

Custodian File

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:	
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount
4550.00	227.50 12.50									240.00
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles			Boats and Boat Gear							
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing		45% of amount in next preceding column		
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
			46%	112.95		51.95			51.95	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION									291.95	



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CASE NO: 1022.

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Toronto, Ontario,

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PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99.

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(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government.
R.A. BEST, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant.
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A. WATSON, Esq.,	Secretary.
D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,	Official Interpreter.
A.G. VEITCH, Esq., C.S.R.,	Official Reporter.



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In-Chief.

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CHIKAI HIRAKI, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the Interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

Q. Mr. Hiraki, is that your signature?

A. Yes.

Q. And was that form prepared upon your instructions? A. Yes.

MR. BEST: My lord, I tender the particulars of real estate, other than farm land, as Exhibit No. 1.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

(PARTICULARS OF REAL ESTATE, OTHER THAN FARM LAND, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1.)

MR. BEST: Q. Mr. Kiraki, I understand that these premises for which you are claiming are located at 446 Keefer Street, Vancouver, British Columbia. Is that correct?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. In Vancouver? A. Yes, sir.

Q. And it was a roominghouse? A. Yes.

MR. BEST: Now possibly if my friend would like to put in the valuation as an exhibit I might direct my attention to that.

THE COMMISSIONER: Exhibit No. 2.

MR. HUNTER: I file the appraisal of Johnston, Reeve & Watson, dated July 24, 1943, for \$3,500.

(APPRAISAL, JOHNSTON, REEVE & WATSON, JULY 24, 1943, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2.)

MR. BEST: Q. Mr. Hiraki, according to the appraisal made of your premises there were 42 rooms in this rooming-house and according to your claim



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1 I notice there are 44. Have you any explanation  
2 of that?

3 A. There is no particular explanation. If you just  
4 count the rooms you will find there are 44.

5 Q. In other words, you still think there are 44  
6 rooms. I notice that according to your claim,  
7 again, you paid just \$4,500 for this building  
8 in 1938? A. Yes.

9 Q. I am producing to you an agreement dated  
10 September 27, 1938, between John Green and  
11 yourself. Is that your signature?

12 A. Yes. That is my signature.

13 Q. And is that the agreement whereby you obtained  
14 title to those premises? A. Yes.

15 Q. I notice on page 2 of this agreement there is  
16 a note:

17 "The said mortgage secures the sum of  
18 "\$5,500 and is registered under No. 25354-H  
19 "and the principal sum has been reduced to  
20 "the sum of \$1,100."

21 A. The previous purchaser purchased the premises  
22 for \$8,000 and at that time there was a \$5,500  
23 mortgage on the place. At the time I bought it  
24 there was \$1,100 left on the mortgage.

25 Q. So that when you purchased it you paid \$4,500  
26 and you assumed the balance of this outstanding  
27 mortgage, which was then \$1,100.

28 THE COMMISSIONER: Is it open to that construction?  
29 Would the total purchase price not be \$4,500 and  
30 not \$5,600?



1 MR. BEST: I did not mean that, my lord.

2 Q. Actually you paid \$3,400 cash and assumed a  
3 mortgage for \$1,100?

4 A. I paid an initial amount of \$2,500 in cash and  
5 I made a payment to Mr. Green of \$900 which  
6 left \$1,100 mortgage.

7 THE COMMISSIONER: Would you ascertain, Mr. Best,  
8 the date of the purchase by the prior owner?

9 MR. BEST: Yes, my lord.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: And when the \$5,500 mortgage was  
11 placed?

12 MR. BEST: Yes, my lord.

13 Q. Now, Mr. Kiraki, do you know when Mr. Green  
14 bought these premises?

15 A. I do not know when he bought it.

16 Q. You do not know? A. No.

17 Q. Just while we are on that point, then, how do  
18 you know he paid \$8,000 for it?

19 A. I went to see him at the time I purchased it and  
20 he told me that he had paid \$8,000 for it.

21 Q. I see. I understand, Mr. Hiraki, that according  
22 to your instructions these rooms all had hot  
23 water heaters, as well as in the bathroom and  
24 the hall. Is that correct?

25 A. Yes.

26 Q. Were there any closets in these rooms?

27 A. Yes. There were closets in each room.

28 Q. I see.

29 I think that is all, so far as the real  
30 estate claim is concerned.



1 THE COMMISSIONER: When was this property sold by  
2 the Custodian, Mr. Hunter, and at what price?

3 MR. HUNTER: It was sold as of July 6, 1943, to  
4 David Lee for \$4,550. July 29, 1943, was the  
5 date of the Advisory Committee's approval.

6 MR. BEST: I am sorry, my lord, there is just one  
7 more question.

8 THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

9 MR. BEST: Q. According to the appraisal made of  
10 your premises the electric wiring in the rooming-  
11 house was very old. Is that correct? What  
12 do you say about the electric wiring?

13 A. I am not quite sure what the meaning of "old" is  
14 but if it is style they were not, the lamps  
15 were not turned on from the switch near the  
16 cord. They were all controlled by push buttons  
17 in the wall and were a fairly new type, as far  
18 as I can judge.

19 Q. Had you ever had any trouble with the wiring  
20 in recent years?

21 A. No. I never had any trouble with the wiring.

22 Q. Is that your signature? A. Yes.

23 Q. And was that form prepared on your instructions?

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. BEST: It is the personal chattels claim form,  
26 my lord.

27 I tender that as Exhibit No. 3.

28 (PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS, MARKED  
29 EXHIBIT NO. 3)

30 MR. BEST: If my friend would like to put in the



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1 analysis, my lord, I might direct my attention  
2 to it at this time.

3 MR. HUNTER: I tender analysis of personal property  
4 claim as Exhibit No. 4.

5 (ANALYSIS OF PROPERTY (PERSONAL) CLAIM,  
6 MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

7 MR. BEST: Q. I notice, Mr. Hiraki, that on your  
8 personal chattels claim form there are five  
9 specific items listed only with the notation  
10 "Everything received as stated shipped by  
11 Custodian except high-chair." Do I understand  
12 correctly with respect to these smaller items,  
13 including the high-chair and wash-tub and small  
14 table, you are not making any claim for them?

15 THE COMMISSIONER: There is no claim for them.

16 MR. BEST: No. I just wished to clear that up,  
17 verify it.

18 In that event I think it is a straight  
19 case of valuation of the chattels claimed for.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

21 MR. BEST: That is all, my lord.

22 MR. HUNTER: It is submitted, my lord, that the real  
23 property was sold for its fair market value.

24 It is submitted that the prices claimed  
25 for personal property not sold by the Custodian  
26 are exorbitant.

27 It is submitted that these things were not  
28 left where they were stated to be left by the  
29 claimant and were never found.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: None of them?





1 MR. HUNTER: No, my lord. I think there may have  
2 been one found.

3 In connection with the real property claim,  
4 my lord, this was advertised under Catalogue  
5 No. 125. Following the advertisement on the  
6 17th July, 1943, an offer was received from  
7 W. Green for \$4,550 on behalf of David Lee,  
8 a Chinese.

9 On July 19 an offer was received from  
10 Roberts-Hall & Company on behalf of Leon Wau Suey  
11 for \$2,100. This latter offer was rejected.

