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360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

16th May 1945.

Attention: Mr. Pannett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA.

Re: ANNUAL REPORT ON JAPANESE  
ADMINISTRATION.

We will begin just as soon as possible  
preparing information for the Annual Report in accordance  
with your request.

*Mr. P. has this*

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3rd March 1945

A. MacNamara Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

WEEKLY RESUME OF ACTIVITIES.

ADJUSTMENT OF JAPANESE PROBLEM IN KELOWNA AREA.

Mr. DesBrisay, who remained in the Kelowna district after we had our meeting there, returned to the office early last week. It looks as if he did a very good piece of work in the Okanagan in satisfying the Kelowna and District Security Committee and also many of the prominent citizens.

There are now only three families in question and Mr. DesBrisay is confident that there are other places for these three. Two of the families are prepared to go East and the other family will likely secure employment in the North Okanagan. Mr. DesBrisay states that the Committee at Kelowna expressed full satisfaction with the work he had been able to accomplish.

FURTHER PREPARATION FOR SEGREGATION PROGRAMME.

We have your letter commenting on the various suggestions which we submitted for revisions in the Minister's and Commissioner's statements and for general details of the programme. We enclose proofs of the Minister's statement and the Commissioner's statement and would be glad if you would have these checked, just to see if there is anything that is not completely correct. We hope to have these printed by next Wednesday and would appreciate your wiring us on Monday if you wish any further changes made.

As I mentioned in a previous letter, we are bringing in the Supervisors from the interior housing projects for a discussion on this. They will be here Wednesday and Thursday of next week. We feel that this meeting will serve a most useful purpose to ensure that we get the best efforts from the Supervisors and staffs in the projects in the coming programme.

Tentative plans call for the R.C.M.P. detachment to commence its work at Tashme on Monday, April 2nd. This will allow a lapse of three weeks from the time the posters will reach Tashme and the beginning of April.

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VISIT FROM T.J. O'NEILL, M.P.

Mr. O'Neill was in the office for about two hours yesterday afternoon. He came in to discuss the recent fracas at Savona, where forty-seven windows in the summer resort hotel were smashed because an elderly Japanese couple was allowed to look after the premises during the winter months.

These two Japanese, Mr. and Mrs. Mineoka, are employed by Mrs. Alfred Johnson of Ashcroft and were properly authorised to be there by this Commission and the R.C.M.P.

Two or three weeks ago we received complaints from the Kamloops area that more than these two Japanese had been authorised to reside in the Savona area and to be employed. We had these reports checked by the police because our records showed that there were only two in the district. Our records were confirmed by two independent checks by the police but still the public did not appear to be satisfied. The damage to the property occurred about 2.00 a.m. on Sunday. The police are investigating and, on request, they sent us a report covering their investigations to date. As yet they have no definite information about whom the culprits are.

I told Mr. O'Neill that I felt there can be no possible justification for our compulsorily removing these two elderly Japanese because of this incident. They are not right in the town of Savona but two or three miles out at this summer resort. They are all alone, doing nobody any harm and are there lawfully.

Mr. O'Neill did tell me that prior to this act of violence he was prepared to support the effort to get this couple removed, but since the incident early Sunday morning he is just not interested. I thought his whole attitude was quite fair and we had a very good conversation on the whole problem. Mr. O'Neill is afraid however, that this might only be the beginning of a campaign to get these two people removed and he is fearful that something worse may be done.

Unless you feel otherwise, I would like to hold out and allow these people to remain at the Savona Lodge. I think the people in that area should realise that the way to get their requests considered favourably is not by throwing stones and breaking windows.

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A. MacNamara Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA.

I did not have an opportunity to write  
to you Saturday, reporting on our activities during the week.

TASHME BOY SCOUTS - I went out to Tashme Saturday morning to  
attend the Annual Rally of the Tashme Boy  
Scout Troop. It was a very impressive affair and the boys  
put on a marvellous programme. I am of the opinion that this  
is an extremely worthwhile activity at Tashme and provides a  
most useful outlet for the energy of many of the boys in the  
camp.

Mr. Brown, our Office Manager here, who is  
very active in Boy Scout work, advises me that this is probably  
the largest troop in Canada.

I am attaching copy of the Saturday night  
programme.

REPATRIATION & RELOCATION - We spent most of the week working  
on the preparation of suggestions  
on the proposed repatriation and relocation programme. Our  
suggested revisions in the posters were mailed to you Thursday  
last. As soon as we hear from you respecting our comments,  
we will immediately proceed with the printing of the posters,  
if they are to be done here.

