-Fact, to extract from the safety deposit box all of the contents therein for delivery to him.

Prepared a special Power of Attorney, which in part stated:

- (1) To open my safety deposit box, being No. 188, in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, King County, Washington, for the special purpose of extracting therefrom all of the contents of said safety deposit box;
- (2) To take possession of said contents for the purpose of delivering the same to me at the Minidoka Relocation Center, Hunt, Idaho;
- (3) To return the keys on the said safety deposit box, and to close my account

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with said bank relative to the rental of said safety deposit box;

- (4) To collect, and to receive in my behalf any refunds, which may be coming to me; and
- (5) To do all acts requisite for effecting these premises hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said attorney shall do therein by virtue of these presents.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Mr. Kazuo Mori.

These two instruments in duplicate, together with a copy, were delivered to Mr. Kazuo Mori.

3) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Itoi relative to the Carrollton Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Itoi is the owner and operator of the Carrollton Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Itoi, and he is now managing the hotel in his behalf.

Under date of October 7, 1943, Mr. Boyle wrote to this office, whereby he gave a complete report for the month of September, and he enclosed the September statement and the statement from the bank.

The contents of this letter was interpreted to Mr. Itoi. Prepared the receipt, wherein Mr. Itoi acknowledged the receipt of the September statement.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office enclosed the receipt of Mr. Itoi, and the bank statement.

4) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Sadako Abe relative to her husband's estate
----- Consultation

5) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Watanabe---- Consultation

6) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Tetsuo Kuramoto was formerly the operator of the "Olympic View Hotel" in the City of Seattle, Washington. Prior to evacuation he sold the furniture, furnishings, and the business of said hotel to Arthur J. B. Richardson and Rose G. Richardson for the sum of \$3750.00. The vendees paid down the sum of \$1500.00, and the balance in the sum of \$2250.00 was secured by a conditional sales contract. This office aided in the collection of the balance on the contract. Since the balance has been paid in full, Mr. Linville has requested that the satisfaction on same be prepared.

Prepared the satisfaction of said conditional sales contract.

7) INTERVIEW:

M. Fujino-----Consultation

8) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Under date of October 11, 1943 Mrs. Grace Egawa enclosed a Statutory Warranty Deed, and requested that her husband's and her signature be acknowledged by the office notary.

Prepared a letter to Mrs. Grace Egawa, wherein the office advised her, that we are unable to do so, for the reason that she and her husband must appear personally before the notary, and suggested that she should contact a notary in her vicinity.

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 15, 1943

9) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Haru Kawashima, relative to her husband's savings account.

Estate (Without Probate): Yozo Kawashima died in the center hospital on September 23, 1943. He left a savings account in the United States National Bank of Portland in the sum of \$253.04, as of September 7, 1943. He also left another savings account in the name of "Yozo Kawashima in trust for Ben Kawashima" in the sum of \$9.23, as of March 29, 1943. He left the following heirs:

- (1) Haru Kawashima, surviving widow, age 51 years.
- (2) George Kawashima, son, age 26 years.
- (3) Mary Kawashima, daughter, age 20 years.

(4) Ben Kawashima, son, age 14 years.

Mrs. Kawashima is desirous of processing these accounts without probate.

Prepared a letter to the bank wherein the office related all of the circumstances, and requested, that the bank accommodate Mrs. Kawashima in the matter in view of the smallness of the estate.

10) INTERVIEW:

Miss Michiko Sunamoto, relative to her brothers' farm equipment.

Evacuee Property: Satoru and Katsumi Sunamoto were both joint operators of a berry farm at Hillsboro, Oregon. They are now serving in the armed forces of the United States. The farm property was leased from Abe Yungen. The "Sunamotos" sold the berry farm to Alta Carsten for the sum of \$5,000.00 by assigning the lease. Alta Carsten attempted to withhold from the "Sunamotos" certain personal property and equipment which had been left in her care. Among the personal property there was 500 berry carriers. Under date of September 15, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland advised us, that Mrs. Carsten has offered the sum of 5¢ per carrier for all of the berry carriers, which are in serviceable condition.

Under date of September 29, 1943, this office wrote to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein we stated, that Mrs. Carsten should pay for all of the 500, since they were all in serviceable condition at the time, when she took over.

Under date of October 12, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland remitted to us a check in the sum of \$25.00 covering payment in full for the 500 berry carriers. Inasmuch, as this check is made out to Charles Matsumoto, the father of Michiko Sunamoto, who is not a party to the request for assistance, I prepared a receipt covering same to be signed by Charles Sunamoto, Michiko Sunamoto, Katsumi Sunamoto by his attorney-in-fact Michiko Sunamoto, and Satoru Sunamoto by his attorney-in-fact Michiko Sunamoto.

Prepared, the affidavit as to the status of

Charles Sunamoto.

Prepared, the affidavit as to the status of Michiko Sunamoto.

11) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Takahashi, relative to an internment matter.

Internment: Mrs. Takahashi requested that I prepare a letter relative to her husband's internment. I advised her to contact Mr. Carl Santoz, the counselor, who has charge of such matters.

12) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Sadako Abe, relative to her husband's estate. Estate: Takaji Abe died at this center through an accidental death on December 2, 1943. Mr. Abe left, as his heirs: Sadako Abe, the surviving widow and three children. He left a total estate in the sum of \$6,317.04 plus ¥3,669.69. In the inventory filed by Mr. Frank E. Boyle, the administrator for the estate there was listed a claim filed by the deceased against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle relative to a certain savings account which was in the name of the deceased in the sum of \$1,695.50. This money was held by Takaji Abe in trust for Shigeru Uyeda.

It appears, that Shigeru Uyeda returned to Japan on November 4, 1941; that he made an affidavit, which in part stated:

"That he is leaving for Japan aboard the M. S. Hikawa Maru from Seattle on or about November 4, 1941 for the purpose of visiting his father, Rehachi Uyeda and his family composed of Takiko Uyeda, his wife and Keiko Uyeda, a daughter. That his father is ill and has requested the affiant to return to Japan for a visit. That he is leaving the United States with intention of returning to the United States in about four months. That he is leaving with the permission of the Local Selective Service Board No. 1 of Spokane, County, Washington, and holds a re-entry permit No. 1338308 expiring on October 21, 1942. That

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That during all the times that the affiant has resided in the United States, he has periodically remitted money to Japan for support of his parents and/or family. That he has been remitting approximately \$150.00 per month during the recent times for the support of his family.

That Takaji Abe holds in trust for the affiant the sum of \$2,000.00 which deposited at the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle under the name of Takaji Abe, that said money will be necessary to pay for the necessary living expenses of the affiant and his family during the time that the affiant is away from the United States. That the affiant believes that \$250.00 per month will be necessary in payment of his and his family's living expenses. in Japan and request that the sum of \$250.00 be sent to him monthly.";

that the actual sum deposited was only in the sum of \$1850.00 since Shigeru Uyeda was allowed to transmit \$150.00 to Japan; and that this trust money was reported by Takaji Abe, and Sadako Abe to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco on Form TFR-300, Series A and I.

Under date of October 5, 1943 Mr. Frank E. Boyle, the administrator and attorney for the estate of Takaji Abe, advised us, that the Alien Property Custodian is now asking, as to the nature of the trust, whether or not it was a parol trust or a written trust. Mr. Boyle requested, that an affidavit concerning the transaction be made by the widow.