12 The former offer was accepted and it was  
13 closed as of the date previously mentioned.

14 THE COMMISSIONER: No other tenders made?

15 MR. HUNTER: No, my lord.

16 As far as the J.P. form is concerned, under  
17 the statement of personal property owned, Mr.  
18 Hiraki declared:

19 "On Lot 10, 446 Keefer Street, Vancouver,  
20 "B.C., the following goods will be stored  
21 "in one of the rooms and the key will be  
22 "handed to the Custodians: sundry furniture  
23 "and household goods, clothing, kitchen  
24 "utensils, two men's bicycles, one Singer  
25 "electric sewing machine, gramophone and  
26 "records, etc., etc."

27 There is rather a long story contained in  
28 correspondence in connection with this room. I  
29 do not think there is much point in filing the  
30 J.P. form. If we merely would have him identify



1 it, I think it would be sufficient. I have read  
2 into the record the relevant portion.

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4 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

5 Q. Is that your signature and is that J.P. form  
6 one made pursuant to your instructions?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. To both questions? A. To both questions.

9 Q. Thank you.

10 Unless your lordship wishes I will not  
11 file it.

12 THE COMMISSIONER: I see no need for it, unless  
13 counsel desires it.

14 MR. BEST: I see no need for it, my lord.

15 THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

16 MR. HUNTER: I think, to get the picture, it is  
17 almost necessary to read this correspondence.  
18 It is a little involved, but I do not think  
19 without this correspondence it is possible to  
20 get the whole picture. It is rather difficult,  
21 at least, to form an opinion as to just what  
22 did happen.

23 THE COMMISSIONER: Can you paraphrase what is con-  
24 tained in the correspondence and if your  
25 learned friend agrees with what you say, that  
26 it is the effect of it, it will save a little  
27 time, at least, and you can put the correspondence  
28 in as being filed.

29 MR. HUNTER: Yes. He declared that he was leaving  
30 it in a room and later it appeared that a certain



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1 room had been set aside, room No. 11.

2 After they evacuated they sent in some  
3 additional lists of things which were in this  
4 room. The Custodian had an inspection made  
5 of this room. He had trouble getting in at  
6 first, it had two locks on it. When he got in  
7 there was not the faintest evidence that any-  
8 thing had ever been disturbed. They make  
9 particular note of that here. The inventory  
10 of everything in the room does not correspond  
11 at all to what the claimant states was in the  
12 room. They removed everything in storage and  
13 sent everything which was in there to him.  
14 Whether it is a case of pure mistake, or what  
15 happened, I am not suggesting they were trying  
16 to claim things which did not belong to them,  
17 but I think from the correspondence to my mind  
18 it becomes clear that they were not in this room.

19 THE COMMISSIONER: When was the inspection made, in  
20 terms of the date of the claimant's evacuation?

21 MR. HUNTER: In November, 1942.

22 THE COMMISSIONER: And he was evacuated ---?

23 MR. HUNTER: In April, my lord.

24 THE COMMISSIONER: Was the place rented in the  
25 meantime?

26 MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord; the claimant rented it;  
27 but they are peculiarly definite in these  
28 various memos in here that there is not the  
29 faintest indication that the place has ever  
30 been opened or broken into, or disturbed.



1 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

2 You are satisfied with Mr. Hunter's state-  
3 ment as to the effect of that correspondence,  
4 Mr. Best?

5 MR. BEST: Yes, my lord. Apparently that seems to  
6 be the effect of the correspondence.

7 I have a copy of a letter here from a Mr.  
8 Spain, of the Protection Department, of January 3  
9 in which they say practically everything found  
10 in room 11 was already packed in cartons, suit-  
11 cases or trunks and that there was no evidence  
12 the room had been disturbed. "We are therefore  
13 at a loss to understand your contention why you  
14 left a record-player, kitchen stove and china  
15 cabinet ---"

16 THE COMMISSIONER: That is apparently in accordance  
17 with what has been said.

18 MR. BEST: The last is a little ridiculous, suggest-  
19 ing the china cabinet would be packed in a carton.

20 There seems to be a real doubt as to what  
21 happened to these things.

22 THE COMMISSIONER: Proceed.

23 MR. HUNTER: If it is in order I would file this  
24 correspondence, together with a chronological  
25 list or index of the various letters in it.

26 THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

27 (FILE OF CORRESPONDENCE, MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

28 THE COMMISSIONER: That, of course, will be filed  
29 simply for information at this stage and subject  
30 to later proof.



- 1 MR. HUNTER:Q.You were evacuated first before the  
2 rest of your family?
- 3 A. Yes, in April.
- 4 Q. Now, at the time of your evacuation had you  
5 stored certain things in one room in your  
6 building?
- 7 A. Yes, in room No. 11.
- 8 Q. Now, after you left there were further things  
9 stored in there by your son, I believe, or  
10 perhaps your wife. Is that so?
- 11 A. When the rest of the family was evacuated the  
12 balance of the chattels were put in room No. 11.
- 13 Q. Now, when you say that, that is what they tell  
14 you? A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Of the things that they tell you they placed  
16 in there after you left are all these things  
17 which are now claimed for, things which they  
18 had been using after you left?
- 19 A. No. These were packed in the room before I left.
- 20 Q. These were put in by yourself. Is that so?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And was the electric record-player in a carton  
23 or box? A. No. It was  
24 just left in there as it was.
- 25 Q. And were any of these things, like the chinaware  
26 or silverware in cartons or boxes?
- 27 A. I presume they were in cartons or boxes.
- 28 Q. The chinaware and silverware and such things  
29 were left in the cabinet, they were in the china  
30 cabinet, so that you have three items in there,



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1 none of which was packed in cartons or boxes?

2 A. Yes; that is so.

3 Q. And those were there in room 11 when you per-  
4 sonally were evacuated? A. Yes.

5 Q. And did the room have a lock on it at the time  
6 you were evacuated?

7 A. Yes; two locks.

8 Q. And were those locks locked at the time you  
9 were evacuated?

10 A. No. They were locked at the time the rest of  
11 my family were evacuated, three months later.

12 Q. In other words, you left the room open, or  
13 unlocked, and the keys were left with your  
14 family. Is that correct?

15 A. Yes. That is true; and my family locked it up  
16 at the time of their evacuation and handed the  
17 key to the Custodian.

18 Q. That is what they tell you? A. Yes.

19 MR. HUNTER: That is all, thank you.

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21 THE COMMISSIONER: Any re-examination?

22 MR. BEST: I would like to call another witness, my  
23 lord, but no further re-examination of the  
24 claimant.

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26 HIDEO HIRAKI, sworn,

27 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BEST:

28 Q. Mr. Hiraki, I believe you are a son of the  
29 previous witness. Is that correct?

30 A. That is correct.



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1 Q. We are just concerned about these personal  
2 chattels. Was your father evacuated before  
3 you were?

4 A. That is right.

5 Q. And I believe that was in April. When were you  
6 evacuated?

7 A. August 31, the same year.

8 Q. Your father has told us that he placed all of  
9 these things in room No. 11 and then gave the  
10 key either to yourself or to some other member  
11 of the family. Did you help your father put  
12 these particular items in the room or do you  
13 know anything about it personally?

