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TO: Dr. Francis Michael,
Phone Melrose 0630,
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F G SHEARS ESQ
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
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CUSTODIAN REGRETS ALEXANDER'S DECISION BUT APPRECIATES PERSONAL POSITION
STOP IN CONSIDERATION OF SERVICES AND MOVING EXPENSES AUTHORIZES YOU TO
PAY HIM ONE MONTH'S SALARY

G W MCPHERSON
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Charge to Custodian's Office.

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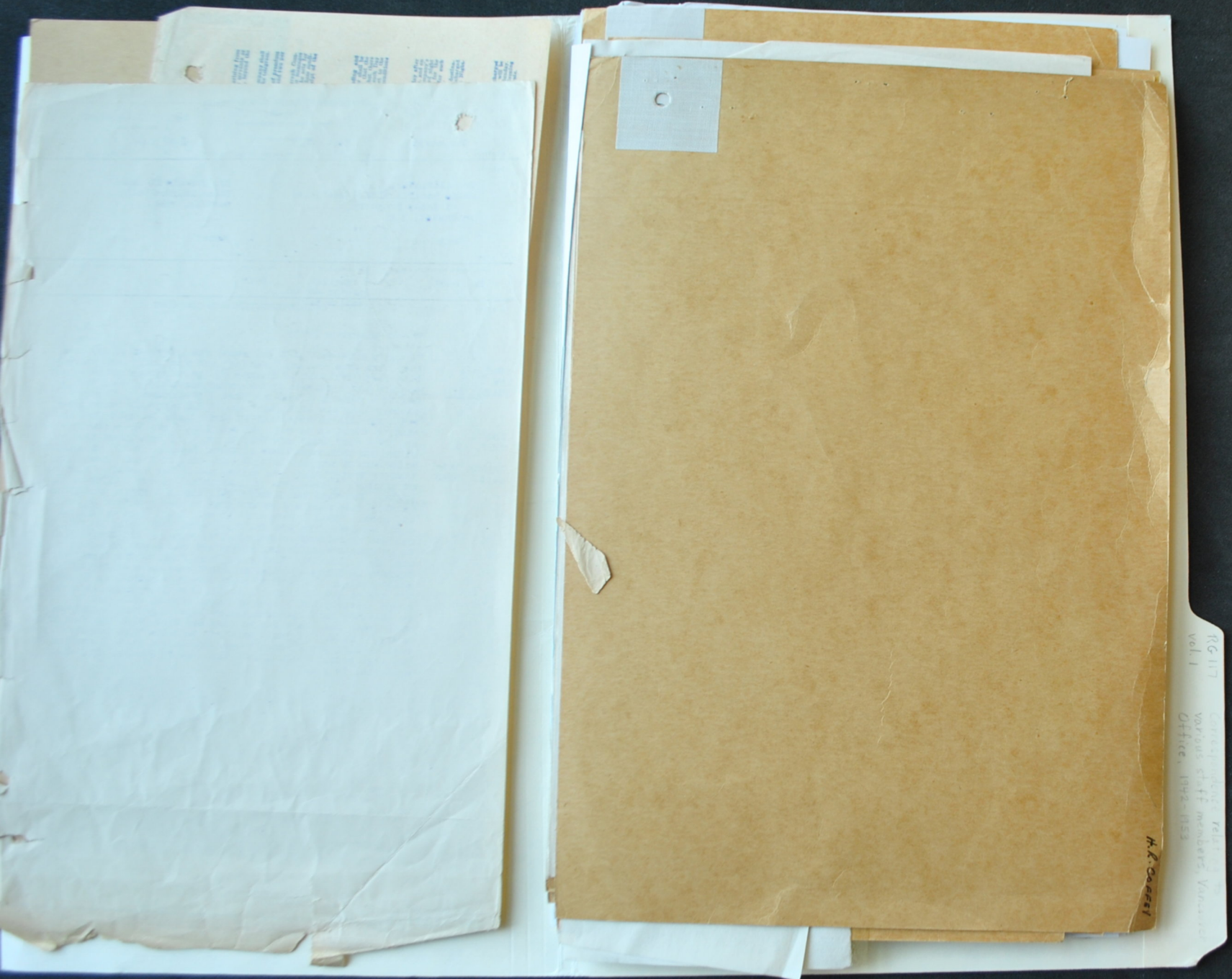
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Your Reference -
H.Q.S.11-C-361
(M.I.3)

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 24, 1944.

Department of National Defence,
Army,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: 39199152 - Pte. Harold Richard Coffey

Your letter of March 18th addressed to Mr. Coderre, has been referred to me for reply.

Mr. Coffey was employed in the Custodian's Vancouver Office from March 18, 1942, until January 18, 1943, when he left to enlist in the American Armed Forces. Information on the Custodian's records is to the effect that he is 23 years of age, British born, received part of his education at the Canadian Academy, Kobe, Japan, speaks Japanese and English and worked for Warner Bros. in Los Angeles, California before coming to the Custodian's Office. At the time he was employed in the Custodian's Office he was single but I understand he has since been married in the United States.

Insofar as Mr. Coffey personally is concerned, the writer came in fairly close contact with him during the time he was employed by the Custodian and was always impressed by his industry, integrity and discretion. The writer has little information concerning his life in Japan. Any information that has been obtained was obtained from him or from his uncle, Mr. G. B. Spain, the former manager of A. Cameron & Company, Kobe, Japan, and presently employed in the Custodian's Office in Vancouver, and all of such information indicates he is thoroughly reliable.

Lieut. Gordon Bell, R.C.N.V.R., at present stationed in Ottawa, who formerly resided in Japan, knows Mr. Coffey and might be of some assistance to you. I am sorry I have not got Mr. Bell's address but his telephone number is local 7870, if you wish to contact him.

Insofar as the writer is concerned, he has no hesitation in recommending Mr. Coffey.

Yours very truly,

GWH:FC.

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

H.R. Coffey
Personal

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. McPherson:

For your attention, please.

L. H. Coleman
Under Secretary of State.

Ottawa, March 22, 1944.

If record found, state accordingly and initial.

SECRET
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March, 1944.

Under Secretary of State,

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It is noted in Coffey's application
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regarding all information you may have concerning
this soldier. It is also understood that he was
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE
ARMY

OTTAWA, CANADA.

18th March, 1944.



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Oscar Coderre, Esq.,
Chief, Naturalization Branch,
Department of the Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

39199152 - Pte. COFFEY, Harold Richard.

Dear Sir:-

The marginally named soldier of the
United States Army has applied for transfer
into the Canadian Army.

It is understood that this transfer
will be going through, and as Pte. Coffey
claims to have had some nineteen years residence
in Japan, it is thought that he may be of part-
icular use to a department of the Canadian Army
where his qualifications will be very useful.
However, it is necessary that we be very sure
of his background as the work upon which it is
proposed to use Coffey is of a highly secret
nature.

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that he claims to have been employed by the
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Any information you may be able to supply regarding the background, loyalty and personal character of Pte. Coffey will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

H. E. Headley, Capt
for Lieut.-Colonel, G.S.
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PHONE PACIFIC 6131

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO.

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

806 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

16th January, 1943.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
c/o Office of the Custodian,
7 O'Connor Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Thank you very much for your letter dated January 13th. I appreciate the steps you have taken in the East on my behalf and if anything results please let me know immediately. I don't know what my address will be but in the meantime any telegram you may send to me in care of Bob will reach me promptly.

I am intending to go down to Seattle on January 18th and will be seeing the Draft people in that city. In the meantime the M.I.D. in Washington are reviewing my qualifications for a commission in the American Army but I don't know what the result will be. I have taken the liberty of giving your name as a reference and should they get in touch with you I would appreciate your stretching things as much as possible on my behalf.

I appreciate also your comments in connection with my work in Vancouver and I want to tell you that I have enjoyed working here and wish it were March, 1942 so I could start again at the same job.

With best wishes,

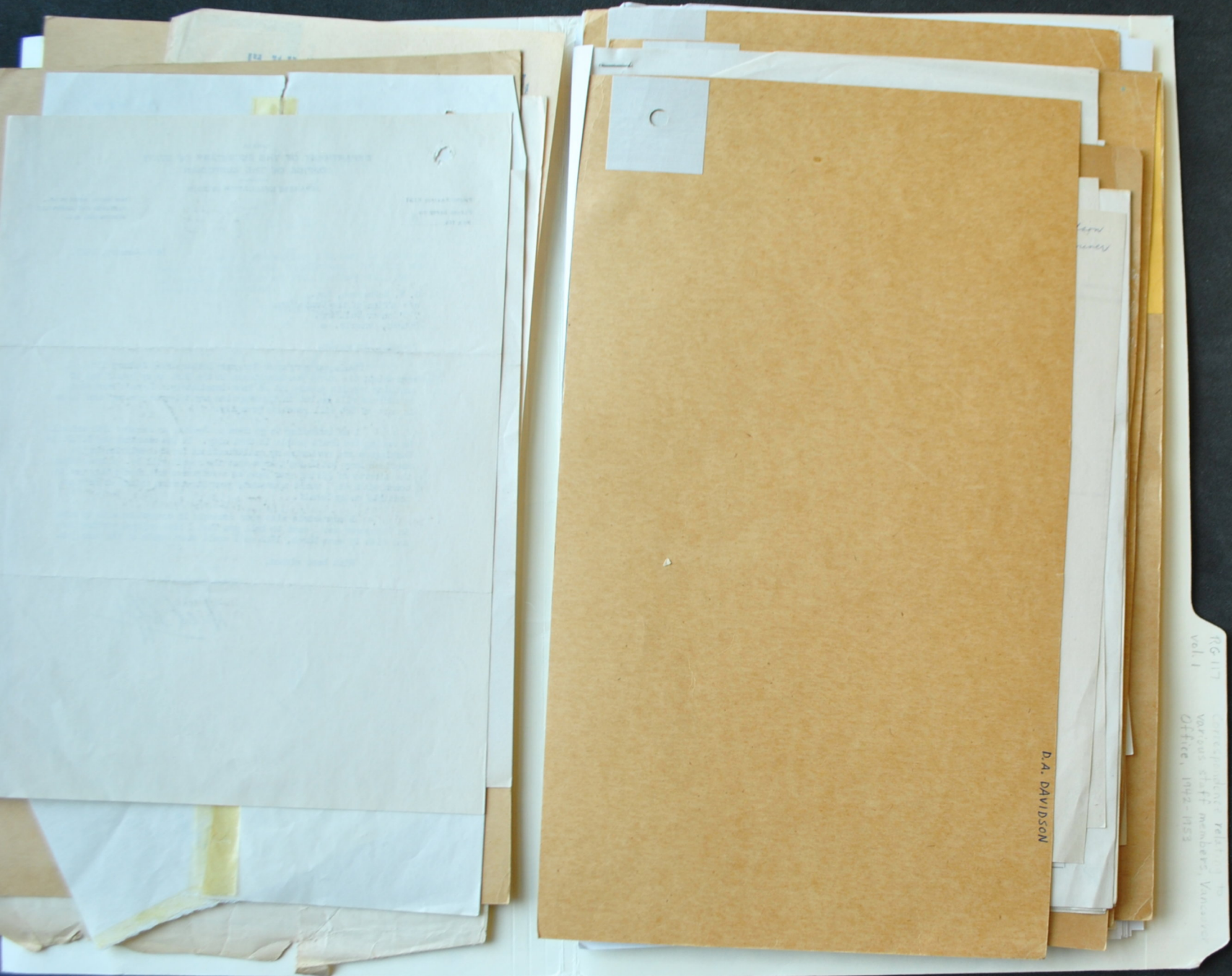
Yours sincerely,

Nick Coffey

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*DA Davidson
Vancouver*

PERSONAL

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
January 8th, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

I am enclosing copies of two letters received from Mr. Douglas A. Davidson, but I am not enclosing copies of correspondence referred to in his letter about the Cost of Living Bonus since you already have these letters on file. I am, however, enclosing copies of my replies.

I discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman and am instructed to advise you that you should exercise your usual discretion in corresponding with Mr. Davidson about his Clients and, if he wishes to correspond concerning the administration of the Custodian's Office, you might like to refer his correspondence to me for attention.

I recall that at one time we were interested in ascertaining who was supplying information from our office to the local press concerning the salary position, and that we have been unable to determine who this was.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
January 8th, 1944.

Douglas A. Davidson, Esq.,
Barrister, etc.,
102 Crown Building,
615 Pender Street West,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:- re Cost of Living Bonus

I have your letter of January 5th and
the contents have been duly considered, together with
the enclosures.

It would appear from the statements
made in Mr. Shears' letters that the salary question
has been explained to you and there is no indication
that you have not received the salary agreed to be
paid at the time you were first employed.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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DOUGLAS A. DAVIDSON
BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR
NOTARY PUBLIC AND COMMISSIONER

108 Crown Bldg.,
615 Pender St., W.,
Res 2636 ELEVENTH AVE. WEST
VANCOUVER, B. C.
Jan. 5/44.

PHONE: BAYVIEW 8020-V
PB. 8537

Repayment

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Ottawa, Can.

Dear Sir: re Cost of Living bonus

I was employed by the Custodian's office here on
or about September 1st. 1942 and remained there until Aug.
31st. 1943.

The salary at the time I started work was \$150.00
and remained the same until May 1st. 1943 when a deduction
of \$10.00 was made and a cost of living bonus of \$18.42
was added. There never was at any time any mention of such
a bonus, nor of my salary including it, until until May 27th
1943 on which date I received a letter from the office in-
forming me of it. I wrote the office pointing out that there *had*
~~been~~ no mention of a basic salary nor of a cost of living bonus.
(see my letter of June 8th. 1943.)

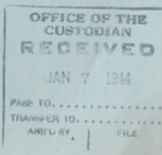
To verify my statements and to show my attitude I
enclose the following letters:

1. May 27th. 1943 letter from Custodian's office.
2. June 8th. 1943 letter from me to Custodian's office.
3. June 14/43 letter to me from Custodian's office.

There appears to be \$190.00 or thereabouts owing to
me and I would very much appreciate it if you would look into
the matter and communicate with me

Yours truly

D. A. Davidson.



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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION.

Phone Pacific 6131
Please Refer To
File No.....

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

14th June, 1943.

D. A. Davidson, Esq.,

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the 8th instant and regret
that I have been unable to reply before.

With regard to your suggestion of instituting a Test Case
in regard to the sale of Japanese property, I can assure you that
this and other matters to which you refer have all been given due
consideration by this office and have been referred to Ottawa.

They are well aware of the possibilities of an injunction
being started, but as far as we are concerned a policy of orderly
liquidation has been decided upon by the Custodian at Ottawa and we
are instructed merely to implement this.

At the moment we are not interested in making a Test Case
to establish our right to sell, but proceeding upon the basis of our
legal rights and if and when that right is challenged we assume it
will be for the Department of Justice to protect the Custodian. The
legal aspects of this matter are entirely removed from the purpose
and duties of this office.

Your somewhat sweeping reference to the qualifications of
the Administration Department, apart from yourself, and their lack of
knowledge and experience, resulting in many inaccuracies, does not
altogether impress me. We are aware that our records are not entirely
perfect but so far at least no action of this office has resulted in
any really serious impasse. I will be very surprised if the Catalogue
when it is published is not for practical purposes substantially
accurate.

With reference to salary previous to May let this office
has not taken cognizance of the matter of cost of living bonus but
it was thought desirable that existing salaries under \$175.00 per
month should be put on a cost of living basis. There was no in-
tention of changing salaries. Seeing that the maximum cost of living
bonus at present is \$18.42 a basic salary of \$140.00 was used so that
together with the cost of living bonus your salary would at least be
as much as you were previously getting. As a matter of fact it

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resulted in a slight advantage. The grades mentioned are merely to designate different categories of basic salaries which are in use in this office.

I may say that while you are a B.C. Barrister you were not engaged by this office on the basis of being a Barrister, moreover in cases where an employee may not be satisfied with the salary received it is definitely not the policy of this office to change same in an endeavour to compete with any salary which the employee may be able to obtain in other employment. I am, therefore, not able to entertain your suggestion for an increase and must leave it to you whether you desire to remain under the present arrangement.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears.

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

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June 8 - 1943.

THE CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

re: Yours of the 27th ult.

This will be a somewhat lengthy letter as it will embody some of my legal opinions on a very important subject. I would say that I was taken on in the Routing Department at a salary of \$180.00 per month and no mention was made of any 'cost of living' bonus or of a 'basic salary'. For months past the work has consisted not only of routing but also of reporting on the real property of Japanese evacuees. Although these were not full reports they required a sound knowledge of and experience in regard to Land Title, the coastal regions of British Columbia, the various land and Land Registration Districts and sound geographic knowledge of unorganized districts and Districts and Village Municipalities, which knowledge and experience most of your staff, except myself, lacks, especially knowledge of the Fraser Valley.

At first there were three of us to do this Routing and Reporting; Mr. P. H. Russell of the Alberta and Ontario Bar, Mr. Bell and myself (a B. C. Barrister and the only British Columbia lawyer in your office). Later Mr. Russell was placed in charge of the routing and reporting. Still later the Manager of the Administration Department instructed the staff to make out Provisional Reports, which they did and as a result a great deal of the information contained in the Provisional Report Sheets is inaccurate. Such reports as I have seen show in many cases a great lack of knowledge and experience.

Index Cards were prepared, I believe, mostly from these Provisional Reports and, no doubt, contain many inaccuracies. While it may be true that some inaccuracies were corrected, I would point out that as far as I know many of the cards were wholly or partially checked as instructed by the Manager by approximately the same persons who made out the Provisional Reports, with the probable result that inaccuracies may have persisted. I believe that a Catalogue of Japanese properties is being compiled from these cards and more or less checked by inexperienced persons. Although it may be sufficient for distribution to give an approximate idea of the property yet it is not in my opinion sufficient for a main record for the Government as it no doubt will become, if printed and published, whereupon it may likely be the subject of criticism by the opposition.

I would suggest that instead of publishing this catalogue and selling even one property a test case be put through the courts. Such a test case would in my opinion, have four divisions: (1) In regard to the Canadian born Japanese; (2) In regard to

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Naturalized Japanese who are British Subjects; (3) In regard to Japanese who have not applied under the later Naturalization Act so as to become British Subjects; (4) In regard to Japanese owned companies incorporated in British Columbia. Should the Provincial authorities challenge the Dominion jurisdiction they will probably win in two divisions, at least, but not in No. 3 division.

In the meantime the services of three British Columbia lawyers might be secured and the four of us working exclusively on the Reports and Routing might complete the work within five or six months. By so postponing the sales and engaging skilled help there will not be any trouble with the files in case of a revision in order to pay compensation if the courts decide against the Government. Also you may be saved from an awkward situation which may arise in case you sell the property (especially by tender) or enter into any covenant for quiet enjoyment, etc. Of course if the purchasers are willing to risk an adverse Court Decision it may be alright, but the property will have to be sold probably much below its value in that case. Perhaps a syndicate would speculate on it, but the ordinary individual may be chary about the matter if he knows anything about titles.

Now to return to your letter, you mention "Clerk Grade 4-A" and a "Basic salary of \$130.00". As there never was any mention of "Grade 4-A" nor a "Basic salary of \$130.00" and as I have not seen the Orders-in-Council in regard to the Cost of Living Bonus, I do not understand what is meant by the statement. However, I may say that sometime before I came into the Custodian's Office I had in my possession a circular showing the initial rates of pay in the Civil Service for a Barrister to be \$150.00 and \$175.00, both salaries payable where the positions were permanent. The salaries were much higher where the positions were temporary and I believe the same rates apply today, and I don't see why they should not be more or less applicable in your office. My work has become not only legal work, but also that requiring a sound knowledge of British Columbia, which I have, and I would therefore ask for a reasonable increase in salary.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. Davidson

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Phone Pacific 6131
Please refer to file No.....

506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings and Granville
Vancouver B.C.
27th. May 1943.

D.A. Davidson Esq.

Dear Sir;

Re graded basic salary and cost of living bonus

The salary which you have been paid by this office has been inclusive of a Cost of living bonus.

As a category grade 4A Clerk your remuneration computed on a basic salary plus cost of living bonus would have been as follows;

<u>CLERK</u>	<u>BASIC SALARY</u>	<u>COST OF LIVING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>517%</u>	
Grade 4A	\$130.00	\$18.42	\$148.42

The salary you have been paid was \$150.00.

Commencing as at May 1st. your position and salary will be based as follows;

Grade 4B	\$140.00	\$18.42	\$158.42
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Your salary will be hereafter adjusted in accordance with any change made in the authorised Cost of Living Bonus.

Yours truly

F.G. Shears
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Acting Director

FCS/P+H

P.S. It should always be remembered that salaries are a personal matter and that disclosure of same may result in dismissal.

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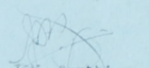
Administration.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.
9th February, 1953.

Dear Mr. Good:

Please find enclosed Income Tax
form T 4 - 1952, covering retiring bonus paid to
you during the year 1952, and income tax deductions
made during the same period.

Faithfully yours,


J.M. Gauthier,
Assistant Comptroller.

Mr. Benjamin Good,
Piscesdilly North,
Caulfeild, B.C.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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CLASS	-	Comptroller, Office of the Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.
AGE	-	61 years
DATE OF RETIREMENT	-	April 1, 1952
SERVICE	-	10 years, 8 months
AVERAGE SALARY PAST 10 YEARS	-	\$4340.00
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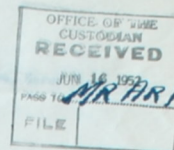
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SECRETARY OF STATE



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R. B. Byrne

Secretary.

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B. Good
Received

Ottawa, March 31st, 1952.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

Re: B. Good - Vancouver

I enclose for your information letters received from Mr. Good under date of 26th instant, together with copy of my reply thereto.

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/C
Encls.

FILE ☒

Under 2415.0-1/1/52 of my
The Minister, I have decided, after careful consideration of all circumstances
with the Controller and Mr. Dennis, of the C. B. C., to offer Mr. Good a position
of Special Assistant to the Controller at an immediate (Mr. 1/52) flat rate
salary of \$5,200. - Please immediately advise the Controller, bearing in mind the
fact that, in the last place, if my salary, 1949-50, is the instant, and no further, of the
Government, I shall then formally establish the position (a statement of duties will have to be submitted to
the Controller).