Prepared an affidavit covering same, which in part contained the following:

"That I am the surviving widow of Takaji Abe, whose estate is now being probated in the Superior Court of King County, State of Washington;

That Frank E. Boyle of Seattle, Washington, is the attorney and administrator for said estate;

That in the inventory of said estate is listed a claim filed by the deceased against the

Sumitomo Bank of Seattle relative to a certain savings account, which is in his name in the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle in the sum of \$1,695.50;

That this account was held in trust by my deceased husband for Shigeru Uyeda, a Japanese National, who now resides at Nikibu-Mura, Nishi-Uwa-Gun, Ehime-Ken, Japan;

That this account was opened up by my deceased husband, and Shigeru Uyeda on or about November 3, 1941, or the day following;

That to the best of my knowledge and belief it was not a written trust, excepting an affidavit, which Shigeru Uyeda had made relative thereto on the 3rd day of November, 1941, which affidavit was delivered to my deceased husband, a copy of which is hereto attached;

That on or about the 13th day of March 1942 my deceased husband and I filed with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco a report on Form TFR-300, Series, A. & I.;

That in the report on TFR-300, Series A. appears the following:

"Supplemental Part D-1

All this property of Shigeru Uyeda, a Japanese National, who now resides at Nikibu-mura, Nishi-wa-gun, Ehime-Ken, Japan. Shigeru Uyeda prior to his departure for Japan, lived and worked on a farm near the city of Spokane, his mail address was Route #4, Garden Springs, Washington.

This property in the sum of \$1,850.00, plus any accrued interest was deposited by Shigeru Uyeda, in the name of Takaji Abe one of the affiants, on October 31st, 1941, the affiants made a withdrawal in the sum of \$154.50 and send the sum of \$150.00 to Shigeru Uyeda who resides at the above described

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address. The balance of the account of January 1, 1942 was \$1,695.50. This money was left in their care for the reason that the regulations of the Federal Government restricted the money to be taken out of the United States to \$200.00 to each person.";

That the date of said deposit in said report was incorrectly stated as October 31, 1931, for the reason that the deposit was made immediately after the execution and delivery of the affidavit by Shigeru Uyeda, as stated hereinabove;

That the actual sum deposited in said savings account was in the sum of \$1,850.00, since the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle at the time allowed Shigeru Uyeda to transmit \$150.00 to Japan;

That on or about December 4, 1941 Takaji Abe drew out the sum of \$150.00 for transmittal to Shigeru Uyeda by wire;

That the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle made a service charge in the sum of \$4.50; and

That the correct balance of said savings account on January 1, 1942 was in the sum of \$1,695.50 (without computing any interest thereon)."

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the affidavit in duplicate was enclosed.

13) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Kumago Watanabe, relative to his nephew's oyster property.

Evacuee Property: I talked to Mr. Claude G. Walker in regard to pending negotiations with Mr. Robosky concerning the lease of this oyster property over long distance in the presence of Mr. Watanabe.

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 16, 1943

14) INTERVIEW:

Takichi Nitta, relative to a claim against him by the Yokohama Specie Bank.

Claim by the Yokohama Specie Bank: The Yokohama

Specie Bank made a claim against Nitta on a note in the sum of \$1,263.96. Mr. Nitta was desirous of securing additional time to retire the note.

Through this office Mr. Nitta stated to the bank, that he would be willing to pay the sum of \$250.00, provided the bank will be kind enough to wait for the balance for two years; that he would be willing to pay half of the balance plus interest one year hence, and the other half of the balance plus interest two years hence.

Under date of October 6, 1943 the receiver of the bank advised-us, that:

"Under the existing circumstances we are not privileged to grant an extension of so long a time on the balance of his indebtedness but if he is willing to send us the \$250 cash to apply on his indebtedness at the present time we will be willing to show him every possible consideration as to time on the balance due trusting that by October First 1944 he may be able to raise sufficient funds with which to retire substantially the balance due."

Mr. Nitta contended that under the proposition, which the bank now offers to him, there is no person at this center, who is willing to loan him any money toward paying the balance on the note; and that the best he can do, is as stated in the last letter to the receiver.

Prepared a letter to the receiver of the bank, wherein the office advised him to this effect.

15) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Kay Okuda relative to her husband's farm.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Kay Okuda sold certain farm equipment to Ralph E. Ruggles, upon which there is a balance due him in the sum of \$400.00.

In the meantime Mr. Walker, Assistant Evacuee Supervisor at Portland called to our attention, that there is money coming to Mr. Okuda for crops destroyed, when the Bonneville power line was put through his farm.

Under date of September 22, 1943 Mr. Walker advised,

us, that:

"This has been a very difficult collection to handle in that Mr. Ruggles has been in ill health and poor financial condition. We do hope to have something encouraging for Mr. Okuda very soon.

Will you also inform Mr. Okuda that we have received a letter from the United States Department of Interior, Bonneville Power Administration, with reference to the condemnation action involving Mr. Okuda's farm property.

They state in the letter that "\$35.00 was awarded to one N. Okuda in a condemnation action captioned 'United States v. Ida Alloway, et al.' In this case, judgment entered by the Court subject to the further order of the court."

We are contacting Mrs. Aleen Hogshire in the Lands Division of the Department of Justice, who handled this case.

Will you kindly inform this office if the \$35.00 mentioned is in accordance with Mr. Okuda's understanding. Also, will you inform us of the status of Mr. N. Okuda in connection with this transaction. We understand that Mr. N. Okuda drew up the lease of his property with Mrs. Jennie L. Pratt."

The contents of this letter was related to Mrs. Okuda, and she promised to write to her husband relative to the circumstances surrounding the condemnation action.

16) INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Uno

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact for Mr. Uno relative to the sale of certain butchers' equipment. Under date of October 11, 1943 Mr. Boyle has remitted his check in the sum of \$19.00 to cover payment of one installment from the purchaser, a Chinese.

Prepared a receipt relative to the same, which was signed by Mr. Uno.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Frank E. Boyle, wherein this receipt in duplicate was enclosed.

17) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. K. Ono, relative to a divorce.

Divorce: I suggested to Mrs. Ono, that she should contact Mr. Carl Santoz, the Counselor of the Social Services Division, since he has charge of such matters.

18) INTERVIEW:

Miss Amy Ono-----Consultation

19) INTERVIEW:

Ichijiro Hayashida-----Consultation

Insurance: This matter was referred to Mr. Elmer Nishimoto, our Insurance Counselor.

20) INTERVIEW:

Miss Sunamoto-----Consultation

21) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Miyo Hiraoka, a transferee from Tule Lake Relocation Center, relative to her claim against the American Express Company.

Estate (Without Probate): Mr. K. Hiraoka died at the Tule Lake Relocation Center on July 21, 1942. He left \$190.00 in unused travelers checks. There is no estate being probated. Mrs. Hiraoka is desirous of making a claim against the American Express Company.

Prepared the following:

- (1) The affidavit, as to her status.
- (2) The non-resident affidavit form, as required by the American Express Company.
- (3) A letter to the American Express Company, wherein the Project Attorney enclosed the aforesaid affidavits, and the unused travelers checks in support of the claim.

22) INTERVIEW:

Mr. H. Sunada, relative to his farm equipment

and household goods.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Sunada at the time of his evacuation left certain farm equipment and household goods at his cranberry farm at Warrenton, Oregon. He requested the transportation of various items, including one tractor. He is desirous of calling to the attention of the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, that the water in the tractor should be drained at the time of the transportation of the tractor to avoid freezing.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office called this matter to his attention:

23) ESTATE:

Mrs. Chiyo Yamasaki died at the Portland Assembly Center. At the time of her death she left certain Japanese government bonds in a safety deposit box in Portland, Oregon. One of the daughters has now relocated in Passaic, New Jersey.