14 A. Yes. I did help him put the goods in the room.

15 Q. And what happened? When was that done?

16 A. Well, that was done at the time of his going  
17 away but previous to that we gave an inventory  
18 of the list of goods which <sup>we</sup> were going to put in  
19 there but we changed a few items from that and  
20 the inventory which we gave to the Custodian  
21 did not agree because of the fact that we took  
22 out articles like bicycles and those things  
23 and we put in other goods. We left them in  
24 there thinking that if we locked it up nothing  
25 would happen to them. When I left the place  
26 at 446 Keefer Street I put everything in there  
27 and I gave the key to the Custodian at that time.  
28 I believe the Custodian took a look at it and  
29 saw to it that they were kept there until we  
30 came back.



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1 Q. That is the explanation for not having these  
2 items on the Custodian's original list, this  
3 record-player and heater, and china and silver-  
4 ware? A. That is right.

5 Q. And it is the further explanation for the fact  
6 that the bicycles do not appear on the Custodian's  
7 list now? A. That is right.

8 Q. You took those out?

9 A. Yes. I removed those.

10 Q. All right, thank you.

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12 CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

13 Q. During the time between when your father left  
14 and when you - and was it your mother - left ---

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. --- did you and your mother leave at the same  
17 time?

18 A. No. We did not leave at the same time. I was  
19 the last to leave.

20 Q. During that time was the record-player, for  
21 instance, ever taken out for use?

22 A. No, it was not.

23 Q. It was not. What about some of these other  
24 things, like the china and the silverware; were  
25 they used at all?

26 A. No. We just left it there. We had another  
27 separate piece to use. Those we took away but  
28 the ones I am referring to in that were not used.

29 Q. Now, when you left you locked up the room and  
30 handed the keys to the Custodian?





- 1 A. That is correct.
- 2 Q. Prior to that time the room was not locked?
- 3 A. Well, the room was locked when we left the room  
4 but we had the keys to it.
- 5 Q. Nobody else could get in the room?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Was the room always kept locked or did you,  
8 being in your own place, leave the room unlocked?
- 9 A. No. We never left the room unlocked. Being a  
10 rooming-house there were other people in the  
11 building. Therefore we always kept it under  
12 lock and key.
- 13 Q. I see. Did you normally keep everything in  
14 your building under lock and key?
- 15 A. That is correct. Being a rooming-house we  
16 found it unsafe to leave the room open whether  
17 or not we were in the building because of the  
18 fact that there were so many others living in  
19 the same building.
- 20 Q. Just before you locked up the room finally  
21 before you left did you have a chance to make  
22 a new inventory?
- 23 A. No, I did not have a chance. That was my fault.  
24 I did not have a chance to make a new inventory,  
25 so I thought the Custodian, as I gave the key  
26 to them they would look after it and make their  
27 own inventory and let us know.
- 28 Q. Might it have been possible for some one to  
29 have stolen the silverware and you know nothing  
30 about it at the time you left?



- 1 A. Well, I do not think it could have been possible  
2 unless somebody broke in the place. The Cus-  
3 todian received the keys and they had the keys  
4 to the place and nobody else to my knowledge  
5 had the key.
- 6 Q. What I am getting at is that just before you  
7 left did you inspect to see whether the silver-  
8 ware was in the china cabinet?
- 9 A. Yes. I looked at it very carefully to see what  
10 was there.
- 11 Q. And did you look at all these items to make sure  
12 they were there?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. Why did you do that? A. Pardon?
- 15 Q. Why did you do that and not make an inventory?
- 16 A. Well, after I left I wrote the Custodian that  
17 those goods were stored there and at that time  
18 I was in a very much of a rush. I was not  
19 living at 446 Keefer Street. I was at Hastings  
20 Park at that time and I did not have much of a  
21 chance to run down there to take a good look  
22 at everything to make a list of it. I had to  
23 catch a boat at that time. So, I just went  
24 down there and took a ---
- 25 Q. Yes, but you said before you left and handed  
26 the keys to the Custodian that you examined  
27 everything there carefully?
- 28 A. Yes, I did.
- 29 Q. Why not take an inventory at that time. Why  
30 could you not jot it down?



- 1 A. I jotted my own memo down but I did not have  
2 time to make a duplicate and give it to the  
3 Custodian.
- 4 Q. You did make an inventory just before you left?
- 5 A. That is for my own use but what I mean is that  
6 I did not give it to the Custodian.
- 7 Q. Have you got that document here?
- 8 A. No, sir, I have not it here.
- 9 Q. I see. Where is it?
- 10 A. Well, I do not know. I might be able to find  
11 it at home, but ---
- 12 Q. Have you not been using it to make up your claim?
- 13 A. Well, I referred to in making letters - writing  
14 letters to the Custodian. I believe if you  
15 refer to them you will find that what was in  
16 the inventory was put in the letter.
- 17 Q. Did it not strike you that an inventory of that  
18 type would be rather important, one made just  
19 before you left? Does it not strike you as  
20 being an important paper?
- 21 A. Well, I suppose it would be important but I  
22 wrote it in a letter and there is a copy of the  
23 letter there, so I thought that in itself would  
24 be enough.
- 25 Q. You see, there is the question of whether the  
26 stove was there, because the Custodian had no  
27 evidence that the place had been broken into.  
28 The place looked completely undisturbed when  
29 he inspected it. You say those things were  
30 there; he says they were not. The question is



1 when did they disappear, before or after you left?

2 A. They were there before I left.

3 Q. That is what you say and yet you have an inven-  
4 tory which is supposed to show that but you do  
5 not bring it. That is the point. That is an  
6 important document. You do not know where it is?

7 A. I do not know where it is.

8 MR. HUNTER: That is all, thank you.

9 THE COMMISSIONER: Any re-examination?

10 MR. BEST: That is all, my lord.

11 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Interpreter, in order to be  
12 sure, would you ask the witness if that list  
13 is in his handwriting or if he can identify  
14 the handwriting?

15 THE WITNESS: That is in my handwriting. Yes; that  
16 is correct.

17 Q. Is this the date you made the list?

18 A. Yes. That is the date.

19 Q. And there is another list immediately following,  
20 the next page. Is that put in your writing?

21 A. Yes. That is the same one. They are both in  
22 my handwriting.

23 Q. All right. The two lists to which reference has  
24 been made I will mark "A" and "B", these two  
25 lists being part of the file of correspondence  
26 marked as Exhibit No. 5.

27 Now, Mr. Hiraki, may I call your attention  
28 to this statement which is found in the last  
29 paragraph on both pages marked "A" as well as "B"?

30 "I agree to see that the above goods will



1 "be safely stored in room 11 until owner  
2 "comes for them. July 1942."

3 That "B" letter is dated July 8, 1942?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Now, just one moment.

6 Am I right in assuming that the statement  
7 made there indicates that the goods were not  
8 then stored in the room?

9 A. Those goods that I refer to in that statement  
10 there, I left them in that room in July, on the  
11 8th, I think it was, and I made two copies of  
12 that and I gave the two copies to the Custodian  
13 and I asked them to check the goods over and  
14 return one copy to me signed. They never did.  
15 In fact, I do not think the Custodian ever  
16 checked what was in there.

17 Q. I would like you to direct your mind to the  
18 question I am putting to you. Do you say now  
19 that it was yourself who put these goods in  
20 that room?