13/3/52 - C. W. Wright, Chief Counsel

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

March 31st, 1952.

B. Good, Esq.,
Piccadilly North,
Caulfield, B.C.

Dear Pat:

I have for acknowledgment your communications of 26th instant, copies of which will go forward to the Deputy Custodian. Needless to repeat - Mr. Arpin and I were greatly disappointed when you advised us by phone that it would be impossible for you to accept the Ottawa post.

We fully understand the situation and agree that under all the circumstances it would be unwise for you to make the suggested move.

The splendid service you rendered the office since the early days of World War II left no doubt as to what those of us who knew you should say when Mr. Stein asked us to submit a recommendation relative to your transfer.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your whole-hearted co-operation with me at all times and to add that it was not only "nice to know you" but a privilege to regard you as a real friend as well.

Mr. Arpin has taken over the task of seeing to it that your retirement and gratuity forms are finalized and I expect he will be writing to you about this shortly.

As you are aware, Mr. Mathieu has been granted six months retiring leave commencing tomorrow. The Minister and Mr. Stein will be here this afternoon to make a presentation of travelling bag and cane on behalf of the staff.

Edgar T. also retires today and we will have a little affair for him in the near future. You will appreciate that every hour is overcrowded just now and that we prefer to do things in an orderly rather than "jam" fashion.

BG/GN

Comptroller.

MAR 28 1952

PASS TO

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The Minister has decided, after careful consideration of all circumstances with the Comptroller and Mr. Tremblay, to offer Mr. Good a position of Special Assistant to the Comptroller at an immediate (Apr 1/52) flat rate salary of \$5200. - I have immediately written the justification, taking in mind the position you occupied in the last office, your salary, for you & the 17th instant, and recommendations of the Comptroller & the Special Assistant to the Comptroller will have to be submitted to the Minister.

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Harace Gardner, who was in Vancouver during the early days of the war, is in hospital - heart attack. Mrs. Gardner called me Saturday evening and urged me to see him regardless of orders re no visitors. He was worried about certain office matters and these were cleared for him in the course of my visit yesterday. The doctors will know more about his condition in a few days, but I think he is a very sick man.

There is never a dull moment in this organization.

With all good wishes for your future success and kindest regards to Mrs. Good and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KW/O

Comptroller.

MAR 28 1952

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The Minister, I have decided, after confer-
with the Comptroller and Mr. Lewis, of the C.B.C., to offer Mr. Lewis a position
of Special Assistant to the Comptroller at an immediate (Mar. 1/52) flat rate
salary of \$200. I have immediately made the position, bearing in mind the position
was indicated in the last place, of my release. (Mr. Lewis is currently and respectfully
agreed to shall then formally establish the position (a statement of his duties will have to be submitted by
12/3/52 - C. W. Wright, Chief Counsel.)

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E. W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Further to our telephone conversation this morning in which I explained that for family reasons I was unable to accept the very kind offer of a position in the Ottawa office, which you had previously informed me was open to me, will you please have Mr. Gauthier deal with my Retirement Forms A and Q sent forward to him on the 6th instant.

I would also appreciate it if you would have my "Gratuity cheque for this payment" Forms also completed. I presume that the further cheques are being issued in this office as from today. This is so that the Auditors from the Auditor General's Department can close their work here and finalise their statements of the various accounts.

I know you will appreciate the difficulties of the position as it would have been a real pleasure to me to continue to work in the Custodian's Office. I certainly appreciate the confidence which prompted Mr. Stein, yourself and Mr. Arpin to make me the offer of a position at Ottawa.

I will keep in touch with Mr. Shears and if at any time I can be of any help to him in ironing out any little queries which might arise and for which you might call on him for light, he knows that he is welcome to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

B. Good,
Comptroller.

BG/GW

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Art. 64 Custodian: att'n Comptroller and receiver
Under para. 6 of Part I of my memo. for the Minister of June 28/51, I have
the Minister, I have decided, after careful consideration of all circumstances
with the Comptroller and Mr. Tremis, of the C.B.C., to offer Mr. Good a position
of Special Assistant to the Comptroller at an immediate rate (Mr. 1/52) flat rate
salary of \$5200. - I have immediately made the position, having in mind the
work involved in the last two, of my memo. of June 17th instant, and reports. If
possible, I shall then formally establish the position (a statement of position will have to be submitted here
before 3/3/52) - Sincerely, B. Good.

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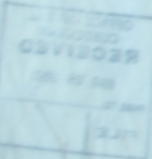
Dear Mr. Wright:

I regret that acceptance by me is impossible under the circumstances and I know that you will appreciate the difficulty.

Will you please convey to Mr. Stein my sincere thanks and appreciation for his consideration and the interest which Mr. Arpin and yourself have shown.

I will be glad to hear from you again at any time.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours sincerely,
B. Good,
Comptroller.



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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver 2, B.C.,
March 26, 1952.

K. W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Following your telephone call yesterday afternoon, I discussed with my wife and doctor the matter of transferring to Ottawa. This is to confirm my telephone conversation with you this morning in which I informed you that it would be impossible for me to accept the very kind offer of a position in the office, which you had made to me.

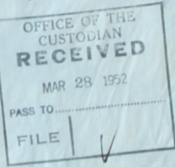
For the last three years my wife has been under the doctor's care for an involution of the heart. He says that she cannot stand the travelling, climate, or emotional upset which a transfer to Ottawa would entail.

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Yours sincerely,

B. Good,
Comptroller.



Handwritten note:
Attn: Mr. Custodian: att'n Comptroller and also the Chief Counsel:
Under para. 6 of Part I of my memo. for the Minister of June 29/51, approved by the Minister, I have decided, after careful consideration of all circumstances, to offer Mr. Wright a position of Special Assistant to the Comptroller at an immediate (Mar 1/52) flat rate salary of \$5200. - Please immediately advise the Minister, bearing in mind the Minister's decision in the last case, of my release, for you of the 17th instant, and inform me of the results of the Minister's decision. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours sincerely,
B. Good,
Comptroller.

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MEMORANDUM for the ASSISTANT DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

March 24th, 1952.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have for acknowledgment your communication of the 20th instant, and return herewith Miss Norrington's service record which should be retained for your records.

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/G
Encl.

[illegible]

Ottawa, March 22, 1952.

MEMORANDUM for the ASSISTANT DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

re Mr. B. Good
Vancouver Branch

Following instructions contained in the memorandum from the Deputy Custodian to you, under date of March 17th, I have called on Mr. Grenier, of the Civil Service Organization Board, and on Mr. D. J. Shuttleworth, Accounts and Personnel of the Department of the Secretary of State, and I wish to report as follows:

1. CLASSIFICATION

The matter of classification was discussed at great length with Mr. Grenier, as it is really a difficult one. It is true that Mr. Good is Comptroller of the Vancouver Branch and that we could use his services to the advantage if he were transferred to our office. Apart from the work he would do in connection with files and accounts of the Vancouver Branch, transferred and to be transferred to Ottawa, Mr. Good would also do some other accounting work.

While those two different duties would last, Mr. Grenier recommends that Mr. Good be classified as Administrative Officer Grade 1, salary range being - \$3670.00 - 4490.00. Mr. Good's present salary is \$5040.00.

When the duties on Japanese evacuation are ended and Mr. Good's work is confined to accounting alone, Mr. Grenier recommends the classification of Clerk Grade 3 or 4, - salary range being -

Clerk Grade 3 - \$2480. - 2590. - 2700. - 2770.
Clerk Grade 4 - \$2770. - 2880. - 2990. - 3110.

I am inclined to believe that, should Mr. Good decide to come to Ottawa, his present salary would remain at \$5040.00. This policy was adopted in other cases where the present salary of an incumbent was higher than the salary of the classification.

I am of the opinion that this peculiar situation, due to the closing of the Vancouver Office on March 31st next, should not debar Mr. Good's transfer to Ottawa, as he actually would benefit by it.

2. REMOVAL EXPENSES, TRANSPORTATION and OTHER EXPENSES

As may be seen from the extracts attached hereto, the cost of removal and transportation to Ottawa of Mr. Good and/

Asst. Dep. Custodian: att'n Comptroller and also the Chief Counsel:

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22/3/52 - J. L. [Signature]

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and his dependents, would be paid by the Custodian, as follows:

Meals, lodgings, laundry and valet services, for Mr. Good and his dependents, for a period of 14 days, at the commencement of the journey, or 14 days at the end of the journey, and not exceeding 21 days in the aggregate at both ends of the journey in Canada, when it is necessary to obtain temporary accommodation for himself and his dependents as the result of his transfer.

the travelling expenses (transportation) Vancouver to Ottawa - C.D.


E. Arpin
Comptroller

PART I

TRANSPORTATION

1. When an employee is transferred he will be paid, in accordance with these regulations, his actual expenses and those of his dependents.
2. An amount shall be made payment to these regulations in respect of transportation in an amount that exceeds the actual that would be payable if the employee and his dependents travelled by the shortest practicable route that would accomplish the transfer at the lowest cost.
3. An amount shall be made payment to these regulations in respect of expenses incurred by an employee or his dependents as a result of a stop-over en route the stop-over is necessary for the transaction of official business or is deemed by

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EXTRACTS FROM THE MANUAL OF
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Re: REMOVAL
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SECTION XIII - 32

- (e) 'household effects' includes the furniture, household equipment and personal effects of an employee and his dependents but does not include motor cars, animals, birds or pets.
- (g) 'removal expense' includes the cost incurred by an employee who is transferred, of
 - (i) transportation and travelling expenses of the employee and his dependents.

- 2. These regulations apply in respect of an employee who is
 - (a) transferred if the deputy head certifies that payment of the removal expenses is warranted.

PART I

TRANSPORTATION

- 3. Where an employee is transferred he may be paid, in accordance with these regulations, his removal expenses and those of his dependents.
- 4. No payment shall be made pursuant to these regulations in respect of transportation in an amount that exceeds the amount that would be payable if the employee and his dependents travelled by the shortest practicable route that would accomplish the transfer at the lowest cost.
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unavoidable delays in making transportation connections and an explanation of the reason for the stop-over is submitted with the account and approved by the deputy head.

6. (1) No payment shall be made pursuant to these regulations in respect of
- (a) transportation by rail in an amount that exceeds the cost of standard first-class transportation including a parlour car seat for a journey by day and a lower standard berth for the employee and each of his dependents for a journey that requires sleeping accommodation.

OTHER EXPENSES

10. An employee who is transferred may be paid the cost of actual and reasonable expenses which he incurs in connection with his transfer in respect of
- (a) meals, lodgings, laundry and valet services, for the employee and his dependents for a period not exceeding fourteen days at the commencement of the journey or fourteen days at the end of the journey and not exceeding twenty-one days in the aggregate at both ends of the journey in Canada when it is necessary to obtain temporary accommodation for himself and his dependents as the result of the transfer, but an employee shall arrange his personal affairs in a manner which will minimize the expenses on this account and where a claim is made for such expenses, he shall state the reasons necessitating such temporary accommodation;
- (b) laundry and valet service required by the employee and his dependents during the journey.

