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- 1 Hon. W. L. Mac Kenzie King,
Prime Minister of Canada,
Ottawa, Ontario,
- 2 To the Minister of Labour
- 3 To the Minister of Justice
- 4 To the Department of External Affairs
- 5 R.C. M.P. Headquarters
E Division
Federal Bldg,
Vancouver

Tashme, B.C.,
September 9, 1948.

To the

Dear Sir,

Re -- Hayakawa, Mikio Reg. No. 16277

Last April I signed the forms to be sent to Japan. Neither my parents nor anyone else in my family signed them. I was eighteen years of age on the third of this month but have had to make the major contribution towards the support of my parents as my father, who is now in New Denver, has been ill in hospital and unable to do any but light work. I had no intention of giving up my Canadian citizenship but had to sign in order to secure work in the 12-mile lumber mill; otherwise the Selective Service refused to allow me to work there. At the time of signing, the R.C.M.P. officer, before whom I appeared, said to me "In the near future if you wish to cancel your repatriation application write to the R.C.M.P. Headquarters". I am doing that now and am earnestly desirous of having my signature cancelled and permission given me to rejoin my family who are remaining in Canada.

Copies sent to:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
September 9, 1945.

To the

Dear Sir,

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| Re -- Uchida, Ichiro | -- 17365 | Reg. No. |
| Uchida, Kyo | -- 17495 | " " |

In April last when the R.C.M.P. came to Tashme to register people of Japanese origin for repatriation to Japan, both of us signed. We had no objection to going East; we were simply afraid to go. We have one son, Matsuo, sixteen years of age this month on the twenty-fourth. He will have to register then and he will not under any circumstances sign to go to Japan; nor has there been any disposition on our part to have him do so. Now that Matsuo's future is clear to himself and to us and since it is also clear that he may need the guidance of his parents at several points in the future, we desire very sincerely to cancel our signatures for repatriation and be allowed to live in Canada.

Copies sent to:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

COPY

Tashme, B.C.
September 9, 1945.

To The

Dear Sir,

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| Re -- Uchida, Ichiro | -- 11365 | Reg. No. |
| Uchida, Kyo | -- 11495 | Reg. No. |

In April last when the R.C.M.P. came to Tashme to register people of Japanese origin for repatriation to Japan, both of us signed. We had no objection to going East; we were simply afraid to go. We have one son, Hatsuo, sixteen years of age this month on the twenty-fourth. He will have to register then and he will not under any circumstances sign to go to Japan; nor has there been any disposition on our part to have him do so. Now that Hatsuo's future is clear to himself and to us and since it is also clear that he may need the guidance of his parents at several points in the future, we desire very sincerely to cancel our signatures for repatriation and be allowed to live in Canada.

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Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C.
September 10, 1945.

To the

Dear Sir,

Re Fujino, Itsuki
Fujino, Aki

Reg. No. 07082
" " 07092

Last spring my wife and I signed for repatriation to Japan. I have been in Canada since 1908 and was naturalized in 1914. It was never my intention or desire at any time to return to Japan. Nevertheless due to my ill health and because I was afraid lest we could not support our family in eastern Canada under present conditions I reluctantly decided that it was wiser to be near my relatives in Japan. Hence my wife and I together with our family of five signed for repatriation.

We are now earnestly desirous of having our signatures cancelled because our relatives on whom we were depending lived in Hiroshima. We cannot now expect to return to them and since I have been nearly forty years in this country I know of no other place to which to return in Japan. We desire, therefore, very sincerely to cancel our signatures for repatriation and to be allowed to live in Canada.

Copies sent to:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, B Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.
September 10, 1945.

To the

Dear Sir,

Re Fujino, Shin Reg. No. 16023

Together with my parents I signed for repatriation. I am Canadian born and eighteen years of age. When my father signed for repatriation I too signed because I must assist in the support of our family of seven, my father being in ill health.