21 A. Well, my father also helped me to.

22 Q. What explanation have you to make for the  
23 language you use:

24 "I agree to see that the above goods will  
25 "be safely stored ---"

26 What do you mean by that?

27 A. What I mean by "I" is not myself but I am  
28 referring to the Custodian and I wanted them  
29 to sign the two documents but the Custodian  
30 never did so. I went to the Custodian's office



1 and I left them in their care.

2 Q. You asked the Custodian to sign the copies,  
3 you could keep one and the Custodian could  
4 keep one?

5 A. Yes. That is right.

6 Q. But the goods were already in the room?

7 A. Yes. At that time they were already in the  
8 room. Those goods referred to in that copy  
9 was different to what was put in later before  
10 my evacuation. I made some additions and some  
11 deletions from the list.

12 Q. Yes; but your father has said previously that  
13 the electric record-player and records were in  
14 there when he left?

15 A. When he left?

16 Q. Yes? A. Yes; that is right. How-  
17 ever, I believe I left a few items out of there.

18 Q. All right.

19 If either counsel desire to pursue the  
20 matter I was discussing with the witness, very  
21 well.

22 MR. BEST: Only this, my lord, as I understand it -  
23 and I take it your lordship does - I take it the  
24 intention of those words your lordship read out  
25 was to have the Custodian sign it rather than  
26 the claimant.

27 THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

28 MR. HUNTER: The Custodian did try to have the  
29 tenant sign that, as he always did try to have  
30 a tenant sign. She said she would have no part



H. Hiraki  
Cross-Exam.  
Discussion.

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of it in view of the fact they were locked up  
in a room for which she had no key.

THE COMMISSIONER: In any case, the tenant declined  
to carry out the Custodian's request?

MR. HUNTER: That is correct; point blank.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

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(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE.)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and  
accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

"A.G. VEITCH"  
Official Reporter.

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Case 1022 DEC - 2 1947

THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

[Signature]

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Toronto

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME HIRAKI, CHIKAI (RCMP) Reg. No. 02769  
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address 446 KEEFER ST., VANCOUVER, B.C.

(3) Present Address 166 MULOCK AVE., TORONTO, ONT.

(4) REAL ESTATE  
(a) Street Address (if any) 446 KEEFER ST., VANCOUVER, B.C.  
City or Municipality, Province

Best

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)  
LOT 10, BLK 86, D.L. 196.  
ROLL No B2024

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):  
(i) ~~Farm~~  
(ii) ~~Residence~~ Type of business ROOMING HOUSE  
(iii) ~~Business~~  
(iv) Any other type of property (describe)

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) SOLE OWNER

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):  
(i) Land - - - - - \$ 1012.50  
(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$ 9150.00  
(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$ 10162.50  
(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$ 10,162.50  
(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$ 4550.00  
(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$ 5612.50

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY  
(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation 446 KEEFER ST., VANCOUVER BC.  
(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) ROOMING HOUSE  
(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation LOCKED UP IN ONE ROOM.

(over)



(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

~~In no one's care~~ IN ONE'S CARE

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1. <u>Record Player</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>23.50</u>
2. <u>Electric Heater</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>7.95</u>
3. <u>China Cabinet</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>35.00</u>
4. <u>Chinaware</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>25.00</u>
5. <u>Silverware</u>	Estimated Value \$ <u>25.00</u>
6. _____	Estimated Value \$ _____
7. _____	Estimated Value \$ _____
8. _____	Estimated Value \$ _____
9. _____	Estimated Value \$ _____
10. _____	Estimated Value \$ _____

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 116.45

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - - - - - \$ 5728.95

(6). (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)  
TORONTO

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no yes

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA )  
County of York )  
TO WIT: )

I, Chikai Hiraki of the City  
of Toronto in the County of York

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:  
The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City )  
of Toronto )  
in the County of York )  
this 22 day of November )  
A.D. 1947. RA. Best )

Chikai Hiraki  
A Commissioner &c.

N.B.— THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

CHIKAI HIRAKI  
(Claimant's Name)

**REAL ESTATE**  
(Other than farm)

02769  
Reg. No.

Type of Premises (e.g. House, Store, etc.)	No. of Rooms	Type of Finish	Use of Premises	Size of Lot	When Purchased	Date of Purchase
ROOMING HOUSE	44	FRAME SIDING	ROOMING HOUSE	120 x 25	19 <del>38</del> 3	Oct

Type of Locality	Cost Price	Improvements made by Claimant	Estimated Value Date of Sale
Residential	\$4,500.00	Redecorated interior of building New Water Boiler, New Flooring, re- paired plumbing & new taps. Total cost of improvements \$600.00	\$10,162.50

Comments re upkeep of premises:  
Claimant and family (4 children (19 years to 4 years at time of evacuation) Worked very hard to keep place clean and in good repair. Also hired another man to tend furnace and do repairs. Premises almost always full, testifying as to cleanliness and efficiency of the management. 19 year old son worked on building full time in summer time.

Comments re Appraiser's report not covered above: (1) The district is described as an industrial dwelling area. If this means that the district is occupied by the residences of industrial workers, it is true but it is not occupied by industries themselves.

- (2) There are 44 rooms -not 42 in the building (3) Exterior of building painted in Autumn of 1938. Roof repaired and 10 year guarantee given in 1938. Roof did not leak at time of evacuation. Plumbing repairs -\$83.00 in September 1942. Water pipes and pressure improved. (4) Building rented for only \$80.00 per month to tenant in April 1942 after notice of evacuation. The ridiculously low rental was "forced" because of the circumstances and our hope to retain the property, if not the business. Fair rental value would be about \$150.00.
- (5) 1941 Assessment (per card) Land \$675.00 Building \$6100.00- Total \$6775.00
- (6) Some older rooms rented for \$ 7.50 per month because of rent ceiling . Many rooms rented at 75 cents per night or \$3.50 per week. Very few vacancies during my entire tenure.
- (7) Building not as old as surrounding houses. Few major repairs actually required.

EXHIBIT No. 1022-1  
DATE 10 May 1948  
FILED BY D. A. Best

C. Hiraki  
Signature

JOHNSON, REEVE and WATSON

Bank of Nova Scotia Building  
602 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, B.C.

24th July, 1943.

The Custodian's Office,  
Vancouver, B.C.

File No. 465

Dear Sir:

Catalogue No. 125  
Lot 10 Block 86 D. L. 196  
446 Keefer Street

We have inspected this property and beg to report as follows:-

Location Industrial dwelling area near Main Street.

Land 25' x 120' covered by building.

Building 3 storey frame rooming house 25' x 120'. Concrete curb foundation in front. Siding walls. Composition roof. Light well one side 6' x 70'. 42 rooms with wash basins. 3 bathrooms. 6 w.c.'s. Basement at rear for furnace room 25' x 25' concrete floor. Hot water sectional boiler and jacket heater for storage tanks.

Condition Exterior not painted for a long time. Roof leaks and top floor ceilings stained. Plaster broken in places. Windows need new putty. Electric wiring very old. Plumbing old and water pressure low, indicating corrosion of pipes. Age probably 35 years.

Rent \$80. per month on lease expiring 1st April, 1945. Room 11 reserved by owner. Tenant pays water rates.

City Assessment \$6,475 (Land \$675. Building \$5,800)

Taxes, etc. \$187.75. Insurance rate 95 cents per \$100 limited to annual coverage.