Under date of September 30, 1943 she inquired, as to the present status of the estate, and as to whether or not it would be possible to secure her brother's life insurance policy in the safety deposit box.

Prepared an answer to the inquiry, wherein the Project Attorney advised her, that she should take immediate steps to probate the estate, as the administrator will be the only person authorized to open the safety deposit box.

24) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Sami Yamaguchi, the owner of a 1929 White truck, which is now registered in Washington. Prior to evacuation he entered into an agreement with Mrs. Clara Webb Smith covering the farm, and farm equipment. The registered ownership of three cars has already been transferred to Mrs. Smith in order to comply with the requirements of the Oregon law.

Under date of October 12, 1942 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland wrote to Mrs. Smith relative to the 1929 White truck, wherein he stated that this truck is not a part of the equipment covered by the agreement, and that this truck is now being used by one of the neighbors. Upon checking the agreement thoroughly,

we discovered, that the agreement covered only one White truck.

Therefore, I prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein we called this matter to his attention, and we stated, that "if this situation is true, Mr. Yamaguchi has already complied with the requirements of the agreement, when he forwarded to your office the Certificates of Title under date of October 4, 1943 and it would not be necessary to transfer the registered ownership of the White truck, which is now registered in Washington".

25) LONG DISTANCE CALL:

I cleared with Mr. Morrill of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco over long distance relative to the following cases:

- (1) Safety deposit box of the Hiratas:
The "Hiratas" have a safety deposit box in the Seattle First National Bank under the name of "Mitsuko Hirata and/or Katsu Hirata". Mitsuko Hirata was formerly employed by the American Embassy at Tokyo, Japan, and she recently returned to the United States on the S. S. Gripsholm. She is now married to one, Rustad.

Mr. Hirozo Hirata, the father of Mitsuko and the husband of Katsu wrote to the bank; but, they were denied access to the box. Upon writing to the bank, we discovered, that there has been a confusion in the identities of Hirozo Hirata and Mitsuko Hirata in the records of the bank.

This office prepared all of the documents to secure the contents for the Hiratas. Besides the Power of Attorney, we forwarded the affidavits, as to the status of Hirozo Hirata, and Katsu Hirata, to establish them as "General Licensed Japanese Nationals", and also an affidavit by Mitsuko H. Rustad formerly known as "Mitsuko Hirata", as to her status allowing her privileges under General License #28.

Under date of October 6, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle contended, that upon contacting the attorneys for the

bank, that he learned that a specific license from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is necessary.

The original request supported with the aforesaid documents was made by this office under date of September 14, 1943. It was my contention at the time, that a specific license was not necessary, since all parties concerned are either General Licensed Japanese Nationals or a person entitled to the privileges under General License No. 23. To establish this fact these affidavits were submitted to the bank through the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle.

Under date of September 16, 1943 Mr. Bernhard's opinion in a memorandum to all Project Attorneys coincided with my contention, in that "if the evacuee is not an American citizen and does not come within the description of the affiant in WRA 154, then it will be necessary to comply with General License No. 16". To clear this situation I called Mr. Morrill, and he concurred with me in that a specific license is not necessary in this case, provided no enemy national has an interest in the contents of the safety deposit box.

- (2) Interned Japanese nationals now released on parole to this center:

Interned Japanese nationals under special licenses are allowed to withdraw \$180 per month for living expenses, --\$150.00 to the family and \$30.00 to the internee. Blocked Japanese nationals are entitled to draw a sum not to exceed \$500.00 for living expenses each month under General License No. 11. A number of interned Japanese nationals have been released to this center on parole. Many of them have inquired, as to whether or not they can resume their status

under General License No. 11.

It was my contention, that the internee must petition for the same through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

I clarified this situation with Mr. Morrill and he concurred with me, in that such internees must apply with the Federal Reserve Bank by letter.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 19, 1943

26) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Miyo Hiraoka, relative to her deceased husband's travelers checks.

Estate (Without Probate): (Continued from Item 21)

Mrs. Miyo Hiraoka, the surviving widow, has today signed the affidavit, as to her status and the non-resident affidavit, which is required by the American Express Company, before the Office Notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

These documents, together with the checks, were enclosed in a letter prepared by this office, to be mailed "registered mail--return receipt requested".

27) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Toru Araki, relative to the "Condemnation Proceedings" against her husband's farm land in King County, Washington.

Evacuee Property: Condemnation Proceedings have been commenced against all properties on South 156th Street, between First Avenue South and Des Moines Highway in King County, State of Washington, by the King County Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Toru Araki owns a farm, which is effected by this action. The county had sent him a Quitclaim Deed for him to sign in order to avoid suit.

Mr. Araki informed me, that he is desirous of cooperating with the County Authorities; and that before he can accommodate the County in this matter, there are several things to be ironed out.

There are bulbs, plants, and holly trees, now growing on this proposed road site which

belongs to Mr. N. Kurosu. This road site will constitute approximately half an acre of Mr. Araki's property. The holly trees now growing thereon are about ten years old. The real property is easily worth a thousand dollars an acre. Mr. Araki is willing to deed the same to the County for road purposes, providing:

- (1) The County will execute in writing that he will be exempt from all of assessments relative to this improvement.
- (2) That the County pay to Mr. Kurosu the sum of \$500 for the holly trees, bulbs, etc.

In compliance with his request this office wrote to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, that he take up this matter with the County for Mr. Araki.

Under date of October 5, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle replied to the following effect:

Re Toru Araki; the present road from Eighth Avenue South to Mr. Yokota's property line and bordering on the South side of Mr. Araki's property, consists for the most part of a twenty-foot semi-gravelled lane. Mr. Araki's fence on this South side is in bad condition and therefore it is problematical whether the County can be prevailed upon to replace this broken down fence with new fencing. In any event the new road will take a strip of land thirty feet wide and 891 feet long from the South boundary of Mr. Araki's property. However, we believe the benefit to Mr. Araki will more than offset the loss of this strip of land".

Mrs. Araki has today appeared at this office, and she brought with her the "Notice in Condemnation" and a petition relative to the same by King County. Mr. Araki is now working outside of the project at Shoshone, Idaho. Mrs. Araki has informed me, that they have an attorney at Seattle. I advised her, that we

shall be only too glad to be of assistance to them; but, in the event of suit, we have no facilities to provide an attorney for them to appear in a court. Mrs. Araki stated, that the chances are her husband will contact his attorney in Seattle to handle the matter.

Mrs. Araki promised to contact her husband at once relative to the same.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Araki, wherein we advised him as to our interview with Mrs. Araki, and that he would hear from his wife shortly.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Suzuki, relative to her savings account. Federal Reserve: Mrs. Kyo Suzuki has a savings account in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank under the name of "Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura" in the sum of \$1,287.99. Mrs. Suzuki is a blocked Japanese national. Sakae Nakamura is her daughter, and an American citizen. This savings account represents a portion of the community property of Kyo Suzuki and Gozo Suzuki, her husband. Mr. Suzuki was picked up by the FBI and was later released. Mrs. Suzuki is desirous of substituting her husband in the place of her daughter. Through this office Mrs. Suzuki applied for a license through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein she requested the substitution of Gozo Suzuki, her husband, in the place of Sakae Nakamura.