I now, together with my father and mother, ask to have my signature cancelled because my parents find they have no place in Japan to return to as our relatives to whom we intended to return resided in Hiroshima. I therefore earnestly desire to keep my Canadian citizenship which I have never at any time wished to give up.

Copies sent to:
Prime Minister of Canada,
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.
September 10, 1945.

To the

Dear Sir,

Re Fujino, Tomoe Reg. No. 07072

Last spring together with my parents I signed the forms to be sent to Japan. I am Canadian born, twenty-one years of age and the eldest in our family. When my father signed to return to Japan on account of ill health, although I have never had any desire to give up my Canadian citizenship, I had to sign because I am the eldest and must take responsibility for the support of our family.

I earnestly desire, now, to have my signature cancelled because my parents are now asking for cancellation because they have no place in Japan to return to since our relatives resided in Hiroshima. Since it was never my own desire to go to Japan I sincerely hope that I may be allowed to keep my Canadian citizenship.

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Prime Minister of Canada,
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
September 11, 1945.

To the

Dear Sir;

Re -- Tanouya, Jutaro Reg. No. 08547
Tanouya, Itsu Reg. No. 08548
Tanouya, Haruko Reg. No. 15393. (19)
Tanouya, Nobuko Reg. No. 13117. (18)
Tanouya, Mitsuo Reg. No. 17033. (16)

Early in July we made application for cancellation of our signatures for Repatriation to Japan, which had been signed in the presence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Our names may be already on your files but since we have not received a reply we should like to bring it to your attention.

We have lived in Canada for forty-six years. There are nine children in the family. The eldest daughter is married and is living in St. Catharines, Ontario. The next three Haruko, Nobuko, Mitsuo have had to work in order to supplement the small salary of our father, who works as janitor in the "A" Building.

When we were required to make the decision for Repatriation, our mother was absent in Vancouver with the baby who was seriously ill. We feared that if we did not sign we would be required to leave for the East before her return, because we were told we would lose our work unless we signed for repatriation. Without work we had no means of support.

We have never had a desire to leave Canada and asked the officer in charge whether we might cancel later. He replied that if we applied within three months we could cancel our signatures. It has been three months since we have hand in our application for cancellation.

Our daughter in the East wishes us to go there on a small fruit farm and we had hoped to have our cancellation in time to go for the opening of school but it has not been granted. Our children are opposed to going to Japan and we have nothing there whereby we can make a living. We are anxiously waiting your reply.

copy.

Tashme, B.C.
September 28, 1948.

The Prime Minister of Canada,
Hon. MacKensie King,
Ottawa, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Nagai, Mitsunosuke

Reg. No. 10016

I am writing you directly to ask for cancellation of my signature to go back to Japan. I was born in Japan in 1883, came to Canada in 1904 and have never been out of the country since. I have never at any time had any intention of going to Japan or any interest in it. Police records at the time of the registration will confirm that. I have no relatives in Japan and no family in Canada but one daughter, Saddle, a girl of nineteen who is living in Montreal. I signed repatriation forms because I did not want to be a burden on my daughter. I am a barber and could not have made my living in many places because of my age. I dislike accepting maintenance and have no money to live on; hence believed I had no other course than to sign. But I do want to stay in Canada and ask sincerely that I may be allowed to do so.

Copies sent to:
The Minister of Labour,
The Minister of Justice,
The Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
September 29, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Imai, Shoso Reg. No. 16834.

This is to request the cancellation of my signature to go to Japan made in the month of April in the presence of Corporal McKee of the R.C.M.P. I have never been in Japan and never possessed any desire or intention to go. On the contrary, I have never possessed anything but a continuous purpose to become a citizen of this country. I signed the application form because I was required to do so by my parents. I have received their permission to request cancellation and I hereby make this request very sincerely.

Yours

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
October 22, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Mikaido, Yoshiko Reg. No. 13485.

Last April I signed an application for repatriation to Japan with my parents. I had no desire whatsoever of going to Japan but did so because together with my sister I am responsible for the support of my father and mother and six younger brothers and sisters. They needed us so I had no alternative but to sign.