Comment Tenant states rooms let for \$7.50 per month furnished, including gas and electricity; also that vacancies numerous in hard times.

Appraisal In view of the age of the building and the prospect of major repairs and renewals of plumbing and electric wiring, we are of the opinion that the market value of this property is \$3,500.

Yours faithfully,

JOHNSON, REEVE & WATSON

per "D.W. Reeve"

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EXHIBIT No.

10 May 1948

DATE

FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

June 22, 1948

*M. J. Hunter*

CHIKAI HIRAKI

(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

02769

Reg. No.

<u>Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)</u>	<u>Approximate Date Purchase</u>	<u>New or Used When Purchased</u>	<u>Price Paid</u>	<u>Condition when Evacuated</u>	<u>Estimated value at Date of Evacuation</u>
Electric Record Players	1937	new	\$23.50	Good	\$20.00
Electric Heater	1937	new	9.00	Good -hardly used	7.95
China Cabinet	1927	new	50.00 ?	Good -Solid Oak	35.00
Chinaware	Various times	new	35.00	Good	25.00
Silverware	Various times	new	Gifts, etc.,	Good	25.00

Description of Storage of Goods: All locked in Room 11 at 446 Keefer St., Left loose except china & silverware which were in cabinet.

EXHIBIT NO. 1022-3DATE 10 May 1948

FILED BY

R-a. Best

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above: Everything received as stated "shipped" by Custodian except high chair.

Additional Comments, if any: Key to room was given to Custodian's officer. Apparently someone removed some of the goods before they were moved to the warehouse.

C. Hiraki

Signature

# ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No. 465

EXHIBIT No. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME Chikai HIRAKI

REG. No. 02769

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM	SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
			AUCTION	TENDER &c		
DECLARATION <u>March 31/42</u> EVACUATION <u>April 11/42</u>	TAKEN BY <u>Custodian</u> DATE <u>Sept. 10/43</u>					
<p>On lot 10(446 Keefer St. Vancouver, B.C.):The following goods will be stored in one of the rooms and the key to the room will be handed to "Custodian": Sundry furniture and household goods, clothing, kitchen utensils, 2 men's bicycles, 1 Singer Elec. Sewing Machine, Gramophone &amp; records, etc., etc."</p> <p>In July 1942 -HIRAKI's son made out the following "List of Goods stored in Room 11(446 Keefer St. Vancouver, B.C.)</p> <p>1.Elec. Record player and records, 2. 3 Trunks, 3. 1 Dining room bureau, 4. 1 Gas stove 5. 11 Suitcases, 6. 1 Cupboard 7. 1 Bookcase 8. 1 Bookshelf 9. 1 Mahogany Corner shelf, 10. 2 other shelves, 11. 1 Footstool, 12. 1 High chair 13. 1 Wash tub, 14. 1 Small table 15. Kitchen utensils &amp; dishes, 16. And other miscellaneous goods-old school texts, Japanese magazines,elec.lamp, picture frame,toys, etc."</p> <p>Custodian representative D.A. Smith reported:- "Mrs. Evang (tenant) refused to sign this document. The room containing the above chattels is doubly locked and keys held by Custodian, hence her refusal to accept responsibility".</p>	<p>Effects at Room #11, 446 Keefer St. Vancouver, B.C. were removed to warehouse at 992 Powell St. Vancouver, B.C. on Sept. 10, 1943- #424 - as follows:-</p> <p>1-10 Suit-cases 2- 2 Trunks 3- 1 Tin trunk 4- 1 High Chair 5- 4 Cartons, 6- 1 Basket 7- 3 Boxes 8- 1 Can - 14 gal. 9- 1 Tin case 10- 1 Tub</p>	<p>"In no one's care"</p> <p>Itemized Claim Page 2, 5 e -</p> <p>1- Record Player 23.50 2- Electric Heater 7.95 3- China Cabinet 35.00 4- Chinaware 25.00 5- Silverware 25.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>\$116.45</u></p> <p>Shipped 25.00 "Declared not found" 66.45 No Record at any time 25.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Total - <u>116.45</u></p>				<p>23.50</p> <p>7.95 35.00</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">66.45</p>

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EXHIBIT No.

CASE No.

S. No. 02769

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SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT. THEFT &c	<del>MARKS</del>	Shipped	REMARKS
SECTION	TENDER &c								
			23.50						The list of effects at Room 11, - 446 Keefer St. Vancouver, B.C. as made by the son of HIRAKI was not checked by the Custodian, but they were held under double lock until removed by the Custodian September 10, 1943.
			7.95						Out representative states that there was no evidence that the contents of the room had been disturbed.
			35.00						It would seem, therefore, that the warehouse (#424) record contains all that the Custodian found at Room 11, above referred to.
							Nov. 14/44	25.00	This list was forwarded to Chikai HIRAKI in our letter of November 22, 1943 (copy attached).
			66.45		25.00			25.00	
									Reply received from HIRAKI, December 4, 1943 states:-
									"Besides the goods mentioned in your letter of November 22nd, I had stored in Room 11 of 446 Keefer Street, the following goods: (1) China cabinet and its contents of numerous chinawares, photos, books, papers etc. (2) Electric record player and records, (3) Electric stove (4) Kitchen utensils, clothing, beddings etc."
									Custodian reply January 3, 1944, as per copy of letter attached; indicates the situation at Room 11, in respect to contents as found.

*[Handwritten mark]*

EXHIBIT No. 1022-4  
 DATE 10 May 1948  
 FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

C O P Y

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November 22, 1943.

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02169,  
E. Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

This is just to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 13th dealing with goods stored in Room No. 11 at 466 Keefer Street. The contents of this room were moved to Custodian storage on September 10th and there remain at present. They consist of the following:-

- 10 Suitcases
- 2 Trunks
- 1 Tin Trunk
- 1 High Chair
- 4 Cartons
- 1 Basket
- 3 Boxes
- 1 Can- 4 gal.
- 1 Tin case
- 1 Tub

If you wish any of these shipped to you, please follow out the instructions given in our enclosed Form Letter No. 107.

Yours truly,

H.F. Green,  
Protection Department.

Enc.  
HFG:IF

C O P Y

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January 3rd, 1944.

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Registration No. 02769,  
East Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of the 4th instant and we are now dealing with the subject of your personal property.

The entire contents of Room No. 11 at 446 Keefer Street were moved to Custodian Storage as advised in our letter of the 22nd November.

Practically everything found in room No. 11 was already packed in cartons, suitcases or trunks and there was no evidence that the room had been disturbed. We are therefore, at a loss to understand your contention that you left there a Record Player, Electric Stove and China Cabinet unless you packed these articles in the aforementioned cartons.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,  
Protection Department.