Under date of October 8, 1943, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco granted a license authorizing said transfer, being No. S. F. 38496; which in part states:

"Withdraw by check not to exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$1,287.99 from blocked Account No. 6670 in the name of Kyo Suzuki or Sakae Nakamura, maintained with the International Branch, Seattle-First National Bank, Seattle, Washington, and effect transfer of a like amount to a block account in the name of Kyo Suzuki and/or Gozo Suzuki, as nationals of Japan, in the International Branch, Seattle-First National Bank,

Seattle, Washington.

This license amends and supersedes License No. S. F. 38019 which is hereby cancelled".

Prepared the following:

- (1) The affidavit, as to the status of Gozo Suzuki.
- (2) Withdrawal receipt by Kyo Suzuki in the sum of \$1287.99 for the purpose of transferring said sum to a blocked account in the name of "Kyo Suzuki and/ or Gozo Suzuki." In the withdrawal receipt I inserted the following clause:

"To execute transfer of same to a blocked account in the name of "Kyo Suzuki and/ or Gozo Suzuki" in said bank, as per license No. S. F. 38496".

- (3) The signature card, which was signed by Kyo Suzuki and Gozo Suzuki.
- (4) A letter to the bank, wherein the office requested, that a new pass-book be issued to "Kyo Suzuki, and/or Gozo Suzuki" covering said amount, and enclosed therein the aforesaid documents, together with a copy of the Federal Reserve license and the old pass-book.

29) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Imayanagida, relative to OPA regulations
-----Consultation

30) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Suyeo Uno, relative to WRA Form 154.

Evacuee Property: In checking over the files I noticed that this affidavit was missing. I had the same prepared, and Mr. Uno signed the same before the Office Notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 20, 1943

31) INTERVIEW:

Washington Divorce by a Tule Lake Evacuee:

The following news item appeared on Page 1, Part 2 of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, October 16, 1943 issue:

"Jap Woman Seeks Divorce

Declaring her husband 'is violently pro-Japanese and intends to return to Japan as soon as possible,' whereas she is 'very pro-American,' which has led to violent quarrels making it impossible for her to live with him, Mrs. Yuki Shinjaku filed suit in superior court here yesterday to divorce Tadashi Shinjaku.

Mrs. Shinjaku set forth that she is about to go to a loyalty center from the Tule Lake project at Newell, Calif., while her husband will remain there 'until he is sent to Japan.' She asked restoration of her maiden name of Yuki Onchi. They were married in 1940 at Kent."

32) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Y. Yamaguchi, relative to his son's farm in Oregon.

Evacuee Property: Sami Yamaguchi prior to evacuation entered into an agreement with Clara Webb Smith relative to the operation of his farm at Gresham, Oregon. Under the agreement the profits were to be divided on a fifty-fifty basis. Mrs. Clara Webb Smith has failed to make a report for this crop season.

Under date of October 9, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor advised us, that:

"This office recently received a request from Mrs. Clara Webb Smith to assist her in making up a statement of account which was due September 1, 1943 for the farming operations on the Webb Farm under lease arrangements with the Yamaguchis.

Upon checking through the records we find that the expenses and income for the crop years 1942 and 1943 are so entered in the books that we feel that we are not

capable of segregating them. We have suggested to Mrs. Smith, and she has agreed, that it would seem quite desirable that we employ a Certified Public Accountant to make up the annual statements for this farming operation. Accordingly we have contacted Howard N. Dietrich who has agreed to bring the accounts up to date including the 1942 as well as the 1943 operations for the sum of \$75.00, this to be part of the expenses to be shared equally by Mrs. Clara Webb Smith and the Yamaguchis.

We hereby request authorization from the Yamaguchis to have these statements drawn up."

I discussed the situation with Y. Yamaguchi, the father of Sami Yamaguchi, and he agreed to the hiring of a Certified Public Accountant. Prepared a letter of authorization whereby the evacuees authorized Clara Webb Smith to engage the services of Howard Dietrich, as a Certified Public Accountant upon the basis suggested in the letter.

Mr. Y. Yamaguchi signed the authorization.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Sami Yamaguchi at Ontario, Oregon, wherein the office related these circumstances, and enclosed the letter of authority for Sami Yamaguchi's signature.

33) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Dengo Kusakabe, relative to a house.

Evacuee Property: Hiroshi Shigihara and Dengo Kusakabe are owners of a furnished house in Seattle. This house is now being rented by Daisy O'Neil, a Negress. Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact for Shigihara, and Kusakabe.

Under date of October 11, 1943 Mr. Boyle informed us, as to the progress, that he is now making in the sale of the house to Daisy O'Neil. Mr. Boyle requested clarification of each evacuee's interest in the property.

After securing the necessary facts from Mr. Kusakabe, I prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office answered his inquiry.

34) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Hiroshi Bob Akaye is a Canadian of Japanese ancestry. He was attending a dental college in Portland, Oregon, at the time of the outbreak of war. He was evacuated from Portland to the North Portland Assembly Center.

He is now working outside on a short term leave from this project. The government of the United States ordered his voluntary deportation to Canada. The Evacuee Property office arranged for the shipment of his personal property to Grand Forks, B. C. The Canadian government refused to allow the entry of Hiroshi Bob Akaye.

Recently the evacuee was informed, that he will be required to return to Canada. As a result of the original refusal by the Canadian government relative to Mr. Akaye's entry, Mr. Akaye's personal belongings have been held at the Great Northern Railroad Company's office at Kettle Falls, Washington.

Mr. Akaye has requested the Evacuee Property Officer to arrange for the transportation of his personal belongings to E. E. Doane, R. R. #1, Grand Forks, B. C. Canada.

At the request of Mr. Linville, the Evacuee Property Officer, I have this date prepared a Special Power of Attorney wherein Mr. Doane will be authorized to accept the delivery of this property in behalf of the evacuee.

35) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Gozo Suzuki, relative to his savings account of his wife.

Evacuee Property (Continued from Item No. 28):

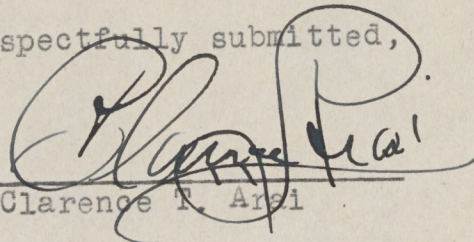
Mr. Suzuki came to sign the affidavit, as to his status on Form 154. I added the following clause to comply with the requirements of the bank:

- "4. That I am the holder of a Imperial Japanese Gov't Passport #480178, issued under date of April 26, 1920 by Viscount Yasuya Uchida, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Japan; and
5. That I was last admitted to the U.S. at Seattle, Washington, May 14, 1920, arriving on the S. Katori, and the date of my last admission was stamped by the U.S. Immigration Service in the aforesaid passport".

Mr. Suzuki has signed the same before the Office Notary.

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Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Clarence T. Arsi', is written over a horizontal line.

Clarence T. Arsi

Minidoka Relocation Center
Legal Division

October 27, 1943

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Irvin Lechlitter, Project Attorney
Legal Division

FROM: Clarence T. Arai, Evacuee Attorney, Legal
Division

SUBJECT: Weekly report-October 20, 1943 to October 27, 1943
inclusive.

The undersigned submits herewith, the following report:

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 21, 1943

- 1) MEMO:
Prepared the weekly report covering October 14, 1943 to October 20, 1943, inclusive, which consists of 22 pages.
- 2) INTERVIEW:
Mr. K. Nitta-----Consultation
- 3) INTERVIEW:
Miss M. Tsushima, a transferee from Tule Lake, relative to a lease.