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PERSONAL

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I understand from Mr. Shears that at the moment you cannot make any long-term agreement, but I presume that if we come, the arrangement would most likely continue for at least a year. When Mrs. Good comes I would consider that her removal expenses should be taken care of. However, it might be desirable for us to store our furniture and rent our home until more permanent arrangements were made for establishing ourselves at Ottawa.

Apart from the services I would render in the Accounting Department at Ottawa, I do think that my presence there might be of particular value in dealing with enemy Japanese files and microfilmed material and with questions which will doubtless arise from time to time regarding Japanese matters formerly dealt with at Vancouver.

As you are aware, we terminate the office here at the end of this month and I am assuming that if any agreement is reached between us, you would wish me to transfer immediately.

I very much appreciate that you should have considered me for a position in your office and assume that you will let me know your decision at the earliest possible time.

Yours sincerely,

B. Good,
Comptroller.

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to consider a transfer to the Ottawa Office. One must take into consideration however, the financial aspect. My salary as you know, is \$420.00. Had the Vancouver Office been continuing, in view of my service and the increased cost of living, I would have felt that I was due for an increase. Expenses and cost of living at Ottawa would make this more necessary, so that from the salary angle I consider there should be an adequate adjustment. However, I feel that you should suggest what this increase should be.

If a transfer to Ottawa is agreed upon, it would perhaps be best for me to come to Ottawa alone for a month. During this period I assume that my living expenses would be taken care of either at a hotel or rooming-house. I would then have an opportunity of looking around for accommodation for my wife and myself.

I understand from Mr. Shears that at the moment you cannot make any long-term agreement, but I presume that if we come, the arrangement would most likely continue for at least a year. When Mrs. Good comes I would consider that her removal expenses should be taken care of. However, it might be desirable for us to store our furniture and rent our home until more permanent arrangements were made for establishing ourselves at Ottawa.

Apart from the services I would render in the Accounting Department at Ottawa, I do think that my presence there might be of particular value in dealing with enemy Japanese files and microfilmed material and with questions which will doubtless arise from time to time regarding Japanese matters formerly dealt with at Vancouver.

As you are aware, we terminate the office here at the end of this month and I am assuming that if any agreement is reached between us, you would wish me to transfer immediately.

I very much appreciate that you should have considered me for a position in your office and assume that you will let me know your decision at the earliest possible time.

Yours sincerely,

B. Good,
Comptroller.

BG/GW

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*J. W. Horton
Hortons*

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
March 18, 1947

W. G. Wurtale, Esq.,
Chief Treasury Officer,
Treasury Office,
Soldier Settlement & Veterans' Land Act,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: J. W. Horton,
Your File No. 2-HOR-10

Dear Sir:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 14th
instant and return herewith Form "Fin No. 43" in duplicate, in con-
nection with the above named.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

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Treasury Office

YOUR FILE NO.

PLEASE QUOTE 2-HOR-10

Ottawa - 14 Mar 47.

Secretary of State Dept.,
Personnel Division,
O t t a w a

Horton, J.W.
Dept. Acct. Gr. 3
FI-VLA-102

1. The marginally noted District Treasury Officer
Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, Vancouver,
B.C., is now being made permanent. He claims service
with your Department with the Custodian of Enemy
Property Branch, Vancouver, B.C., from October 1942 to
July 1943.

2. Will you please therefore, complete the attached
Form "Fin No 43" covering this service while with your
Department and return to this office when completed.

W.G. Wurtele
W.G. Wurtele
Chief Treasury Officer.

GGB:EG
Attach.

Dept. of Secretary of State

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

June 22, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
505 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: J. W. Horton

I am attaching a copy of a letter received
from the Department of Finance. Would you please let
me have your comments and the information requested.

Yours very truly,

Miss F. Carroll

FC.

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Ottawa, June 19, 1944.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Dept. of Secretary of State,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

According to the information given on our
Statement of Previous Service and Leave Credits form which was
filled in at your office on April 22nd, 1944, Mr. John William
Horton was employed in your department from October 13, 1942
to July 3, 1943.

It will be appreciated if you will consider
him as being on leave without pay for July 4th, 1943, in order
to make his services continuous.

If this is agreeable to you, kindly let us
have the number of days Sick Leave and Special Leave he had to
his credit on July 1st, 1943.

Yours truly,

For Comptroller of the Treasury.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

April 26, 1944.

F. O. Masterman, Esq.,
Office of the Comptroller of the Treasury,
Room 227,
Confederation Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: John William Horton

I wish to return herewith your form dated
April 19th in connection with the above party. This
form has been duly completed by Mr. F. G. Shears,
Director, Custodian's Office, Vancouver, where Mr.
Horton was employed.

Yours very truly,

FC/PM

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

April 24th April, 1944.

Miss Carroll,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Miss Carroll,
Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: J.W. Horton

As requested we are returning herein form from
the Comptroller of the Treasury duly completed relating
to Mr. J.W. Horton.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears
F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

April 20, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: J. W. Horton

Will you kindly complete the attached
form from the Comptroller of the Treasury and
return it to me at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

(Miss F. Carroll)

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.
March 14, 1944.

Soldier Settlement and Veterans'
Land Act,
Treasury Office,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Mr. J. W. Horton

I have your letter of March 3rd and wish
to advise that Mr. Horton has the following leave
accumulated to his credit for the period of his
employment with the Custodian's Vancouver Office -

Statutory Leave -	Nil
Sick Leave -	12½ days

Yours very truly,

FC.

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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March 9th, 1944

Miss F. Carroll,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Miss Carroll:

Re: Mr. J. W. Horton

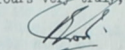
Replying to your letter to Mr. Shears of

7th March Mr. Horton has Statutory Leave accumulation Nil

Sick Leave accumulation 12 1/2 days

for the period of his employment in this office.

Yours very truly,



B. Good
Comptroller

BG:BR

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

March 7, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Mr. J. W. Horton

The following is a letter which has been
received by this office from the Soldier Settlement
and Veterans' Land Act -

"Will you kindly advise if Mr. J. W.
Horton, who was employed until June 30, 1943,
at your Vancouver Office, has any sick or
Statutory leave accumulations, and if so kindly
advise the amount thereof."

Will you kindly let me have the information
requested.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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Ottawa - March 3, 1944.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa.

Attention: Mr. E. Masse

Will you kindly advise if Mr. J.W. Horton, who was
employed until June 30, 1943, at your Vancouver Office, has any
sick or statutory leave accumulations, and if so kindly advise
the amount thereof.

W.K. Rathwell
W.K. Rathwell
Chief Treasury Officer

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August 27th, 1942.

MEMO: Mr. Wright.

Re: Mr. Mount

I do not think Mr. Mount should be employed by the Enemy
Section.

GWMcP:HW.

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August 27th, 1942.

MEMO: Mr. Alexander.

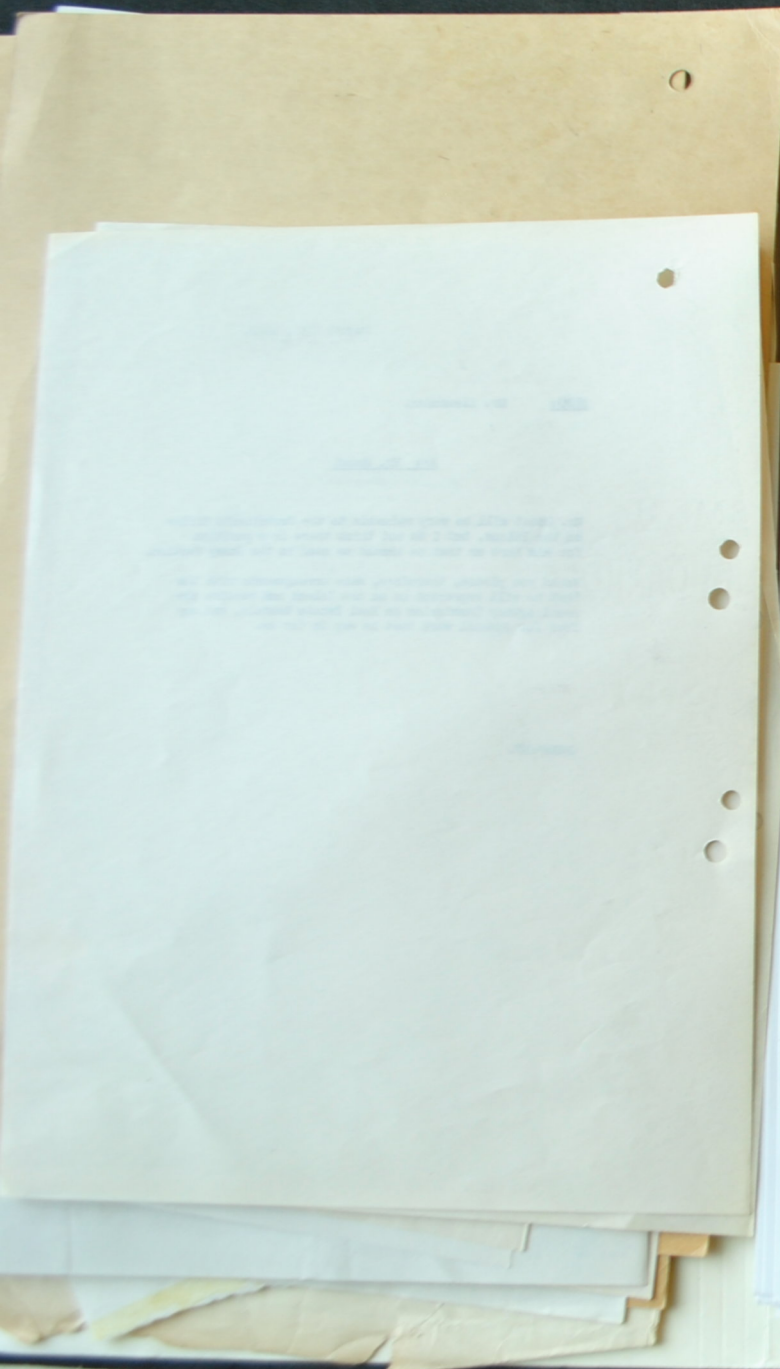
Re: Mr. Mount

Mr. Mount will be very valuable to the Custodian's Office on the Island, but I do not think there is a position for him here or that he should be used in the Enemy Section.

Would you please, therefore, make arrangements with him that he will represent us on the Island and receive the usual Agency Commission on Real Estate Rentals, and any fees for special work that he may do for us.

GWMoP:HW.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
June 1, 1950.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Mrs. Alma Graham McArthur

We have your letter of May 29th with
enclosure from the Taxation Division of the Department of
National Revenue, concerning the above, and for your inform-
ation we enclose copy of our letter to the Taxation Department.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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June 1, 1950.

Director of Taxation Division,
Department of National Revenue,
1110 West Georgia St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

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Attention, Miss M. Craig

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Alma Graham McArthur,
Your Ref. Accounts M. Craig

Your letter of the 26th of May addressed to the Chief
Treasury Officer, Custodian of Enemy Property, Ottawa, has been
forwarded to us for attention.

As indicated when speaking to you on the telephone
today, Mrs. McArthur is not now in our employ. For the year 1949
she received a salary of \$4500.00, from which tax deductions of
\$478.85 were made, leaving a net salary of \$4021.15.