GBS/HMS



March 25, 1948

PERSONAL PROPERTY  
SECTION

Documents and Papers  
relating to Personal  
Property

- 1- Letter May 26th, 1942 Custodian to HIRAKI
- 2- " June 1st, 1942 Custodian to Pembertons
- 3- Memo August 29th, 1942 Douet to Green with list of goods in Room 11 and pencil memo September 10th, 1942. - also - 2(similar) written lists - July 1942 (supposed to be by son of HIRAKI)
- 4- Memo September 8, 1943 Milsom to Green.
- 5- Warehouse #424 - Sept. 10, 1943 of chattels
- 6- Letter November 22, 1943 - Custodian to HIRAKI
- 7- " December 4, 1943 HIRAKI to Custodian
- 8- Memo December 21, 1943 Green to Spain
- 9- Letter January 3, 1944 Custodian to HIRAKI
- 10- Letter June 8, 1944 B.C. Sec. Com. to Custodian with letter June 8, 1944 HIRAKI to them
- 11- " June 23, 1944 B.C. Sec. Com. to HIRAKI
- 12- Receipt June 23, 1944 " " " to Custodian (re Cameras)
- 13- Letter July 3, 1944 B.C. Sec. Comm. to HIRAKI
- 14- " Oct. 12, 1944 HIRAKI to Custodian
- 15- Letter November 14, 1944 HIRAKI to Custodian
- 16- " " 23/44 Custodian to HIRAKI
- 17- " Dec. 19, 1944 Custodian to HIRAKI

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EXHIBIT NO. 10 May 1948

DATE J.W.G. Hunter

FILED BY J.W.G. Hunter

RE RADIO

- 18- R.C.M.P. #561(3) March 10th, 1942 (Exhibit Report)
- 19- Memo May 25, 1943 Radio and Cameras
- 20- Auction #Radio 2 - January 27, 1944 Sale Gross \$36.00
- 21- Letter February 7, 1944 HIRAKI to Custodian
- 22- " " 16, 1944 Custodian to HIRAKI
- 23- " November 17, 1944 Custodian to HIRAKI

FOR ENVELOPE

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

June 22, 1948

*J.W.G. Hunter*

May 26th, 1942.

Mrs. Chikei Hiraki,  
446 Keefer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madam:-

With regard to your property at 446 Keefer Street, which has been rented to Mrs. Bertha Evang at \$80.00 per month. We understand that when you leave certain of your goods will be stored in one of the rooms. Will you please advise what is being left and what arrangements you have made with Mrs. Evang to take care of these goods.

There seems to be some misunderstanding as to what room is to be used for this purpose.

The agreement which we have seen speaks of Room 11 being used for storage, but also speaks of this room as being the one which Mrs. Evang can have for her use. We understand that Room 11 is more suitable for Mrs. Evang to use and that Room 13 would be suitable for storage of furniture, and we suggest that this should be arranged and that Mrs. Evang write to us acknowledging that you are leaving this room locked and in her care.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander  
Assistant Manager

FGS:EB.

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

June 1st, 1942

The Pemberton Realty Corporation,  
418 Howe Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: HIRAKI, Chikei  
446 Keefer St., Vancouver.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Hiraki and her son called and stated that whereas they had definitely agreed that they should retain Room 13 in which to keep their personal belongings etc., Mrs. Evang is insisting that when they vacate Room 11, which at present they rent from Mrs. Evang, they shall have this latter room instead of Room 13 which is considerably larger and more suitable for the Hirakis. The Hirakis state that they are being over-charged for the rental of Room 11 and we should be glad if you would look into this matter for us.

Re 2307 Oxford Street. The Hirakis now advise that they would prefer to sell this property if a satisfactory offer was forthcoming. As you are aware, this house is rented at Twenty-Seven Dollars per month to a Mrs. Allen, but we have insufficient information on our files to study the matter properly. Will you please look into this matter also and report to us in due course?

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander  
Assistant Manager

PD:IF

(Part of Ex.1022-5)

August 29, 1942.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Green.

FROM: Mr. Douet

Re: Chikei HIRAKI

With reference to my conversation with Mr. Smith, attached please find two copies of list of goods stored in Room No. 11, at the Rooming House owned by the above at 446 Keefer Street, Vancouver. A Mrs. Evang purchased the furniture, etc., from Hiraki and rents the premises from him.

When the deal was made, it was agreed that Room No. 11 was reserved entirely for Hiraki's use.

I understand that Mrs. Evang would not sign for these goods, and as Hiraki's son is now joining his parents at Lillooet, it would no doubt be as well to have some sort of a check made of these effects. Besides the Yale lock, I understand the door is padlocked, and both keys are attached hereto. Mrs. Evang has no keys to this room.

Hiraki's son mentioned that there is a small electric stove among the effects, which he omitted to put on the attached list.

"PD"

PD:BT

Enclosures

"See Spains T/S report on preceding inventory under date 10/9/43"

"Since moved to storage 10/9/43 See 465/1"

(Part of Ex. 1022-5)

File No. 465

August 29, 1942.

Name: Chikei HIRAKIRegistration No.: 02769Address: 446 Keefer St., Vancouver, B. C.LIST OF GOODS STORED IN ROOM 11

1. 1 electric record player and records.
2. 3 Trunks.
3. 1 Dining room bureau.
4. 1 Gas stove.
5. 11 Suitcases.
6. 1 cupboard.
7. 1 Book-case.
8. 1 Book-shelf.
9. 1 Mohogany corner-shelf.
10. 2 other Shelves.
11. 1 Foot-stool.
12. 1 High chair.
13. 1 Wash tub.
14. 1 Small table.
15. Kitchen utensils and dishes.
16. Other miscellaneous goods--old school texts, Japanese magazines, electric lamp, picture frame, toys, etc.

I agree to see that the above goods will be safely stored in room eleven until owner comes for them.  
July 8, 1942.

"D.A.Smith reported

Sept. 10th '42.

"Mrs. Evang refused to sign this document. The room containing the above chattels is doubly locked and keys held by Custodian, hence her refusal to accept responsibility."

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

A

List of goods stored in room eleven (11) of  
446 Keefer St., Vancouver, B.C.

1. one electric record player and records.
2. three trunks
3. one dining room bureau
4. one gas stove
5. eleven suitcases
6. one cupboard
7. one book-case
8. one book-shelf
9. one mohogany corner-shelf
10. two other shelves
11. one foot-stool
12. one high chair
13. one wash tub
14. one small table
15. kitchen utensils and dishes
16. and other miscellaneous goods - old school texts,  
Japanese Magazines, electric lamp, picture frame, toys, etc.

I agree to see that the above goods will be safely  
stored in room eleven until owner comes for them.

July , 1942.

(Part of Ex.1022-5)

B.

List of goods stored in room eleven (11) of  
446 Keefer St., Vancouver, B.C.

1. one electric record player and records
2. three trunks
3. one dining room bureau
4. one gas stove
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I agree to see that the above goods will be safely  
stored in room eleven until owner comes for them.

July 8, 1942.

(Att. to Ex.1022-5)

File No. 465/1

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Green

September 8th, 1943

From: Mr. Milsom

Re: HIRAKI, Chikai

In 446 Keefer Street there is a room containing a trunk and suitcases, the property of Chikai Hiraki. The key is in the possession of The Custodian. The tenant of the house wishes these articles removed to central storage.

The property has been sold.

GDM/GH

"G.D.Milsom"

"Noted to G.B.S. 9/9"

/Removed 15/9/43 - Noted TG"/

(Att. to Ex.1022-50)



Date Sept. 10th 1943

424

Name Kiraki Chikai

Where From 446 Keefer St.

Future Address 992 Powell St.