Lease: Miss Tsushima, an American citizen, prior to evacuation left her farm in care of one Juan Cardenas. This farm consists of 3 acres and is located at Bellevue, Washington.

Mr. Cardenas is now desirous of leasing the farm, together with the house, for a period of one year at a rental in the sum of \$18.75 per month.

To accommodate the evacuee I have this date prepared the lease covering same.
- 4) MEMO TO:
Mr. C. W. Linville, Evacuee Property Officer, Personnel of Evacuee Property Office and Legal Office, relative to the use of WRA Form 154.

This memo stated:

"Will you please take special notice in requiring from all evacuees for whom you receive checks, money orders, or other

assets, the execution of one of the form affidavits, as attached hereto. In the event, the evacuee is unable to comply with the requirements with any one of these forms, it will be necessary that the transaction be authorized by the Treasury Department through the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco before delivering any assets.

The first affidavit WRA 154 deals with Japanese who are "Generally Licensed Japanese Nationals." Upon using this form be sure to delete "-A" after the words "licenses No. 11" in line two (2) of paragraph two (2). The second form has to do with citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry, who have resided continuously in the continental United States since June 17, 1940. Upon using this form please be sure to add the following words: "and that I am not a National of a foreign country within the meaning of the Treasury Department regulations;" to the second paragraph of the affidavit. As to the third form, it applies to citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry, who have not resided continuously in the continental United States since June 17, 1940. This affidavit can be used as is."

5) MEMO TO:

Mr. Irvin Lechlitter, Project Attorney, wherein I stated, that I complied with his request of October 15, 1943, relative to the use of WRA Form 154, and attached thereto the memo, and forms as stated in the preceding paragraph.

6) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Dick Kimura-----Consultation

7) INTERVIEW:

Mr. George Nakagawa, relative to his wrist watch.

Evacuee Property: George Nakagawa left his wrist watch with the Bonneville Jewelry Company at Idaho Falls, Idaho for the purpose of installing a luminous dial. The watch was then in perfect running order. Mr. Nakagawa presented for examination the receipt under the letterhead of the jewelry company, which stated: "Received \$3.00 for luminous dial".

Upon failure to receive the watch, as promised, Mr. Nakagawa wrote to the jewelry company. The

jewelry company replied under date of September 9, 1943:

"Our watchmaker had to go in the service, so we sent it to another watchmaker who promised to repair your watch in about ten days from now".

Under date of October 17, 1943 the jewelry company sent a postcard to George Nakagawa, in which they stated:

"We are sending to you the Waltham watch, repaired. There are two jewels broken in it and the cost is \$4.00 lucky to get it done".

Under date of October 19, 1943, Mr. Nakagawa received a COD notice from the Hunt Post Office, in which he was billed for the sum of \$4.28. Mr. Nakagawa has refrained from accepting this watch, and he requested, that we write to the jewelry company in his behalf.

Prepared a letter to the jewelry company wherein we related all the circumstances pertaining to the watch, and requested that this mistake be rectified.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of George Nakagawa.

8) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Isaburo Suzuki, relative to his deceased wife's traveler's checks

Estate (Without Probate): Kimi Suzuki died at this center on March 7, 1943. At the time of her death she had in her name twenty American Express Company traveler's checks in the total sum of \$200.00. Mr. Isaburo Suzuki, the wife's spouse, is now desirous of seeking a refund of these checks.

Since Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki are blocked Japanese nationals, it was necessary to apply for a Federal Reserve license to authorize the refund. This license application was prepared by this office.

Under date of October 13, 1943 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco requested additional information

relative to the traveler's checks.

Prepared the answer for Mr. Suzuki in duplicate, which in part stated:

- "1. That the Traveler's checks, as described in my application, was purchased by my deceased wife, the said Kimi Suzuki, on or about the 30th day of April 1942 through the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington;
2. That I intend to, and shall deposit all of the funds derived therefrom to the credit of my blocked account in the name of "Isaburo or Kimi Suzuki," in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank of Seattle, Washington;
3. That there has been no administrator or executor appointed for her estate, as my wife left no separate property, (except for the wages and clothing allowances hereinafter described);
4. That the only estate was her community interest in the aforesaid blocked account, which shows a balance, as of August 17, 1943 in the sum of \$1,810.09, and my present claim against the American Express Company for the unused Traveler's checks in the sum of \$200.00;
5. That, since the aforesaid blocked account is a joint account, a probate of the same is not necessary;
6. That I have a claim against the General Accountant, Washington, D. C., of the United States for unpaid wages and clothing allowances from the WRA in the sum of apporximately \$40.00, which was due my wife at the time of her death; and
7. That the applicant is entitled by law to all of the foregoing estate, since there has been no homestead claim made in the manner provided by law, either prior or subsequent to the death of said Kimi Suzuki, and therefore, eventually, by the laws of the State of Washington,

the surviving spouse would be entitled to the entire estate."

Mr. Suzuki signed the answer before the Office Notary. Prepared a letter of transmittal to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, wherein Mr. Suzuki's answer to the request was enclosed in duplicate.

9) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Kay Okuda sold certain farm equipment to Ralph E. Ruggles, upon which there is a balance due him in the sum of \$400.00.

In the meantime Mr. Walker, Assistant Evacuee Property Supervisor at Portland, called to our attention, that there is money coming to Mr. Okuda for crops destroyed, when the Bonneville Power Line was put through his farm.

On May 28, 1943, we advised the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, who was then handling the case, that he should contact Mr. N. Okuda relative to the claim at Gila River, Arizona.

Under date of September 22, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle advised us, that he is now making arrangements to collect the \$400.00, and he also requested information, as to who was the party in interest relative to the Condemnation Claim.

This office contacted Mrs. Kay Okuda, who in turn promised to write to her husband for clarification in the matter.

Under date of October 19, 1943, we were advised by Mrs. Okuda, that the lease was under the name of Roy N. Okuda, and that our Evacuee Property Supervisor should contact Mr. N. Okuda relative to the claim at Gila River, Arizona.

Under date of October 16, 1943, the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle requested further information relative to the claim.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein the office clarified the situation for him.

10) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Nishimura-----Consultation

11) EVACUEE PROPERTY-----Alaska:

On May 30, 1943 a meeting with the evacuees from the

Territory of Alaska was held at this center concerning property, which they had left in Alaska. At that time a rough survey was made of the situation, and then it was forwarded to the Evacuee Property Division of the War Relocation Authority at San Francisco, California, together with a petition by the Alaskan evacuees to have an office of the Evacuee Property Supervisor in the Territory of Alaska.

In June, 1943 Mr. Chester Hatch came to this project to interview the Alaskan evacuees relative to their property problems. Approximately ten families requested assistance from the War Relocation Authority, hoping, that Mr. Chester Hatch will be able to make a trip to Alaska in their behalf.

Nothing has resulted from same, except for several correspondences relative to the property problems, which was then turned over to Mr. Hatch.

This office has faced great difficulty in handling the cases for the Alaskan evacuees. Aside from the fact, that it takes considerable time to correspond, because of the distances involved, the property, which was left behind, in many instances is poorly managed. In some cases they left no agents, because of the haste in which they were evacuated.

The Evacuee Property Office has contacted the San Francisco office at many times to ascertain, as to whether or not any arrangements have been made with any governmental agency to take care of this situation. To date, we have failed to receive a detailed report on same.

We have learned from other sources, however, that the office of the Secretary for the Governor of the Territory of Alaska is taking the place of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, insofar, as Alaska residents are concerned. On the other hand, many of the letters from the agents of the Alaskan evacuees indicate, that they are communicating with the Governor's office in regard to the management of the property.