Since my parents are now willing and anxious to stay in Canada I sincerely request that we may be allowed to do so. I was born and brought up in Canada and so I have no desire to live in Japan.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tsahme, B.C.,
October 22, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Mikaido, Mitsuo Reg. No. 13374.
 Mikaido, Fuji " 13375.

My wife and I signed an application for repatriation to Japan, last April. We had never any intention of going back to Japan but since we did not want to go East because of the uncertainty of obtaining good living accommodation and suitable jobs to support my family of eight, we felt we had to sign.

We would like to get the application cancelled. We had no desire to take our children to Japan where they will find life difficult. Having lived in Canada myself for nearly forty years, I think Canada is the best place for our children to live. I sincerely hope our request may be granted.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Toshima, B.C.
October 22, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Nishida, Tacko Reg. No. 13446.

In order to stay near my parents and help support the family, I signed an application for repatriation to Japan, last April. I had no desire to go to Japan but if I had not signed I would have had to go East and leave my parents of whom I am the main supporter.

I earnestly request that my application be cancelled so that I may remain in Canada since my parents are also asking for cancellation.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, R Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
October 22, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Inouye, Yasutaka Reg. No. 13443.
 Inouye, Chiyeke " 13463.

My wife and I signed applications for repatriation to Japan because at that time I had a good job at the sawmill and if we had not signed I would have had to leave the work and venture out East where living accommodations and suitable jobs seemed almost impossible to find.

I request that our applications for repatriations be cancelled for we have no desire of going to Japan. I came from Japan ten years ago and have come to love Canada. My wife is a Canadian born and she would also like to live in the country of her birth.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, B Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Copy

Vernon, B.C.,
October 24, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Hikaide, Kimiko Reg. No.
 Hikaide, Chiyoko " "

This is to request the cancellation of
our signature to go to Japan made in the
month of April 1945.

We signed the forms because the only
alternative was to go East immediately which
we did not wish to do because it meant leaving
our aging father and mother and younger
brothers and sisters who had signed to go
to Japan and for whom we felt responsibility.
We request that our applications be cancelled
so that we may remain in Canada since our
parents are also asking now to have theirs
cancelled.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
October 29, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
THE Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Okui, Kobi

Reg. No. 06769

Last April I signed an application for repatriation to Japan. I had no desire whatever of going to Japan but at the time, as I had been in the hospital with a serious case of eczema for over a year it was impossible for me to plan to go east so I had to sign.

I am now asking for cancellation because I am ready at last to leave the hospital and I am very desirous of remaining in Canada where I had always intended to make my home.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
RCMP. Headquarters, Vancouver, B.C.

COPY.

Tashme, B.C.,
October 29, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Okui, Kobi

Reg. No. 06769

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Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, B Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

COPY.

Tashme, B.C.,
November 2, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Shimoji, Yoshiharu Reg. No.13681

In April 1945 I signed a form asking to be sent to Japan. I felt that I had no other alternative because I am physically unfit for heavy work so I could not risk being sent East to take any work offered me. Since my brothers were signing I felt that I should do so too.

As our family are asking for cancellation I, too, am earnestly desiring it, since it was always my desire to stay in Canada.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

COPY.

Vancouver, B.C.,
November 2, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Shimoji, Shinota

Reg. No. 13678.

Last April I and my three sons signed forms for repatriation to Japan. I was discouraged about the possibilities for the future here. I intended to return to relatives in Hiroshima.

I now wish to cancel since I cannot hope to return to Hiroshima. Also my youngest son of sixteen refused to sign and I wish to stay near him.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

COPY.

Brookmore, B.C.,
November 2, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Shimeji, Kiyoharu Reg. No.

Last April I reluctantly signed an application to go to Japan because my widowed mother intended to return and I felt responsibility for her.