Measurement

Rate

Approximate Valuation

File 465/1

10 Suit cases

5 2 - 7 suitcases

2 trunks

shipped

1 Tin Trunk

shipped

1 High Chair

4 Cartons

1 Basket

shipped

3 Boxes

1 Can 4 Gal.

1 Tin Case

1 Tub

S. Barrett  
\$6.00

WmWells

(Att. to Ex.1022-5)

465/1

November 22nd, 1943

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02169,  
E. Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

This is just to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 13th dealing with goods stored in Room No. 11 at 466 Keefer Street. The contents of this room were moved to Custodian storage on September 10th and there remain at present. They consist of the following:

- 10 Suit cases
- 2 Trunks
- 1 Tin trunk
- 1 High chair
- 4 Cartons
- 1 Basket
- 3 Boxes
- 1 Can - 4 gal.
- 1 Tin case
- 1 Tub

If you wish any of these shipped to you, please follow out the instructions given in our enclosed Form Letter No. 107.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

Enc.  
HFG:IF

(Part of Ex.1022-5)

E. Lillooet, B.C.,  
Dec. 4, 1943.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

As I have previously stated, I am on a self-supporting project, consequently, I must have money in order to support my big family. I am in need of cash immediately. Therefore it is urgent that you send me the balance of my account.

I also wish to have a complete statement of my account since March, 1943, because the last statement I have received was up till February.

Re: Goods stored in room 11 of 446 Keefer Street.

Besides the goods mentioned in your letter of Nov. 22nd, I had stored in room 11 of 446 Keefer Street the following goods:

- (1) China cabinet and its contents of numerous chinawares, photos, books, papers, etc.
- (2) Electric record player and records.
- (3) Electric stove.
- (4) Kitchen utensils, clothing, beddings, etc.

Please inform me as to what has become of them. I would like you to understand that everything in room 11 was my property, and trust that you have treated them accordingly.

Yours truly,

C. Hiraki

File No.465-1

(Part of Ex.1022-5)

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 465/1

Dec. 21st, 1943

To: Mr. Spain

From: Mr. Green

Re: 446 Keefer Street  
Chikai HIRAKI

On November 22nd I wrote to this Japanese giving him a list of his belongings removed from his Room 11 at 446 Keefer Street. He has now written as per his of December 4th attached hereto that there should be some additional items. Among these I notice that the gramophone and records were duly declared in his registration of March 31st.

Will you kindly see if any light can be thrown on the missing articles and advise me of your findings? I see that Mr. Wills and Mr. Barrett moved these as per their inventory 424 of September 10th, 1943.

"HFG"

HFG:IF

"See letter  
Jan. 3/44"

(Part of Ex.1022-50)

465/1

January 3rd, 1944.

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Registration No. 02769,  
East Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 4th instant and we are now dealing with the subject of your personal property.

The entire contents of room No. 11 at 446 Keefer Street were moved to Custodian Storage as advised in our letter of the 22nd November.

Practically everything found in room No. 11 was already packed in cartons, suitcases or trunks and there was no evidence that the room had been disturbed. We are therefore, at a loss to understand your contention that you left there a Record Player, Electric Stove and China Cabinet unless you packed these articles in the aforementioned cartons.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,  
Protection Department.

GBS/HMS

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.,  
June 8th, 1944.

Custodian of Alien Property,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: HIRAKI, Chikai #02769  
East Lillooet, B.C.

I quote below a letter of June 3rd from above, original of which is also attached hereto, asking for a lot of chattels from Room No. 11 at 446 Keefer St., Vancouver. I am writing this party that shipment will have to be arranged and paid for by some outside person in case you desire to release the goods, which may or may not be convenient. Nevertheless, this letter will serve as a record in case you should prefer to ship rather than to retain the goods in storage.

That part of the letter which refers to the cameras is being referred to our Mr. DesBrisay who handles these articles.

"I request you to release me to undernoted property which was stored in Room No. 11 at 446 Keefer Street.

According to the Custodian's letter of Nov. 22nd, 1943, they consisted of the following: (Refer to file No. 465-1)

10 suit cases	1 basket
2 trunks	3 boxes
1 tin trunk	1 can - 4 gal.
1 high chair	1 tin case
4 cartons	1 tub

But I had stored in that room in addition to those mentioned above the following:

1 electric record player and records  
1 electric heater  
1 buffet filled with dishes and other personal effects, etc.

(OVER)

E. Lillooet, B.C.,  
June 3, 1944.

B. C. Security Commission,  
The Dick Bldg.,  
360 Homer St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I request you to release me to under-noted property  
which was stored in Room No. 11 at 446 Keefer Street.

According to the Custodian's letter of Nov. 22nd, 1943,  
they consisted of the following - (Refer to file No. 46501)

- 10 suit cases
- 2 trunks
- 1 tin trunk
- 1 high chair
- 4 cartons
- 1 basket
- 3 boxes
- 1 can - 4 gal
- 1 tin case
- 1 tub

But I had stored in that room in addition to those  
mentioned above the following:

- 1 electric record players and records.
- 1 electric heater
- 1 buffet filled with dishes and  
other personal effects, etc.

I also request the release of the cameras which I surrendered  
to the R.C.M.P. on March 10, 1942, namely:

- 1 folding camera "Eastman" and case  
No. 3966
- 1 miniature camera and case  
"Majestic" Graf Lens 50 mm.

Please ship all the above mentioned goods to Lillooet, B.C.

Yours very truly,

C. Hiraki

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.,  
June 23rd, 1944.

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02769,  
EAST LILLOOET, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours June 20th:

Copy of your letter of June 3rd asking shipment of a lot of effects from 446 Keefer St. was sent to the Custodian on June 8th. The attached Circular G-534 now governs the shipment of chattels from this area. Your cameras are being shipped to you by our Mr. DesBrisay. Unless in the ordinary course of events it fits in with the program of the Custodian to deliver the articles requested for shipment, I cannot hold out any hope that you will receive them in the near future. You have had almost two years to request these goods during all of which time we have been very active in making shipments. However, it was considered best to discontinue shipping on account of refusal to pay charges after the goods were received for different reasons, such as deterioration in quality, doubtful ownership, etc. for which we were not responsible. If you have some acquaintance in Vancouver who could get the Custodian to release these articles, make the shipment and pay all the charges here there would be no objection from our standpoint in this case.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

CWF:FF

c.c.Gen.Files

Custodian of Alien Property

"C.W.Fisher"

C.W. Fisher

Transportation

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)



Rec'd from Custodian Ex. 992 Powell St.

2 Cameras for shipping to

Chikai Hiraki # 02769

(465)

B.C. Security Commission

Per M.D. MacDonald

23/6/44

(Part of Ex.1022-5)

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.,  
July 3rd, 1944.

Mr. C. HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02769,  
EAST LILLOOET, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Yours June 28th:

If you will re-read my letter of June 23rd, you will notice the suggestion that you have some acquaintance in Vancouver make the shipment, making all arrangements and paying all the charges after getting permission from the Custodian. Whether the Custodian will have time to assist in locating the goods and turning them over to a third party is for him to decide. It appears that everyone on the staff is very busy with other matters, and it seems likely that shipments of personal effects will be postponed until after the other work is taken care of. This might be six months or a year hence so far as I know.

If you have no acquaintance who could make the shipment, possibly the Richmond Transfer or Bowmans would take care of it for you, getting in touch with the Custodian to endeavour to secure the goods.