As it may be of special interest to you, I am inserting in this report a letter from the Secretary of Alaska to Miss Mary Shimizu, and Mrs. Helen Shimizu Nakashima.

Miss Mary Shimizu, and Helen Shimizu Nakashima are sisters. They are both American citizens, and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Shimizu.

George Y. Shimizu at the outbreak of war was picked up by the governmental authorities, and was later interned at

Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico. Mrs. Shimizu has been evacuated from the Territory of Alaska, along with both of her daughters.

The property of Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Shimizu has been blocked by the order of the Department of Treasury.

Prior to evacuation Mary and Helen executed Powers of Attorney to Ziegler and King to take care of their property interests in Ketchikan.

Upon writing to the Miners & Merchants Bank of Ketchikan, Alaska we learned, that the two sisters' account are not blocked.

Ziegler and King are desirous of being relieved as Attorneys-in-Fact for Mary and Helen.

Under date of September 17, 1943 E. L. Bartlett, Secretary of Alaska, under the letterhead

"United States
The Department of Interior
Office of the Secretary
For the Territory of Alaska
Juneau, Alaska"

wrote to Mary and Helen to the following effect:

"Reference is made to your requests to Mr. Walter B. King of Ketchikan and Mr. J. W. Kehoe of Seward regarding the money which is in the bank at Ketchikan to your credit, under the supervision of Ziegler and King.

Upon the strength of the power of attorney which you gave Ziegler and King to take care of your property and interests in Ketchikan, the Governor of Alaska, who is the custodian of Japanese property in Alaska, granted a license to Ziegler and King granting them power to act in your stead. They at all times have acted within the scope of their license and upon the advice of this office with respect to the funds under their control.

Authority has now been received from the Treasury Dept. in Washington, D. C. permitting all money in your name to be transferred to you and I have today written to Mr. King authorizing him to make the transfer.

Ziegler and King are desirous of being relieved of

the duty of administering your property. If it is your desire to appoint some other person in Ketchikan to perform this work for you will you kindly execute power of Attorney for such person and send to them at once. Otherwise this office will make the necessary appointment so Ziegler and King may be relieved of the responsibility."

It seems therefore, that the Governor of Alaska has been vested with some authority with reference to the property of Alaskan evacuees.

12) INTERVIEW:

Teiichi Ogami, relative to his application for General License No. 11.

Federal Reserve: Teiichi Ogami prior to the outbreak of the war was the owner and operator of the "Ogami Sack Company" at Seattle, Washington. He was picked up by the FBI and was later interned at Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico. He has been recently released on parole to this center.

Mr. Ogami has on deposit with the International Branch of the Seattle International Bank in the checking account of the "Ogami Sack Company" approximately \$21,000.00. On March 4, 1943, while he was still at the Internment Camp, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued a special license, whereby he was authorized to withdraw from the account an amount not to exceed \$180.00 each month of which

"(a) Not more than \$150.00 each month may be used to support his dependents and to meet his current obligations outside of the internment camp, such as insurance premiums and mortgage payments, and

(b) Not more than \$30.00 each month may be used to defray his personal expenses in the internment camp.

On or about July 5, 1943 Mr. Ogami made application on Form TFU-1 to have the account and property unblocked. To date Mr. Ogami has failed to hear from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco relative to same.

Mr. Ogami has a son, Jack Hirochika Ogami, an American citizen, 20 years of age, who is now

attending Loras College, in Dubuque, Iowa.

In order to provide the necessary education for him Mr. Ogami is desirous of applying for a license in order that he may be granted the privileges of General License No. 11, pending the issuance of the unblocking order.

To accommodate the evacuee I prepared a special license application, which in part contained the following:

- B. (1) That on March 6, 1943 the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco issued a blocking order against all of the property of said applicant by addressing a communication to:

Katsuko Ogami, Block 22-7-D, Eden, Idaho, re Teiichi Ogami, Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Formerly 1921 East Alder Street, Seattle, Washington;

- (2) That on or about the 5th day of July, 1943 the applicant made application to unblock accounts or other property under sections 3 (a) 5 (b) of the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended executive order 8389 as amended, and the regulations issued thereof, as indicated in said application;
- (3) That the applicant possesses a checking account, which is now blocked, in the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank, 526 Jackson Street, Seattle, Washington under the name of "Ogami Sack Company by T. Ogami or K. Ogami";
- (4) That there is in said blocked account a balance of approximately \$21,000.00;
- (5) That K. Ogami, as indicated in said blocked checking account is the applicant's wife, Katsuko Ogami, and she is a Generally Licensed Japanese National, except for the fact, that she is a wife of a blocked Japanese national; and subject to whatever interpretation your office may place on same by virtue of this fact;

- (6) That this checking account is the community property of the applicant and Katsuko Ogami, his wife, and there are no other person or persons who own any interest in the same whatsoever;
- (7) That the applicant's son, Jack Hirochika Ogami, an American citizen, 20 years of age, is now attending Loras College, in Dubuque, Iowa;
- (8) That said son is without funds, and it is necessary for the applicant to provide for same in order that said son can successfully pursue his education;
- C. That pending the granting of the unblocking order to the applicant, the applicant desires, that he be granted the privileges of General License No. 11, in view of the fact that under Specific License No. SF 33886, issued under March 4, 1943, he is unable to provide for funds to pay for the education of his son, the said Jack Hirochika Ogami.

That his son is already in debt to the extent of approximately \$300.00, and is now in need of funds to pursue his education.

That, if and when the applicant is granted permission to relocate, the applicant plans to relocate with his family in compliance with the Relocation Program of the War Relocation Authority."

Prepared a letter to the Federal Reserve Bank, wherein the aforesaid license application was transmitted in triplicate.

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 23, 1943

13) INTERVIEW:

Tokie Tanaka, relative to the payment of her insurance policy.

Insurance: On October 12, 1943 Mrs. Tanaka paid the premium on her policy in the New York Life Insurance Company by issuing a check against the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank in the sum of \$50.61. The account was originally opened up by her husband G. Tanaka. She claims to have made arrangements with the bank, so that she could also issue checks against the account.

Under date of October 19, 1943 the Insurance Company

returned the check, and stated, that the check was not honored.

Upon examining the slip, which was attached to the check by the bank, I noted that the payment was refused on the ground, that the bank was unable to locate the account.

Prepared the application for postal money order for Mrs. Tanaka in order that she can secure same.

Prepared a letter to the Insurance Company to enclose the postal money order, and the original receipt from the insurance company, and requested, that a new receipt be sent to this office to cover the remittance.

14) BANK (Continued from previous item):

Prepared a letter to the International Branch of the Seattle First National Bank, wherein the office related the circumstances relative to the unhonored check, and requested, that the bank look into the situation for the evacuee.

MONDAY - OCTOBER 25, 1943

15) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel.

Evacuee Property: The "Fujinos" own and operate the hotel at Seattle. This hotel is now being managed by Mr. Frank E. Boyle under a Power of Attorney from H. Fujino, the son of M. Fujino.

Under date of October 18, 1943 Mr. Boyle requested that we contact both Mr. Fujino, and K. Yamamoto relative to the conditional sales contract on the furniture, and furnishings of the New England Hotel. From the letter it appears, that H. Fujino purchased the hotel from K. Yamamoto; that the payments on the same were made by Mr. Boyle; that there is now a disagreement between the parties, as to the exact amount of the final payment; and that Mr. Boyle desires a settlement be made between them, and a satisfaction of said contract.