It occurs to us that a possible reason why your
letters have been ignored may have been due to the fact that
Mrs. McArthur left Vancouver early in January for a trip to
Florida, and we believe has only just recently returned to Van-
couver. We understood you to say that in view of the fact that
Mrs. McArthur is not now with us, we could not be of any further
help to you.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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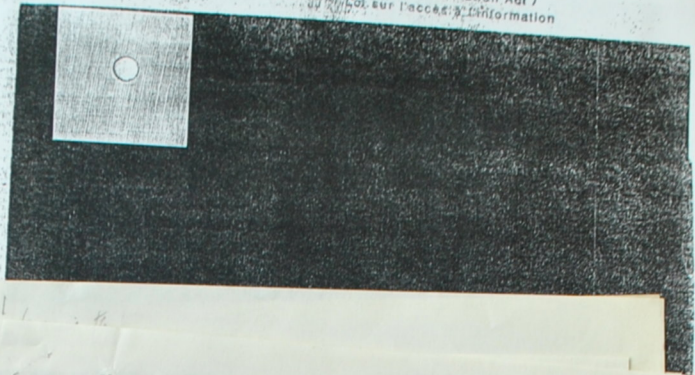
C.G. - Mr. K. W. Wright,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, Ontario
May 29, 1950

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Mrs. A. G. McArthur

Dear Mr. Shears:

I enclose herewith letter received from the Department of
National Revenue, Taxation Division, Vancouver, B. C., dated 26th
instant, in regard to the above named.

Will you kindly give this matter your early attention.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

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Dear Sir: Re: Mrs. Alma Graham McARTHUR
 2193 West 48th Avenue,
 Vancouver, B. C.

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GROSS SALARY	\$10,000
SUPERANNUATION	\$1,000
PENSION FUND	\$500
TAX DEDUCTIONS	\$1,500
NET SALARY	\$7,500

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E. W. Lowery
Director-Taxation

per: "M. Craig"
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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 19th, 1949.

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F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears,-

I refer to your two letters of October 12th,
one relative to reduction of staff and the other re the case
of Mrs. McArthur.

Both these letters were placed before Mr.
Stein who now instructs me to inform you that your suggestions
for the gradual reduction of staff appears to him to be in order.

As to Mrs. A. G. McArthur, he is sorry but
advises that she is not considered quite the suitable type for
the position of Regional Citizenship Officer or Liaison Officer
(classified by the Civil Service Commission as Administrative
Officer, Grade 2). He states further that even if we wanted
her he is afraid that the Civil Service Commission would not
pass her on account of her being a married woman and of her age.

You understand, of course, that while we
have retained some of our married women taken on during the
war years because of the special work they were doing, we as a
general rule have to follow the practice of other Departments,
and we could not now engage a married woman particularly where
the husband is alive and working. This is more so because of
the fact that there are still a number of returned soldiers
with marital obligations who would have the preference over
everyone else.

It is regretted, under the circumstances, that
because of these restrictions nothing can be done for Mrs. McArthur.

Yours sincerely,

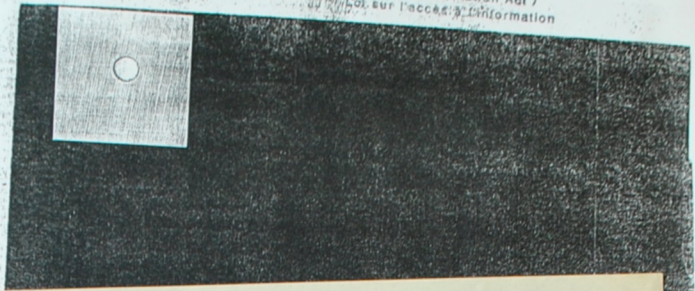
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A. H. Mathieu,
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
October 12, 1949.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

In reply to your letter of September 27th dealing with the question of staff reduction and in regard to which I have had telephone conversations with Mr. Wright, with considerable reluctance it was considered necessary to include the name of Mrs. McArthur.

Mrs. McArthur was among the first to be employed in this organization, being engaged in March, 1942. It is entirely true to say that during subsequent years no one has sought more to safeguard the Custodian's interests or been more loyal in seeking to carry out the responsibilities of this office. Especially since Mr. Wright was transferred to Ottawa, her legal knowledge and technical understanding of problems beyond the range of the average employee has been of inestimable value.

This is not being written as a valedictory panegyric, but in order that the possibility of transferring her to another government post where her services and ability could be used, should if possible, not be overlooked.

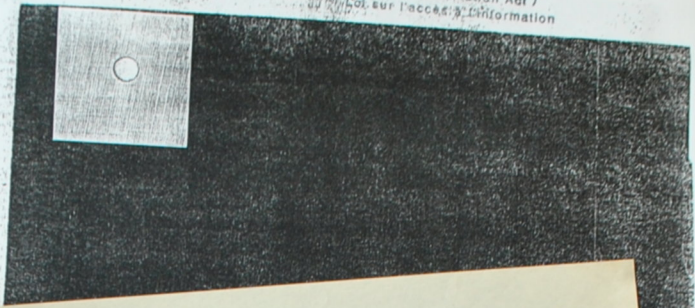
In this connection, Mrs. McArthur had the opportunity of a brief conference with Mr. Stein when he visited here recently. At that time mention was made of the proposed expansion of the Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State, and the anticipated appointment of a Regional Director in the near future, and the possibility of Mrs. McArthur being interested in this position. Mr. Stein instructed me to bring this to your attention so that her qualifications and availability might not be overlooked.

From my knowledge of what would be required from the head of such a department, I would think that her organizational

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ability and aptitude in public speaking and public relations would make her exceptionally suited for such a position, and one in whom dependence could be placed to capably direct and carry out the purposes of such a department.

If Mr. Stein should consider the desirability of making a recommendation as suggested above, I understand that the Hon. Allison Glen and The Commissioner for Indian Affairs, Mr. Robert Hoey, both have direct knowledge of her capabilities through association with her on committees, dealing with various public affairs.

It will be appreciated therefore, if you will channel the contents of this letter so that further consideration may be given to the possibility of using Mrs. McArthur for the position referred to or in some other service in which her qualifications could profitably be used.

Yours very truly,

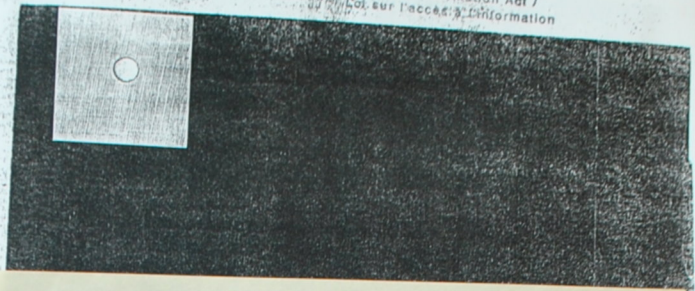
F.G. Shears,
Director.

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December 16th, 1945.

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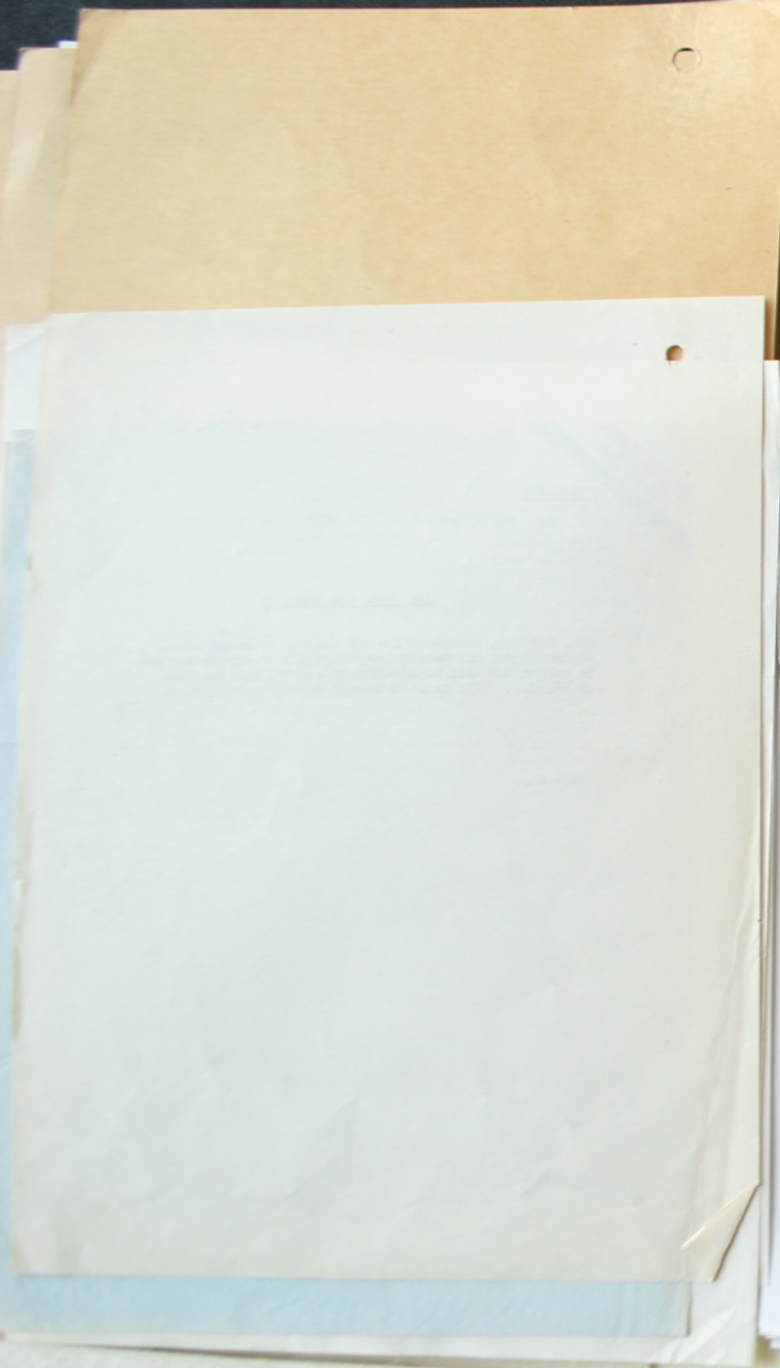
TO: MR. B. GOOD

Re: Mrs. A.G. McArthur

Mrs. McArthur, because of her new position in charge of the Administration and Records Department, will receive an increase in salary, and will be paid \$250.00 a month, from the first of December. This is to be charged to the Evacuee Section.

GWMcP:HW.

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Victoria Building,
70 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

February 3, 1945.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: [REDACTED]

Thank you for letter of January 31st and the
information contained therein.