Yours very truly,

CWF:FF  
c.c. Gen.Files  
Custodian of Alien Property

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION  
C.W.Fisher  
Transportation

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

E. Lillooet, B.C.,  
Oct. 12, 1944.

To the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Hastings & Granville,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

As you have discontinued the shipment of goods and have advised us in your previous letter that I have some acquaintance make arrangements for the shipment of our goods, I am asking this gentleman, Mr. F. Williams, to make arrangements for the shipment and pay for any necessary expenses.

Please release the under noted property which was stored in room 11 at 446 Keefer St. and turn it over to him to have it shipped to Lillooet as soon as possible.

10 suitcases  
2 trunks  
1 high chair  
4 cartons  
1 basket

Page 2.

(List of Property stored in room 11 at 446 Keefer St.)  
List continued -

3 boxes  
1 can - 4 gal.  
1 tin case  
1 tub  
(1 electric record player and records  
# (1 electric heater  
(1 buffet filled with dishes and other personal effects  
(1 small kitchen cabinet, et al.

# These did not appear in the list of goods which you removed from room 11 of 446 Keefer St. (According to your letter of Nov. 22, 1943.) But I know definitely that I left them in that room when I evacuated. My son forwarded you a list of the goods stored in room 11 just previous to his evacuation in July 1942. Please refer to it.

Kindly give this person every assistance in locating and sending these goods.

Yours very truly,

C. Hiraki

File No. 465

"Delivered to  
Bowman  
Oct. 17/44  
Wm. Wills"

(Part of Ex. No. 1022-5)

E. Lillooet, B.C.  
November 14, 1944.

The Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

You have informed me in your letter of February 16, 1944, that my radio has been sold for \$36.00 less expenses for storage, cartage and auctioneer's commission of \$5.08, leaving a net of \$30.92 which has been credited to my account. I am requesting from you the proceeds from the sale of my radio. It was certainly not my desire to have that radio sold. I consider it the wrongful sale and disposition of my property. I enclose the R.C.M.P. receipt to prove ownership of the radio.

I have recently received the following through Fred Williams:

- 1 Cr. 5 Suitcases. (No. 1)
- 1 Box Clothing, 2 Suitcases, Basket, Toys, etc. (No.2)
- 1 Trunk, China, Clothing, etc. (No.3)
- 1 Tin Trunk, Books. (No.4)

But I have not received the other trunk. If you refer to your letter of Nov. 22, 1943, you will note that there were three trunks (1 tin trunk and 2 other trunks) Please locate the other trunk and have it sent by Fred Williams (446 Keefer St.) This trunk was filled with coats and other clothing in the bottom, and photographs in the top compartment.

Yours truly,

C. Hiraki

File No. 465/1

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

465/1

November 23, 1944

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02769,  
East Lilloet, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of the 14th instant  
with reference to the shipment of your personal property.

One trunk not included in the last ship-  
ment has been handed to Bowman Storage Ltd. for shipment.  
This trunk should reach you in the near future.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain  
Protection Department

GBS/LM

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December 19th, 1944

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02769,  
East Lillooet, B.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to one trunk missing from our last shipment to you, we would now inform you that we have been able to separate this trunk from other goods stored in our warehouse and have today handed same to Bowman Storage Ltd., for shipment at once.

Yours truly,

Geo. B. Spain,  
Protection Department

GBS:LM

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

EXHIBIT REPORT

No. 561 (3)

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB/DIV'N. & File No. Vancouver.

DIVISION & File No.

DETACHMENT & File No. C.I.B.

J.R. 02769

DATE Jan. 26th, 1944.

Re: Chikai HIRAKI - 446 Keefer St., Vancouver, B.C.

On Mar. 10th, 1942. I D.E. McLaren, Sst.

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner.

- |    |   |     |
|----|---|-----|
| 1. | General Electric radio<br>Serial 0857 Model E81 | (1) |
| 1. | Eastman Kodak folding camera.                   | (2) |
| 1. | Minicam and case "Majestic".                    | (3) |

REMARKS: Handed over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

DATE Jan. 27th, 1944.

"Geo. B. Spain"  
for Custodian

CERTIFIED CORRECT

"B.R. Jefferson"

F.R. Jefferson. Reg. # 10559.Czt.  
Signature of Member

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

MEMORANDUM

May 25th, 1943.

To: File 465

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: HIRAKI, Chikai - Reg. 02769

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
CAMERA	Eastman Kodak Folding camera.	No value (broken)
	Minicam and case "Majestic"	\$ 2.00
RADIO	General Electric Radio. Serial No. 0857 Model # E81.	20.00

Sold by Auction 27/1/44  
Vancouver Radio 2.

Radio - Sale Price -	\$36.00
Expense	<u>5.08</u>
Bal. credited	30.92

Camera - Handed to B.C. Sec. Commission  
for the return to owner June 23, 1944  
F. Matheson  
March 22, 1946

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NAME HIRAKI, Chikai

REGISTRATION NO. 02769

FILE NO. 465

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at 992 Powell St., Vancouver on January 27, 1944

G.E. Mantel

\$ 36.00

Total	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 3.60	\$ 36.00
	(Advertising: .29	
Less Expenses:	(Moving: .19	\$ 5.08
	(Storage: <u>1.00</u>	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 30.92

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver Radio 2

Remarks:

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

E. Lillooet, B.C.,  
Feb. 7, 1944.

Custodian's Office,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Upon reading one of the editions of the "New Canadian," I noticed that evacuee-owned radios are being offered for sale. I strongly oppose this measure. It was bad enough when I had to surrender my radio and my cameras to the R.C.M.P. in March of 1942, in compliance with the government order-in-council. But now you are offering them for sale for no apparent reason. Is that not contradictory to the statement published in the papers at that time? The papers stated that the R.C.M.P. are merely taking care of them; and that the R.C.M.P. will return them to us when we have evacuated from the protected area. Therefore, I demand that my radio and my cameras be returned at once.

I have surrendered them (see next page) to the R.C.M.P. on March 10, 1942 at the R.C.M.P. barracks in Vancouver.

1 radio - General Electric  
Serial No. 0857  
Model E 81

1 camera - "Eastman" No. 3966  
& case

1 miniature - "Majestic"  
camera & Graf lens 50 mm  
case

Yours very truly,

C. Hiraki

P.S. I have written about this matter to the R.C.M.P. who advised me to contact the Custodian's Office with regard to such matter.

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

February 16th, 1944.

Mr. Chikei HIRAKI,  
Registration No. 02769,  
East Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of February 7th enquiring about your cameras and radio. Your radio has been sold for \$36.00 less expenses for storage, cartage, and auctioneers' commission of \$5.08, leaving a net of \$30.95 which has been credited to your account.

Your cameras are still held here pending decision as to the disposal of photographic equipment which has not yet been reached.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF

(Part of Ex.No.1022-5)

465/1

November 17th, 1944

Mr. Chikai HIRAKI,  
Reg. No. 02769,  
East Lillooet, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of November 14th enclosing R.C.M.P. radio receipt and enclose herewith our cheque for \$31.00, being the balance of your account with the Custodian.

The R.C.M.P. receipt also covers 1 folding Camera, 1 miniature camera and case, and "Majestic" Graf Lens 50 M.M. We are holding this receipt on file.

Yours truly,

G. D. Milsom  
Administration Department

GDM/GH

Enc.

I hereby certify that the foregoing words (in the foregoing letters, memos and other documents of Ex.No.1022-5) are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

June 23, 1948

*M. M. Milsom*