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Report of INQUIRY as to Cause of Death of

SHIBATA, KANEMATSU.

Age 74 Sex Male Birthplace Japan Date of death Dec. 25/42.

Nationality Canadian Race Japanese

Remarks On December 26 at 1.45 p.m. Col. Arthur, medical executive assistant of the B.C. Security Commission, advised the Vancouver City Police that Kanematsu Shibata, 73, a Japanese held prisoner at the Immigration Building, had suddenly collapsed and was then sent to the Vancouver General Hospital at 3.30 p.m. December 25, and had died shortly after admission. The deceased had been a Japanese fisherman and he with several others had been held at the Immigration Building before

Where found Vancouver General Hospital. (cont'd below)

Found by Hospital authorities.

Post-mortem findings An autopsy held at Vancouver General Hospital showed that death was due to pontine haemorrhage, chronic aortic and mitral endocarditis.

NATURAL CAUSES.

(cont'd from above) - transportation to another internment camp.

Wounds, etc. Nil.

Address of deceased Immigration Building, Vancouver, B.C.

Address of next of kin Itsuno Shibata - wife.

Opinion of Coroner Investigation and autopsy show that he had died from natural causes while held in detention, as shown by the attached report. He was an old man and would not co-operate with the police officials.

Municipality or district responsible Vancouver, B.C.

Undertaker Center & Hanna Ltd. Buried at Vancouver, B.C. - Cremation.

J.D. Whitbread, M.D., C.M., Coroner.

NOTE.—Depositions or statements of witnesses (if any) to be attached to this form.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

355 BARRARD STREET

VANCOUVER, B.C. 29th December 1942.

Doctor John Whitbread,
Coroner,
Coroner's Office, City Police Station,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re: SHIBATA, Kanematsu, No. 06954,
Deceased.

The above-named Japanese, who died in the Vancouver General Hospital at approximately 3.30 a.m. on December 26th, 1942, was picked up by the R.C.M.P. in Vancouver and placed in detention owing to the fact that he refused to obey an order of the Commission that he be evacuated to one of the interior projects. He was booked for internment, but as a result of his age and his physical condition, the internment order was cancelled and he was being held in detention at the Immigration Hall in Vancouver.

I was asked to see Shibata about three o'clock in the afternoon on Christmas Day, 1942, and I found him unconscious, having fallen down about noon. I was told that he had been unconscious since then. I immediately called an ambulance and had him removed to the Vancouver General Hospital where he died at the time above stated.

Yours truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

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LENNOX ARTHUR, M.D. (Colonel).