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War Relocation Authority
Newell, California
September 1, 1945

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Mr. Harold L. Ickes
Secretary of Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Ickes:

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Both of my parents, brother and a sister are in Japan, but there is no hope of seeing them alive, when my parents home which is in Nagoya, has been bombed. I believe it's no use for me to go back so I made up my mind to stay. So, I turn to you Mr. Ickes, and to the Government of the United States to give us another chance so we can go on with our life, starting all over again.

Appealing to you for reconsideration, which may seem selfish but I hope you would understand the situation that we were in at that time. I beg of you, Mr. Ickes to help me in any way to regain my citizenship back or else letting me relocate on parole. Please have pity on us, whatever is put on to me in good, for the country as a citizen of this country I'll do my best.

I hope to hear from you real soon. Thank you for reading my letter during your precious moment. Your kind assistance will be greatly appreciated.

I remain

Sincerely yours,

Tsunichi, Lato

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Mr. Edward J. Ennis, Director
U.S. Department of Justice
Enemy Alien Control Unit
Washington, D.C.

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Tsunichi Kato

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Committee No. 2234

(For Use Only of My Attorney)

Atty. No. _____

Name (type or print) Tetsuchi Kato

Block No. 3319-17

Sex: Male ☒ Female _____

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

Place of Birth: (City) FRESNO (County) FRESNO State) Calif.

Permanent residence address at time of evacuation: 511 O & P St. Alhambra
Sacramento, California

Occupation at time of evacuation: Student

Have you "dual citizenship"? No

Did you ever have "dual citizenship"? No

If you have or have had dual citizenship, who registered you as
a dual citizen: _____ When: _____

Where: _____

Did you ever take any steps to cancel dual citizenship? _____

When: _____ Where: _____

What steps were taken to cancel it? _____

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

Month: February Day: _____ Year: 1945

Were you under 21 years of age at the time you signed that
renunciation form? Yes

Was there a hearing officer present when you signed? Yes

What was his name? Not known

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

Did anyone represent you at that appearance or hearing? No

If so, who? _____

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

Have you received a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

If you have, what date does it bear? _____

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

Who signed that letter of approval? Herbert Wechsler

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

Did you write a letter revoking your renunciation before you received
a letter approving your renunciation? Yes

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

Have you a copy of that letter? Yes

(If you have, annex it to this form.)

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

What date did you send that letter revoking your renunciation of U. S. citizenship? February 16, 1946

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

Have you served in our military forces? No

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

What type of discharge did you receive? _____

What was your last draft classification? No Classification

Did you refuse to be drafted? No

Are you or have you ever been a member of the Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Dan, Seinen Dan or similar organizations while in camp; either becoming such by intimidation, coercion, or otherwise? No

Are your parents U. S. citizens? No

What are their names: Father Miyajima Kato Mother Sakaye Kato

Have they been released from detention? Living in Japan

Have they been relocated? _____

What members of your family, if any, are serving or have served in the military forces of the U. S.? No

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

Where: Lake Lake Center Who was present with you at that time, if anyone? No One

Were you represented by anyone at that time? No

Was any hearing given to you at that time? No

Who registered you, if you know? Not Known

Did you protest registering as an alien? Yes

Did you write your protest on the form? Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If so, by whom? _____

Did you protest signing that Repatriation form? _____

Did you write the protest on the form? _____

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

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

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

Social Welfare? Sept. 1944

When did you send a letter cancelling that request? No

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

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

Single : Both parents are living in Japan. Uncle & cousins relocated and are now residing in Sacramento, Calif.

Date: February 16, 1946

Tetsuichi Kato

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(Name)