I related the contents of this letter to Mr. Fujino, and suggested to him, that he should bring in K. Yamamoto to iron this matter out, so Mr. Boyle can act accordingly.

116) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Yozaemon Kondo had requested aid relative to his business, which is now being liquidated by a credit association in Seattle. Mr. Kondo has been transferred to Tule Lake and his file has been forwarded there. Mr. Kondo has made inquiry concerning his request.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Kondo, wherein the office advised him, that he should contact the Evacuee Property Officer at Tule Lake, since his file has been already sent there. A copy of this letter was sent to the Evacuee Property Officer at the Tule Lake Center.

17) INTERVIEW:

Mr. S. Itoi, relative to the Carrollton Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Itoi, the owner of the Carrollton Hotel. This hotel is now being managed by Mr. Frank E. Boyle, who has a Power of Attorney from Mr. Itoi.

Under date of October 18, 1943 Mr. Boyle submitted to this office for Mr. Itoi's "okay" a bill for repairs, which he had made.

Mr. Itoi presented for our examination the statement, and attachments, which he had received from Clise & Company for the remainder of the time that the hotel was under their management.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office enclosed Mr. Itoi's consent to the repairs, and the statement and attachments from Clise & Company.

18) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

The Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle wrote to this office under date of October 7, 1943 requesting permission to close the case in connection with the Carrollton Hotel.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor, wherein we advised him, that the case can now be closed; and that Mr. Itoi was highly gratified with the work rendered by the Evacuee Property Supervisor.

19) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Taitaro Nakao, relative to his son's insurance policy.

Guardianship: Yoshimi Nakao, the son, has been confined to an insane asylum near Tacoma, Washington since 1938. Yoshimi Nakao has an insurance policy

in the New York Life Insurance Company.

Mr. John J. Langenback, an Attorney in Law, in
Raymond, Washington under date of October 4, 1943
wrote to Taitaro Nakao:

"I am the legal guardian of your son,
Yoshimi Nakao. He had a life insurance
policy with the New York Life Insurance
Company which matured the 15th of August.
The insurance company wants the policy
if it can be located.

Will you kindly let me know if you have
the same in your possession? If so, will
you kindly send it to me so that it may
be surrendered to the company? I would
like to get this information and policy
just as soon as possible."

I interpreted the contents of this letter to
Taitaro Nakao. He informed me, that the insurance
policy was left with the institution, where he is
now confined; and that he does not know who the
legal guardian is.

Before the office can answer this inquiry, it is
necessary to ascertain whether or not Mr. Langenback
is really the guardian.

Prepared a letter to the Clerk of the Superior Court
of Pacific County, wherein the office made the
inquiry.

20) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Hirano, relative to an inquiry from his agent.

Agency: Mr. Frank E. Boyle is the Attorney-in-Fact
for Mr. Hirano concerning the management of several
properties in Seattle. Mr. Boyle is also the guardian
of Mr. Hirano's son, Hiroshi. Mr. Boyle made an
inquiry relative to a piece of property, which is
owned by Mr. Hirano's close friend.

I accommodated the evacuee by preparing the answer
to this inquiry.

21) EVACUEE PROPERTY (Rosedale Hotel):

Mr. M. Kosako formerly the operator of the "Rosedale

Hotel" at Seattle, Washington. He sold the furnishings and the business of the hotel to Henry I. Jones & Son. The two Jones' paid the down payment; but they failed to pay the balance according to the conditional sales contract. The total sale was in the sum of \$1,800.00. It appears, that the two Jones had abandoned the property after failing to pay the evacuee the balance of approximately \$1,250.00. Mr. Norman Dickison, an Attorney-at-Law, has now taken over the property and business. Mr. Dickison has refused to settle with the Evacuee Property Supervisor concerning same.

Mr. Kosaka has designated Mr. Frank E. Boyle, an Attorney-at-Law at Seattle, to be his Attorney-in-Fact, and to secure recovery and restitution of the property.

Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, wherein the office requested, that he submit a report to date, so we can advise Mr. Kondo, as to the present status of the case.

TUESDAY - OCTOBER 26, 1943

22) INTERVIEW:

James Y. Sumida, relative to the sale of his stocks.

Stocks: Mr. Sumida is a blocked Japanese national. He owns eight shares in the Hawley Pulp & Paper Company. Under date of August 14, 1943 John Galbraith and Company, stockbrokers, quoted a figure of \$80.00 per share. Mr. Sumida is desirous of applying for a Treasury Department license to authorize the sale of these stocks.

I advised him, that he should contact other stockbrokers, as well; so, he can sell for the best price offered. As soon as this is done, I told him, I shall gladly accommodate him in the matter. He thanked me for the suggestion.

23) EVACUEE PROPERTY (Paramount Cafe)

Tax Refund: H. Fuji, and Yukiko Yoshijima were formerly partners in that certain business known as the "Paramount Cafe" at Seattle, Washington. During the operation of said business they paid into the Unemployment Compensation Fund for their employees.

Under date of October 2, 1941 they were advised by the State of Washington, Office of Unemployment Compensation

and Placement; Olympia, Washington, that they were entitled to a refund.

Mr. George Ishihara assisted them in making the claim. Mr. Ishihara advised us, that he had computed the figures together with Mr. Owen in the Smith Building, who is in charge of the Seattle office of the Washington Unemployment Tax Division. The claim was accordingly filed; but to date they have failed to receive the refund.

Mr. H. Fuji and Yukiko Yoshijima are now married. They now request assistance to collect the refund for them.

Prepared the Request for Assistance on Form WRA-153-A, wherein they authorized the War Relocation Authority to act in their behalf to collect the refund, which is now due in the sum of \$186.48.

Prepared the letter of transmittal, which contained all of the facts relative to the refund.

24) EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Mr. Sami Yamaguchi left a 1929 White truck on a farm in Oregon. This farm is now being operated on a partnership basis with Clara Webb Smith. The title of this truck is now registered in the State of Washington.

Mr. Yamaguchi is now desirous of changing the registration of the title to the State of Oregon. The original certificate has been lost.

This office wrote to the Department of Licenses of the State of Washington for an application blank to secure the duplicate of the title.

Under date of October 21, 1943, the Director of Licenses remitted an application blank.

This application blank was filled out by this office. Prepared a letter to Mr. Yamaguchi, who is now relocated at Ontario, Oregon, wherein the license application was transmitted to him for his signature.

25) INTERVIEW:

Mr. K. Suzuki-----Consultation

26) INTERVIEW:

Michi Tsushima.

Lease (Continued from Item 3): Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Miss Michi Tsushima. She signed the same before the Office Notary.

The prepared lease in duplicate was today delivered to the evacuee.

27) INTERVIEW:

Mr. and Mrs. H. Fuji, relative to their refund on Unemployment Compensation taxes paid by them in the operation of the "Paramount Cafe".

Tax Refund (Continued from Item 23):

Mr. and Mrs. Fuji today signed the Request for Assistance before the Office Notary.

Prepared in addition the following:

- (1) The affidavit, as to the status of H. Fuji.
- (2) The affidavit, as to the status of Yukiko Fuji, formerly known as "Yukiko Yoshijima".

They each signed the affidavit before the Office Notary, Miss Yasuko Koyama.

28) INTERVIEW:

Mr. M. Fujino, relative to the New England Hotel.