This is one of the matters I hope to take up
with you when I arrive in Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

G.W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
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31st January, 1945

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

So that you are aware of the present position in regard to the above matter the following is a statement which shows a balance still unpaid of \$194.50. You will notice that two additional shortages have been discovered:

1944				
August	Original shortages discovered	\$1,014.65		
16 "	Received from [REDACTED]		300.00	
17 Oct.	" " "		215.00	
29 Nov.	" " "		300.00	
"	Additional shortages uncovered	26.25		
13 Dec.	Received from [REDACTED]		26.25	
"	Additional shortages uncovered	68.50		
1945				
30 Jan.	Received from [REDACTED]		73.65	
		\$1,109.40	914.90	
	Balance still unpaid		194.50	
		\$1,109.40	\$1,109.40	
1945				
30 Jan.	Amount unaccounted for by [REDACTED]			\$194.50

In speaking to [REDACTED] again yesterday, he informed me that his salary has now been increased to \$300.00 per month and he thinks that after deduction of income tax this will net about \$225.00. However, I discovered that in order to make the October and November payments he borrowed from someone in Winnipeg \$250.00 and has a loan with the Bank of \$150.00 on which loans he is obligated to pay \$70.00

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per month. He has promised that he will pay \$40.00 for the next five months, commencing the end of February.

The money from the sale of his car, to which I have previously referred, he states is still in the joint names of his wife and himself but as [redacted] has not been made aware of the position in which he has placed himself he says he cannot very well secure the release of any of this money.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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Under Secretary of State

Miss Carroll,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Miss Carroll,

Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] has now paid a further \$300.00 and
the amount now remaining to be paid is \$199.65. We will
endeavour to have [REDACTED] make a further payment in the
near future.

You may wish to advise Dr. Coleman in regard to
this matter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

*W. G. S. R.
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21st October, 1944.

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [redacted]

With reference to your letter of the 19th instant, [redacted] is now trying to raise a loan of \$300.00 from someone in Winnipeg and has just advised that while the party he wrote to was away for a few days, apparently his letter was read to him over the telephone by someone and [redacted] has a reply which indicates that this loan may be available.

Apparently [redacted] will release half of the \$300.00 in their joint account in the Bank here so that if [redacted] does receive the \$300.00 from Winnipeg, he will then be paying us \$450.00, leaving only a small balance.

I will advise him in regard to Dr. Coleman's visit.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Victoria Building,
700 Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 18, 1944.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
505 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: [REDACTED]

I have your letter of October 17th and note that [REDACTED] has not paid the \$300.00 which he advised Mr. MacNamara he would pay.

Would you please get in touch with [REDACTED] and tell him that Dr. Coleman expects him to pay this \$300.00 immediately and you might further advise him that Dr. Coleman will be arriving in Vancouver the first of next month and will expect this matter to be settled by that time.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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17th October, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

The information which you asked for in your letter of September 30th was contained in my letter of September 27th and which crossed with yours.

I have now to advise you that [REDACTED] has paid us \$80.00 which he informs us was the approximate amount which he received as proceeds from the life insurance policy from which I advised you he expected to receive \$100.00.

The amount of \$300.00 previously referred to has not yet been paid to us. [REDACTED] states that this is still in tact in the joint account of himself and his wife but that he is having some difficulty in getting this released.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shearg

F. G. Shearg,
Director

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Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, September 30th, 1944.

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F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: [REDACTED]

There has been some delay in considering your letter of August 31st and this question generally but Dr. Coleman has now discussed the situation with Mr. MacNamara and Mr. MacNamara has been in touch with [REDACTED] by telephone. [REDACTED] advised him that he has already repaid \$300. and an additional \$135. and he is prepared to pay a further \$300. within the next week or ten days.

Dr. Coleman would like you to confirm that the \$435. has actually been paid and if [REDACTED] pays the other \$300. within the next week or ten days, he would like to be advised of this and then on receipt of this \$300. you may advise [REDACTED] that he is to pay the balance at the rate of \$25.00 per month and that the final disposition of this question will be reserved for the time being.

You will see from the above that the Custodian does not feel that any claim should be made against the bonding company and the whole matter should be allowed to stand to give [REDACTED] a chance to repay the funds.

Yours truly,

G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

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27th September, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

I regret that on my return from Winnipeg I found that [REDACTED] had not yet fully refunded the amount due to the Custodian. The situation at present is as follows:

Amount of shortage	\$1,014.65
Repaid	435.00

Balance due	\$ 579.65
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I had [REDACTED] call at the office yesterday and he informs me that a cheque for \$300.00, the balance of the proceeds of the sale of his car still remains in a joint account in the name of his wife and himself and so far he has not informed [REDACTED] the reason for which he requires the release of this money.

He expects to receive about \$100.00 proceeds from a life insurance policy at any time now and either from his salary or by raising a temporary loan states he can provide the remaining balance.

I informed [REDACTED] that I had advised you that he had promised to make restitution immediately. I also told him that the matter of his bond was being considered and that I thought it quite possible that you would feel a responsibility to the Government Department with whom he was now engaged to advise them of the situation and that there would be some advantage at least in being able to report that the full amount had been repaid.

[REDACTED] told me that when Mr. Machamara was here recently he had discussed the matter of his salary with him and was hopeful of receiving an increase of \$50.00 per month. I asked him if he had informed

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Mr. MacNamara of his difficulty with us and he stated that he had thought about doing it but finally decided not to do so.

has now phoned saying that Mr. MacNamara has telephoned him from Ottawa and it is evident that Dr. Coleman has discussed this matter with Mr. MacNamara.

I presume you will give me some advice in regard to any further action which you may be taking, or which may be required to be taken by myself.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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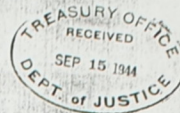


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J.R.B.

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Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
12th September, 1944.



Chief Treasury Officer,
Department of ~~Justice~~,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Secretary of State
The taxpayer named below is indebted to
this Department. Kindly complete the following and
return to this office, as we require the information
to obtain authority from the Minister of Justice for
an Order in Council authorizing deductions at source.

Name

Address

Steveston, B.C.

Name of Department

Custodian of enemy
property.

Net Salary

(less superannuation or retirement
fund and current tax deductions)

Your co-operation in this matter will be
very much appreciated.

Yours truly,

E. W. Lowery
Inspector of Income Tax.

JRB/AB
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Your Reference - J.R.B.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

September 20, 1944.

Income Tax Division,
Department of National Revenue,
Dominion Public Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Re: [REDACTED]

Your letter of September 12th, addressed to the
Chief Treasury Officer, Department of Justice, has been re-
ferred to this office.

I wish to advise that [REDACTED] is no longer
employed by the Custodian's Vancouver Office. I understand
that he is now employed by the National Selective Office in
Vancouver which comes under the Department of Labour.

If by any chance you wish to obtain information
concerning the period of his employment in the Custodian's
Office in Vancouver, would you please write to Mr. F. G.
Shears, Director, Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank
Building, Vancouver, since that office is run as a separate
entity from the Custodian's Ottawa office.

Yours very truly,

GKMCP/FC.

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

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August 31, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. COLEMAN

Re: [REDACTED]

Attached is a letter received from Mr. Shears with the relative correspondence and a copy of a telegram which I sent to him today.

You will recall that this party was highly recommended by Mr. McNamara but neither Mr. Drewry nor myself were impressed with his work in the Vancouver Office. His salary was originally established by you at \$300.00 a month but with your approval it was reduced as from September 1, 1942, to \$200.00 a month and he subsequently complained to Mr. McNamara. He had some expenses in moving his family from Winnipeg and you finally agreed to pay him at the rate of \$300.00 per month until the 1st of October, 1942, to give him an additional \$100.00.

He was transferred from the Vancouver Office to the office in Steveston where he was in charge of the collection of rents, the sale of nets and the handling of various auction sales there. I believe we supplied him with living accommodation in a Japanese house at Steveston free of rent but Mr. Shears' letter in reply to my wire will deal with this point.

It is interesting to note that whereas he claimed on several occasions that he was worth more than \$300.00 a month, Mr. McNamara's department is apparently only paying him \$250.00 a month.

Fortunately he is bonded and the question now arises as to whether or not any action should be taken. It seems unlikely from Mr. Shears' letter that he will be able to re-imburse the Custodian for the funds he has used out of his present income and I appreciate that the Custodian will have to be careful that he is not a party to compounding what may amount to a felony.

It seems to me that a very difficult situation is raised as a result of his actions since the Custodian's Office vis-a-vis the Japanese is based on trust and if there should be any publicity indicating that one of the Custodian's employees used trust funds for his own purposes, it would be most unfortunate. Any action taken to recover on the bond, with a possible subsequent action by the bonding company, might result in publicity. On the other hand, if the Custodian does not take immediate action to recover the funds and to inform the bonding company, he might be compounding a felony and, therefore, it might be better to risk the publicity so that if the situation is ever disclosed, the Custodian can show that immediately upon the facts being brought to his attention, he took appropriate action.

Your instructions in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

GRMcP/FC.

G. J. McPherson
Executive Assistant

He
\$300. \$135. will pay \$300
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if will pay \$3 per month if not ok

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

Your wire received.

The statement made by Mr. J.W. Anderson is enclosed herein.
This was made considerably over a year ago.

[REDACTED] was bonded with the Canadian Surety Company,
the Bond being No. 181954 in the amount of \$2,000.00 issued from the
1st November 1942. It was cancelled and a refund of the premium
adjusted to the 8th February 1944. The enclosed is a copy of the con-
ditions of the issuance of the Bond. The particular copy enclosed is
in connection with Mr. Good's Bond which was for \$20,000.00. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]'s Bond was surrendered at the time the premium adjustment
was made - we have not asked for a copy of [REDACTED]'s Bond but
Mr. Good secured a copy of his own for your perusal.

[REDACTED] had rooms in Vancouver where his wife and
daughter live and [REDACTED] usually came to Vancouver over the
weekend. During the week he usually stayed in a room adjacent to
our office at Steveston which was situated in the Japanese Benevolent
Association Building and which was used as one of our storerooms. No
rent was paid by [REDACTED] for this accommodation and Mr. Green
considered that his staying there gave some added protection to the
chattels under his care.

You will please advise in regard to any further action
which is to be taken in this matter.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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STATEMENT MADE BY MR. J.W. ANDERSON

About a month ago I was handed a letter from Mr. Milson with regard to taking the inventory of Kuba's stock situated at 703 No.1 Road, Steveston. On arrival at the Custodian's office in Steveston I called to see [REDACTED] and found he was not there and, in turn, I handed the letter to Mr. Sterling who, after a short conversation, stated that [REDACTED] wasn't there, but in view of the fact that I had a letter from Mr. Milson he would take me down to Kuba's store and turn the key over to me.

On arrival at Kuba's store Mr. Sterling stated there were people living in the back section of the store but he had a key for the door leading in from the back into the store. He unlocked the door and made mention there was no sense of him being there at that particular time and that he would leave me to take the stock. I mentioned at that time my intentions were to make an appraisal and to check all the chattels which now remained on the premises. Mr. Sterling said "is it necessary for you to check the chattels as well" and I stated it was. After looking around upstairs at furniture, etc., I asked him where the sixteen parcels of personal belongings were and his answer to that question was very vague and as though he did not feel inclined to offer any suggestion as to where they were, and I just let it go at that.

Mr. Sterling mentioned before leaving that should I be there later than five o'clock, to turn the key over to [REDACTED], who lived at the back or in one of the other houses of the Custodian's office.

About 7.30 that night I was still taking the inventory there and I noticed many discrepancies in the stock and I made a notation of one particular item of a chime clock which was inventoried at \$15.00, and so I mentioned it to [REDACTED] on meeting him this same evening. At the time I said there were many discrepancies in the stock and one particular item amounting to \$15.00 I failed to find on the premises.