Since my mother is now asking for cancellation, and since we have now no place in Japan to which to return I earnestly desire that my application be cancelled.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Tashme, B.C.,
November 2, 1945.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Shimoji, Shinuo Reg. No. 09010.

Last April I reluctantly signed an application to go to Japan because my widowed mother intended to return and I felt responsibility for her.

Since my mother is now asking for cancellation, and since we have now no place in Japan to which to return I earnestly desire that my application be cancelled.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
Department of External Affairs,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, E Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
January 21, 1946.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Okada, Ryoichi Reg. No. 08539
 Okada, Kayo " " 08609

In April 1945 I and my wife signed an application for repatriation to Japan. Since the only alternative was relocation east in the very immediate future I decided to sign that I might remain here where I was secure.

I have lived in Canada for 24 years, only visiting Japan once for two months during all that time. I wish to remain in Canada and hope you will consider favorably this request.

Copies sent to:
Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, Vancouver, B.C. E Division, Van.
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Vancouver, B.C. 360 Homer Street.

Tashme, B.C.,
January 21, 1946.

To the Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable MacKenzie King,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Honourable Sir:-

Re -- Okada, Michiko 16 years old in
September 1945, Reg. No. not
yet received.

In September 1945 I signed the forms
requesting to be sent to Japan because
my parents had signed. I hereby cancel
that request.

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Minister of Labour,
Minister of Justice,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, Vancouver, B.C.
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Vancouver, B.C.

Tashme, B.C.,
February 23, 1946.

The Commanding Officer,
R.C.M.P. Headquarters, Division E,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re -- SATO, Midori Yvonne.
Reg. No. 16813.

This is to declare that I hereby
cancel and revoke my application, to
be sent to Japan, made in April 1945.

Tashme, B.C.,
February 23, 1946.

Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir,

Re -- SATO, Midori Yvonne.
Reg. No. 16813.

This is to declare that I hereby
cancel and revoke my application, to
be sent to Japan, made in April 1945.

Tashme, B.C.,
January 7, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Hotel Vancouver,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: TANAKA, Kizue Reg. No. 08343.

Hon. Sir:-

I wish to renew my request for permission to join my children in Eastern Canada. I am anxiously waiting and hoping for your favourable reply. The reasons for this request you will find in my letter of November 29, 1945.

My children are in need of me and I earnestly plead for your kind and sympathetic understanding of the urgency of my request.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Kizue Tanaka.

Tashme, B.C.,
January 18, 1946.

Re: TANAKA, Kizue Reg. No. 08343.

Hon. Sir:-

As I am anxiously awaiting your reply to my request of November 29 and again of January 7 for permission to join my children in Eastern Canada, I would like again to renew it. The condition for this request I outlined in my letter of November 29th.

I am extremely anxious about this matter since my children in the east are my only means of support. I would be without any such means if I returned to Japan; hence I feel it is impossible for me to return there after living nearly thirty years in this country. I sincerely beg of you your kind and sympathetic understanding.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Kizue Tanaka.

Tashme, B.C.,
January 28, 1946.

Re: TANAKA, Kizue Reg. No. 08343.

Honourable Sir:-

May I draw your attention to my request of November 29th for permission to join my children in Eastern Canada. In that letter and my subsequent letters of January 7 and 18, I outlined the reasons why I am so urgently desirous of your permission to go East.

I realize that with all the pressure of important state affairs my problem must be a very minor matter for you but for me it means my whole future and that of my children. I am anxiously awaiting your reply.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Kizue Tanaka.

Tashme, B.C.,
February 13, 1946.

Re: TANAKA, Kizue

Reg. No. 08343

Honourable Sir:-

May I inquire whether you are in receipt of my letter of November 29th in which I ask your permission to join my children in Eastern Canada?

I realize that with the pressure of important business you may not yet have had opportunity to consider my request. You will realize, I know, that for me my whole future life depends upon your answer. So again I ask your kind sympathetic consideration and hope that I may have soon a favourable reply.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Kizue Tanaka.