Federal Insurance Contributions Act: Mr. M. Fujino's son, H. Fujino, is the owner and operator of the New England Hotel. Mr. Frank E. Boyle, is the Attorney-in-Fact for H. Fujino. Under recent date Mr. Boyle forwarded to this office the application for Employer's I. D. No. in regard to the hotel. Mr. Boyle called to our attention, that this must be filed by Mr. H. Fujino at once. Mr. H. Fujino is now working outside of the project; so, I contacted the father to secure the necessary information to prepare the application for H. Fujino's signature.

Prepared the following:

- (1) The aforesaid application in duplicate.
- (2) A letter to Mr. H. Fujino wherein the application was enclosed for his signature.
- (3) Prepared a letter to Mr. Boyle, which contained the necessary instructions from Mr. Fujino to Mr. Boyle.

29) ENEMY ALIEN REGISTRATION ACT:

Mr. Mohei Migaki passed away at this center on Sept-

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ember 24, 1943. Mr. T. Tambara representing the committee in charge of the funeral arrangements for the deceased, turned over to our Project Attorney the Enemy Alien Identification book of the deceased.

Prepared a letter for the signature of the Project Director, wherein we transmitted this identification book to the United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Alien Registration Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

30) INTERVIEW:

Miss Michiko Sunamoto, relative to her brothers' farm.

Evacuee Property: Satoru and Katsumi Sunamoto were both joint operators of a berry farm at Hillsboro, Oregon. They are now serving in the armed forces of the United States. The farm property was leased from Abe Yungen. The "Sunamotos" sold the berry farm to Alta Carsten for the sum of \$5,000.00 by assigning the lease. Alta Carsten attempted to withhold from the "Sunamotos" certain personal property and equipment, which had been left in her care. Among the personal property there were 500 berry carriers. These berry carriers were sold to Alta Carsten for the sum of 5¢ per carrier.

Under date of October 12, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle remitted a check in the sum of \$25.00 to cover the payment of the carriers.

Prepared a receipt covering same, which was signed by Charles Sunamoto, Michiko Sunamoto, Katsumi Sunamoto by Michiko Sunamoto, and Satoru Sunamoto by Michiko Sunamoto.

Prepared the affidavit, as to the status of Charles Sunamoto, and the affidavit, as to the status of Michiko Sunamoto.

This check was to be delivered to Michiko Sunamoto.

Prepared a letter to the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle, wherein the receipt in duplicate covering the check together with the affidavits, as to the status of both Michiko and Charles Sunamoto, were enclosed.

31) INTERVIEW:

Mrs. Hana Kaino, relative to her husband's claim against the Sumitomo Bank.

Sumitomo Bank Claim: Mrs. Hana Kaino is an evacuee from Alaska. Her husband, S. Kaino is now interned at Lordsburg, New Mexico. At the time when her husband was picked up by the governmental authorities the officers took possession of some of their personal belongings including her husband's passport. Mrs. Kaino contends, that she made a claim against the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle. From my examination of the letters, that she had received from the bank, it appears, that the claim has not been perfected.

Therefore, prepared a letter to the receiver, wherein the office inquired as to the status of the claim.

32) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Frank Uтары Hashimoto, relative to the Hansen Hotel.

Evacuee Property: Mr. Frank Uтары Hashimoto is the owner of the Hansen Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Larry R. Rapatato is now managing the hotel. Mr. Hashimoto only has a month to month tenancy on the premises, where the hotel is now conducted.

Under date of October 14, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle has transmitted to this office a manager's agreement, which was prepared by Mr. Rapatato's attorney, for Mr. Hashimoto's signature. This agreement is poorly written. I called to the evacuee's attention the danger in having a manager, whom he does not know, especially with the OPA regulations, which are now in effect in Seattle. I suggested to Mr. Hashimoto, that a lease on the hotel furnishings to Mr. Rapatato is far more practical, rather than a manager's agreement or possibly a sale, if he so desires. Mr. Hashimoto thanked me for the suggestion, and he stated "that he will talk it over with his wife".

33) INTERVIEW:

Mr. Hirozo Hirata, relative to his safety deposit box. The "Hiratas" have a safety deposit box in the Seattle First National Bank under the name of "Mitsuko Hirata and/or Katsu Hirata". Mitsuko Hirata was formerly employed by the American Embassy at Tokyo, Japan and she recently returned to the United States on the S. S. Gripsholm. She is now married to one, Rustad.

Mr. Hirozo Hirata, the father of Mitsuko and the husband of Katsu wrote to the bank, but they were denied access to the box. Upon writing to the bank, we discovered that there was a confusion in the identities of Hirozo

Hirata and Mitsuko Hirata in the records of the bank.

This office prepared all the documents to secure the contents for the Hiratas. Besides the Power of Attorney we forwarded the affidavits as to the status of Hirozo Hirata and Katsu Hirata to establish them as "Generally Licensed Japanese Nationals" and also an affidavit by Mitsuko H. Rustad, formerly known as "Mitsuko Hirata", as to her status allowing her privileges under General License No. 28. Under date of October 6, 1943 the Evacuee Property Supervisor at Seattle contended that upon contacting the attorneys for the bank that he learned that a specific license from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco is necessary.

It is our contention that this stand by the bank was not correct; so, I took the matter up with the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and Mr. Morrow of said bank concurred with me, in that a specific license is not necessary in this case, provided no enemy national has an interest in the contents of the safety deposit box.

Under date of October 15, 1943 the Seattle First National Bank wrote to one of the evacuees to the following effect:

"We have suggested in several letters that you give a Power of Attorney to the War Relocation Authority, 6609 Stewart Bldg., Seattle, and have them remove and ship the contents of this box to you.

As we do not care to have this matter pending any longer, we are returning these keys to you and ask that you please acknowledge receipt by return mail so that we may clear up this transaction."

Therefore, in view of this situation, it is necessary to authorize the WRA directly rather than requesting the WRA to assist the cashier of the bank in extracting the contents. It also appears, that Hirozo Hirata made a misstatement in the facts relative to the leasing of the safety deposit box.

Therefore, prepared the following:

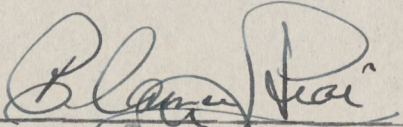
- (1) A supplemental Request for Assistance on Form 153-A, wherein Hirozo and Katsu Hirata authorized the War Relocation Authority to secure all of the

contents of the box. This Request for Assistance in part stated:

"To open the aforesaid Safety Deposit box in the said bank for special purpose of taking all of the contents from the said deposit box to be shipped out to me by registered mail--return receipt requested; to make an inventory of the contents of the box in the presence of a representative of the Evacuee Property Supervisor's Office of the WRA, and of the said bank; to wrap up all of the contents in said safety deposit box, together with said inventory and seal the same in the presence of the aforesaid representatives to be made ready for shipment to me by registered mail--return receipt requested; to close my account with said bank relative to said safety deposit box and to secure from the said bank the deposit that I had made on the keys to the said deposit box by returning the keys to the bank; to make effectual receipts and discharges therefor; and to do any and all acts, which may be proper or necessary in the premises".

- (2) The affidavit to be signed by Hirozo Hirata, wherein he related all of the facts pertaining to the leasing of said safety deposit box.
- (3) The affidavit, as to the status of Hirozo Hirata.
- (4) The affidavit, as to the status of Katsu Hirata.
- (5) The affidavit, as to the status of Mitsuko H. Rustad, formerly known as Mitsuko Hirata.
- (6) A disclaimer, whereby Mitsuko H. Rustad disclaimed any interest in and to the safety deposit box and the contents therein contained.

Respectfully submitted,


Clarence T. Araki