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He stated that the chime clock was taken from Kuba's store and they now had it in their office, and then I mentioned to him that I would include that in my inventory.

In winding up the sale of Kuba's store I sold the balance of the stock to another party, who is now renting the building, and [REDACTED] was called in to check off my inventory of the chattels which were not included in my original purchase of the stock. I had [REDACTED] check off the entire chattels, of which I had a list, and which they have a list of here in this office, to protect myself after I left the premises. [REDACTED] was good enough to check them all off and found them to be there. I then asked [REDACTED] to return to me the chime clock which he had in the office and which belonged to the Kuba stock. In turn [REDACTED] made a statement, in front of a truck driver whom they have hauling the different chattels, that the clock which he mentioned to me that he had taken out of Kuba's store he now finds from Mr. Sterling did not belong to Kuba's stock and was taken over to the Custodian's office by a Mr. Green who is affiliated with the sale of Red Cross goods out there, and who, incidentally, lived next door to Kuba's. I thought it rather strange that at that late hour [REDACTED] should mention to me that the clock did not belong to Kuba's stock.

During this time I had a further letter from Mr. Milsom asking me to go to Steveston and make an inventory of the stock of Omiya's store owned by Kitagawa. I arrived in Steveston Friday noon and found that [REDACTED] was in Vancouver, and Mr. Sterling's statement to me was that he would finish his business in Vancouver and he would not be back in Steveston until Monday morning, and that I would not be able to get the key for Omiya's store until Monday morning. I considered it strange at that time that Mr. Sterling would tell me I would have to wait until Monday morning to get the key when it was there on the premises, seeing that he was good enough to give me the key to Kuba's store previous to this, so I dismissed it from my mind.

The following Sunday I drove out to Steveston prior to winding up the complete sale, to take from Kuba's stock, which I then owned,

certain articles which I needed for my own personal use. On arriving in Steveston I drove up at the rear of Kuba's store, which is right alongside of Omiya's store, and in getting out of the car I noticed the only entrance to Omiya's store, which was a door, was wide open, and I asked the young lad who was nearby who was in there and he said [REDACTED] was there with two other men. I thought it very strange that [REDACTED] would be out there Sunday when I understood from Mr. Sterling that he would not be back until Monday morning, and so I waited in the car for an hour before they left the store. [REDACTED] walked alongside of my car but apparently didn't notice me and left with the two other men.

At 7.30 the same evening I was leaving Steveston and I noticed [REDACTED] with several other men across the street in a discussion so I made it my own business to stay around Steveston for a little while as I felt in my own mind that Omiya's store might be broken into. At the time I noticed [REDACTED] he was with Mr. Enright, a policeman appointed by yourselves to protect your property out there. I drove past the Custodian's office at nine o'clock and again at ten o'clock and noticed [REDACTED] looking out the front window of the Custodian's office. I thought this was rather strange as his own living quarters were in the extreme rear and not in any part of the office. At eleven o'clock that evening I noticed Mr. Enright, the policeman, with two other men who appeared to be in Air Force uniform. Near twelve o'clock that night I walked down towards the tram as I noticed someone watching me, and made as though I was getting aboard the tram. The tram went out and I was behind a pole out of sight. Mr. Enright had taken the two men down towards Omiya's store and when the tram went out he finished his discussion and the two men walked down towards the store and went into the lane. I came out from behind the pole and started to walk towards Omiya's store and one of the Airforce men looked out to see whether everything was clear and they saw me walking up. He called the other fellow and they both walked up the street. I felt then that they thought I was watching them. They walked up the street and down again and went in

the side of the policeman's place, found he wasn't there and walked down the street again. I left them for a little while and walked past the Custodian's office and found [redacted] still looking out the window, with the lights on, and he was there until five minutes to one. At that time I had to get the tram back to Vancouver as it was the last tram.

The following week I went out to Steveston again and had difficulty in finding [redacted] and he was carrying the keys for Omiya's store in his pocket. I had to wait for him until four o'clock in the afternoon to come back to get into Omiya's store. He explained to me then that the store had been broken into by several boys and the police had caught them and so on, and that he wanted me to know that before I went in to take the stock. After we had finished the discussion we went into the Omiya store with my intention of starting to take the stock. My suspicions were further aroused on entering the store when I found several cartons packed with merchandise from the store. It didn't look to me as though the stock was placed there by the Japanese as all the other stock was on the shelves, and particularly when the assortment of merchandise in the cartons was of a mixture of everything that was there, such as Standfield's underwear, men's shirts, ladies' wear and so on, and it looked very much to me as if those cartons were packed ready to be taken out by somebody. [redacted] mentioned to me while in the store that several of the cannery people had mentioned to him that they would like to buy certain chattels in the store and he felt that it might be a good thing to sell them what they wanted. He stated that he had never taken them into the store even though they had asked him, and so on leaving Omiya's store that evening at 7.30 I asked [redacted] who the two men were he had in Omiya's store on Sunday afternoon. A little flustered he stated that "that man I had in there was from the cannery", so I left the store that night with the thought in mind that I wasn't very interested in taking inventory of the stock out there unless I had somebody else with me to verify the stock which I would take, and also that this other party and I would live on the premises for a week to ten days until the stock was completely taken. The thought was conveyed to Mr. Milson and the stock later offered for tender without the inventory being taken.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
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29th August, 1944.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

I very much regret that I have to make the following report:

When Mr. Green was reviewing the Baba Boat Works File it appeared that an inventory of lumber had been appraised and recommended for sale but there was no record of the deal being completed and no amount credited in the Japanese owner's account. Further enquiry showed that the lumber had actually been disposed of to Mr. Markstrom for the sum of \$400.00. On Mr. Markstrom being contacted he produced a receipt signed by [REDACTED] the receipt was on a Custodian letter head and not a receipt issued out of our regular printed receipt book. Mr. Markstrom subsequently submitted to us the cancelled cheque he had issued, and Mr. Green concluded that the amount in some way or another had been credited to the wrong account.

Our Mr. Peters interviewed [REDACTED] in regard to this matter and [REDACTED] then informed Mr. Peters that this money had been collected but that up to the present he had not remitted it to this office.

It developed that an amount of \$100.00 had also been collected in connection with the sale of a boiler for which no official receipt had been issued.

I then asked Mr. Good what check had been made on moneys handled by [REDACTED] and it appears that when moneys or transfers from an account at Steveston had been received from [REDACTED] they were properly supported by a duplicate carbon copy receipt (the original having been given to the Payer), but no actual tie-up had been made with the triplicate receipts remaining in our official receipt book.

Mr. Good and Mr. Reed stayed several nights and made a complete check of the receipts issued by [REDACTED] from which it appeared that no money had been turned in for the following:

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

Receipt No. 933	\$27.50	1st October, 1942
937	75.00	4th " 1942
1376	30.00	25th August, 1943
1377	75.00	25th " 1943
1378	27.00	25th " 1943
1379	25.00	25th " 1943
1394	25.00	1st October, 1943
1397	75.00	1st " 1943
1400	3.00	15th " 1943
1401	7.00	21st " 1943
1402	.15	26th " 1943
1405	60.00	9th November 1943
1408	2.00	14th December 1943
1409	10.00	23rd " 1943
1410	5.00	4th January, 1944
1411	8.00	17th " 1944
re Baba Lumber	400.00	
re Baba Boiler	100.00	
	\$ 1,014.65	

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I arranged with [redacted] to come to the office after office hours and asked him for an explanation. [redacted] did not hesitate to say that he had been using Custodian funds. He produced most of the duplicate receipts in the above list and claimed that it was his intention to refund the moneys covered by them and also the two amounts of \$400.00 and \$100.00 referred to above.

I mentioned to him that it was now past the middle of August and that he had left in the early part of February and that the shortage had been brought to light by ourselves and not by a volunteered disclosure on his part and he admitted that the situation did not look good but that it was his intention to make up the shortages in due course. He claimed that this was the reason he had left \$1.00 in his account at Steveston rather than close the account out entirely. The logic or implication of this is hard to follow.

[redacted]'s statement was somewhat as follows:

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His coal business in Winnipeg was not proving very successful and was practically dead in the summer time. He had applied to Mr. MacNamara asking for his influence to obtain some Government position in Winnipeg, preferably for the summer months. He had been advised as to the possibility of an opening here in Vancouver and apparently Mr. MacNamara had asked Dr. Coleman to do what he could, and as a result [redacted] was offered a position here, the salary agreed upon to be \$300.00 per month to start with. After being here some while he sold his furniture in Winnipeg and moved his wife to Vancouver. Having been paid at the rate of \$300.00 for five months his salary was then reduced to \$200.00 and this he claims placed him "on the spot". Obligations which he had to maintain for life insurance and payments on personal debts, owing he stated could not be met out of \$200.00 per month and to use his own words he was "in a jam" and manipulated funds keeping the duplicate receipts as a record of what funds he had not turned in. He again wrote to Mr. MacNamara, who in turn, he understood, saw Dr. Coleman but he was advised that the management of this office had indicated that he had not displayed real executive ability and that in line with other employees doing similar work it was necessary to reduce his salary.

As stated above, in order to meet his obligations he had used Custodian funds in a temporary way. When I asked how he expected his position in this regard to improve he really had no answer and did not appear to realize that with a monthly outlay in excess of income, recovery was not really possible. He claimed, however, that he always considered that he was in a sufficiently liquid position to cover the amount which he was using. This is not apparent to me.

During the course of checking up Mr. Good secured the cancelled cheques from his Steveston account and it appeared that [redacted] had issued cheques for personal payments far in excess of the salary he had received from us. At first [redacted] said that he had no other source of income in addition to his salary, but after endeavouring to obtain some satisfactory explanation as to the source from which he received sufficient moneys to pay the amount used for his personal accounts, he stated that he had about \$300.00 when he first came to Vancouver, that he had received the proceeds of a car sold at Winnipeg and had borrowed on his life insurance and also received small remittances for coal accounts receivable. By this figuring it did appear possible that he could have paid the accounts in question and expended a reasonable amount for his family maintenance by the addition of approximately \$1,000.00, the amount of the Custodian shortage.

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

While it is aside from the financial aspect I am afraid that it is a fact that his handling of the Steveston affairs, including the fish nets, does not present the most favourable picture. The prestige under which he came to this office may have influenced those in charge at that time to over rate his abilities.

is emphatic that apart from the two items for lumber and the boiler, no other items including Fish netting were sold for which he did not issue an official receipt and that the above sum represents the full amount of the shortage.

At the moment has refunded \$300.00 to this office. He has also sold an old car which he purchased here but he has just told me that the cheque is issued in the joint names of his wife and himself and apparently the situation is delicate as is not aware of the present condition of affairs. He claims that from some source in Winnipeg he can pay up the balance in a brief period.

I advised that I would have to report to you and that it would be desirable if I could say that all the money had been refunded. is bonded but he hopes that it will not be necessary to make any report to the company in view of his promise to take care of the shortage. He is at present Assistant to the Regional Officer of Selective Service receiving I believe \$250.00 per month and is anxious that his position will not be jeopardized. I understand that Mr. MacNamara is to arrive in Vancouver this coming Thursday and was hoping for some advancement in his position.

In view of the fact that he left this office and secured another position I suppose that we will not be called upon at any time in the future to certify or recommend for a new position as he would likely refer any such enquiry to those last employing him.

I have mentioned to Mr. Watters that some cash discrepancy has occurred but that I was reporting fully to you.

As mentioned at the start of this letter, it is regrettable that this situation has arisen. The information in regard to this is confined to the few persons referred to in this letter and on the assumption

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G.W. McPherson, Esq.

that [redacted] will make good the discrepancy it may be thought
desirable to let the matter rest. You will doubtless be advising
me in regard to this matter.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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AIRMAIL STATEMENT MADE BY J. W. ANDERSON RE STEVERTON SHORTAGE STOP HAVE WEIGHT
EXAMINE BOND AS TO TIME LIMIT TO NOTIFY COMPANY AND INCLUDE IN LETTER STOP
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13th October, 1943

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G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: [REDACTED]

Yours of the 8th instant received and I regret that a
copy of [REDACTED] letter to which I referred was not enclosed.
Please find same herein.

I note your comments in regard to this matter. Just at
the present moment I would not recommend any change in our arrange-
ments at Steveston as it is desirable to have [REDACTED] on hand
during the actual disposition of chattels.

I took this matter up with Mr. Green a couple of weeks
ago and he is to arrange to expedite the cleaning up of affairs at
Steveston and after a short while I will write you further in this
regard.

Yours very truly,

F. O. Shears
F. O. Shears,
Director.

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Steveston, B.C.
23rd August, 1943.

Mr. R.P. Alexander,
Manager,
Custodian Office,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Salary - [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

I was employed by Dr. Coleman May 1942 for four months Salary \$300.00 at the end of that time this amount was found to be out of line with the rate of pay to others and I was given the choice of remaining at \$200.00 or of returning to my home at Winnipeg.

I decided to remain and have been in charge here at Steveston ever since. The work here has developed as you know and there are many new responsibilities which necessitate my living out here with long hours and I feel that I should be put back on the original salary basis since I have become an important executive cog in the Custodian's wheel. I have had no cost of living bonus.

I would appreciate your effort on my behalf.

Yours truly,

(signed) [REDACTED]

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

October 8, 1943.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: [REDACTED]

I have your letter of September 25th, with enclosure.

I had a conference in Montreal yesterday with Mr. Peckham and he raised the question as to whether or not the work being done by [REDACTED] in Steveston warrants the salary at present paid to him. It would seem to me that, with the cleaning up of the chattels and fishing gear in Steveston, it should be possible to close the office there and to arrange for the depositing of rents either in a branch bank in Steveston or for the direct payment of same to the Vancouver office. If it were necessary one of the Vancouver staff could go to Steveston from time to time to press delinquent tenants.

In your letter of September 25th you did not enclose a copy of [REDACTED]'s letter and I would appreciate receiving same. I would also appreciate an expression of opinion from you as to whether or not it would be possible to dispense with [REDACTED]'s services altogether.

Yours very truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

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500 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

25th September, 1942

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
227 Oxford Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Dear Mr. McPherson:

You are aware of the arrangements under which
[redacted] first came to this office. On September 1st
1942 his salary was changed to \$200.00 per month.

Mr. Alexander has handed me a letter which he
has recently received from [redacted]. I am attaching
copy of my reply.

I am sending it to you in case it is a matter
which you might wish to mention to Dr. Coleman in view of
the fact that you are together in Winnipeg.

Yours very truly,

P. G. Shears

P. G. Shears,
Director

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C. J. Mr. McPherson

25th September, 1943.

Steveston, B.C.

Dear Sirs

Your recent letter to Mr. Alexander has been handed to me.

I was aware of the original arrangement which you had with Dr. Coleman in regard to your salary and as you know it was later thought that a revision was necessary so as to bring your salary in line with the scale of salaries of other employees.

I note your reference to a Cost of Living Bonus, but in this connection a cost of living bonus is only applicable where the salary together with the cost of living bonus does not exceed \$175.00.

My general instructions from Ottawa are that a reduction of the overhead expenses in connection with this office is to be desired and they are not looking with favour on any expansion or increase of staff.

I appreciate the work you are doing but the whole of the staff in Vancouver is still working at fairly high pressure and your salary is in line with the office here.

The properties being sold to the Director of The Veterans' Land Act will tend to decrease the administration of some properties and as you are aware, the liquidation of chattels will gradually remove work in connection with shipping and protection.

A general review of salaries may be made by Mr. McPherson in a few months but I have no assurance that increases will be considered.

I sincerely hope that you will feel content to continue your co-operative effort and remain a satisfied employee.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMB

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Legal Section
GWM/DI

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.
January 13th, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: [REDACTED]

I have your letter of January 7th,
and have discussed this matter with Dr. Cole-
man.

[REDACTED]'s salary was reduced

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G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

You may be interested to know that yesterday afternoon
after the office closed the whole of the staff went to a room in
the Hudson Bay Company for a reception to Bob Alexander, his wife
and Pam. Tea and sandwiches were supplied and I think the affair
went off very nicely.

We varied the usual programme and had short talks from
Mrs. McArthur, Green, Good, Wright, Anderson and Miss Stevenson
and myself to wind the thing up.

Bob was presented with a Ronson table lighter and desk
pen. He is actually leaving the City this coming Saturday.

I received your wire in reference to our telephone
conversation and your letter of September 16th. Bob was very
pleased in regard to the consideration which you have given him.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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*R. J. Alexander
Business Office*

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Victoria Building,
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January 13th, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: [REDACTED]

I have your letter of January 7th,
and have discussed this matter with Dr. Cole-
man.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

September 16, 1943.

F. C. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: R. P. Alexander

I have wired you tonight as follows:

"Custodian regrets Alexander's decision but
appreciates personal position stop in con-
sideration of services and moving expenses
authorizes you to pay him one month's salary".

I discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman and
he was quite agreeable to paying Mr. Alexander one month's
salary in consideration of his past services. This
should be considered as in lieu of any moving expenses,
which he will incur at the time of moving to the United
States. I think Mr. Alexander will be well satisfied
since it is obvious one month's salary will be more than
the moving expenses would amount to.

Yours very truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

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7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.
January 13th, 1943.

Legal Section
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Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: [REDACTED]

I have your letter of January 7th, and have discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman.

[REDACTED]'s salary was reduced from \$300.00 a month to \$200.00 a month, as of the first of September last. The Doctor has approved of making this reduction in salary as from October 1st, thus giving [REDACTED] an additional \$100.00, less tax.

Would you please have Mr. Good make the necessary changes in his records to give effect to this decision, which I trust will meet with the approval of [REDACTED].

Yours truly,

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G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
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100 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
7th January, 1943

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

[redacted] was in the office yesterday and said that he had mentioned to you the question of his being allowed \$100.00 moving expenses in connection with bringing his wife to Vancouver.

He seemed to think he was entitled to this in view of the reduction in his salary some time since.

I do not know whether you have given any consideration to this matter at all, but if you will advise me I will handle the matter in any way which you suggest.

Yours very truly,

P. C. Shears
P. C. Shears,
Acting Director.

*in to
custodian*

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1207 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
October 14th, 1942.

Dr. E.H. Coleman, M.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

Some time ago, after my return to Vancouver, I disclosed
my salary with [redacted] and reduced it by fifty
percent (50%), in order to bring it more in line with
the other salaries being paid here.

[redacted] has approached me on the question of moving
his family from Winnipeg to Vancouver, and asked whether
or not the office would pay the expenses. My own opinion
to him was that we would not, in view of the fact that
it would be setting a dangerous precedent, insofar as
members of the staff were concerned.

He requested that I write you and, in view of the cir-
cumstances surrounding his original employment, I agreed
to do this, rather than take the responsibility myself.

I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to
whether or not this organization should reimburse
[redacted] for the expenses incurred.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMoP:HW,

*W/42
Date reduction
of salary agreed
by [redacted]
Gerrard*

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Bond No. 183986

THE CANADIAN SURETY COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO

(Hereinafter called the Company)

IN CONSIDERATION of a premium, the Company agrees to indemnify THE CUSTODIAN OF ENEMY PROPERTY (hereinafter called the Employer) against loss of any money, or other property (including that for which the Employer is responsible), through any dishonest or criminal act on the part of BENJAMIN GOOD (hereinafter called the Employee), acting directly or in connivance with others, while in the employ of the Employer.

THIS BOND IS ENTERED INTO UPON THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS, WHICH SHALL BE CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO ANY RECOVERY HEREUNDER.

(1) The Liability of the Company, either for a single default of the Employee or for any number of such defaults, and irrespective of when such defaults occurred, shall in no event exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$20,000.00).

(2) The Company shall be liable only for such actual loss as is sustained during the term beginning on the third day of August, 1942 and ending with the termination of this Bond, and the Company shall not be liable for any debt or shortage owing by the Employee to the Employer at the beginning of such term or for any money or other property applied during such term to such debt or shortage.

(3) Without prejudice to the rights of the Employer in respect of anything that may have occurred during the term of this Bond, The Company may terminate this Bond at any time by written notice served on the Employer or sent by registered mail to the Employer at least thirty days prior to the date that such termination is to take effect, except that if any premium be due and unpaid such termination shall be immediately effective and retroactive to the date on which such premium became due. In case of such termination, the unearned (if any) part of the premium shall be returned to the Employer if no claim is made hereunder. The cheque of the Company or its Agent, delivered to the Employer or sent by registered mail to the Employer shall be a sufficient tender of such unearned premium.

(4) This bond shall immediately terminate without any action by the Company in respect of anything that may occur thereafter, upon the discovery by the Employer of any dishonesty on the part of Employee or upon the Employee ceasing for any reason to be in the employ of the Employer.

(5) The right to make a claim hereunder shall cease at the end of three years after the termination of this Bond. Upon the discovery by the Employer of any dishonest or criminal act on the part of the Employee, the Employer shall give written notice to the Company at its Head Office for Canada, at the earliest practicable moment, and in any event not later than five days after such discovery. Affirmative proof of loss under oath, together with the full particulars thereof, shall be filed with the Company at its Head Office for Canada, within three months after such discovery. No action for recovery hereunder may be brought within three months after such proof has been filed, or brought at all, unless begun and process served on the Company at its Head Office for Canada, within fifteen months after such proof has been filed.

(6) If the Employer shall settle or compromise any loss that might be made the basis of a claim hereunder without first obtaining the written consent of the Company, this Bond shall thereupon become void from the beginning.

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(7) The Employer, whenever requested by the Company to do so, shall give the company all the information and evidence in the possession of the Employer with reference to any dishonest or criminal act on the part of any Employee. Before payment of any loss claimed under this Bond the Company may require that the alleged dishonest or criminal act shall be established by the conviction of the offending Employee upon a criminal charge.

(8) Should any loss to the Employer as covered under this Bond exceed the amount of indemnity under this Bond, the Employer shall be entitled to all recoveries until fully reimbursed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Company hath hereunto caused these presents to be sealed with its Corporate seal duly attached by the signature of its authorized officers, the 19th day of August, 1942.

THE CANADIAN SURETY COMPANY
By

" A. M. MCTAVISH "

Resident Attorney

" M. C. JOHNSON "

Resident Assistant Secretary

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