KELOWNA SITUATION - I was in contact two or three times last  
week with Mr. DesBrisay, who stayed up in  
the Kelowna area to work on the removal of certain people who  
were in there, having over-stayed their permits. He is making  
very good progress and informs me that the local Committee in  
Kelowna is very pleased with what he has been able to do.

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Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

MEETING WITH KELOWNA AND DISTRICT SECURITY COMMITTEE  
AND NUMBER OF KELOWNA CITIZENS.

I went to Kelowna yesterday to meet with the Kelowna and District Security Committee on the question of moving certain Japanese families and Japanese single males whom the Committee claims we are committed to meet this request by previous agreement.

Early last December the Committee submitted a list of ninety-eight names of Japanese people they wanted removed. Just prior to this Mr. Collins went back to Winnipeg and no action was taken to meet the request.

Shortly after my arrival here, I began to receive wires and telephone calls from Kelowna asking when we were going to meet this request and when I would come to Kelowna to review the whole matter.

At the time I arrived here Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, Chairman of the Kelowna Committee, was in Ottawa. I used that as my excuse for delaying them still further, saying that I did not wish to come to Kelowna until he had returned from Ottawa.

We had our meeting yesterday and Mr. DesBrisay, from our office here, was present with me.

The Committee is resolutely determined that we are to live up to the Agreement that we must remove such people as came into the Kelowna district after December 7th, 1941, as they request.

They constantly referred to the following paragraph in Mr. Collins' letter of June 15th, 1943 to Alderman C.W. Sutherland:

"The Commission assures that all Japanese who have migrated into the area under the jurisdiction of the Central District Council of the B.C.F.G.A. and the Central Okanagan Vegetable Association since December 7th, 1941 will be removed from the said area by November 15th, 1943 unless this Commission receives a formal request for deferment of their removal from the representative Committee which shall include a representative of the Fruit Growers, Vegetable Growers and the City of Kelowna."

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We went over name by name, in detail, on the list which they submitted. Actually the ninety-eight names reduces to about fifty when allowance is made for certain duplications of names on their list and those who we know have already moved out.

It seems to me that our only course, in order to prevent a serious flare-up in Kelowna, is to meet this commitment. I have accordingly, asked Mr. DesBrisay to remain in the Kelowna District until he arranges for the transfer of the people concerned. We do not anticipate great difficulty in finding other places for these people because in the next few weeks their labour is going to be pretty urgently required.

There are a few cases however which have given me much concern and about which I would appreciate having your and Mr. Brown's advice.

On the list submitted to us by the Kelowna Committee are the names of a number of families who were authorised to go into Westbank, which is just across the Lake from Kelowna, and the Okanagan Centre and Winfield districts, for duration employment. The two families who were permitted to go into the Westbank district were authorised to go in for duration employment by a statement signed by the Secretary of the local Fruit Growers' Association and two others in the district.

Since then this Committee has been disbanded and the Westbank area has voted to come under the jurisdiction of the Kelowna and District Security Committee. Now, this Committee maintains that these families are in there without their authorisation and we are obligated to remove them when requested.

We will try to get them to move voluntarily but if they resist and claim that they are authorised to stay there for the duration we may run into pretty serious difficulty.

The families in Okanagan Centre and the Winfield districts were authorised for duration employment by the North Okanagan Committee.

Prior to the time when this authorisation was given the Okanagan Centre and Winfield districts voted to transfer from the jurisdiction of the North Okanagan Committee to the Kelowna Committee. For some reason this Commission was not notified of this change, nor was the North Okanagan Committee officially notified that it no longer represented the Okanagan Centre and Winfield districts.

The Kelowna people maintain that the North Okanagan Committee had no right to authorise these people for duration employment in this area and they are requesting that we have them withdrawn. Again, we may be able to accomplish this through persuasion for them to move out voluntarily, but if they resist we are going to be placed in the position of having to repudiate our agreement with the Kelowna Committee or repudiate our agreement that these people should remain for the duration.

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I have asked Mr. DesBrisay to concentrate first on the withdrawals in which there is no doubt about our responsibility, and to leave these duration employment cases until the last, hoping that we may be able to meet the situation somehow.

I think everybody was very well satisfied with our discussions yesterday, at least they so expressed themselves. They have approved to remain in the district a much larger number than they have asked us to withdraw.

I will be glad to keep you posted on the progress we are able to make in meeting this situation.

MEETING WITH DR. K.C. McDONALD, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

I went over to Victoria last Wednesday, at the request of Dr. McDonald, the Minister of Agriculture. He had learned that I was going up to Kelowna on Friday to discuss the Japanese question there and said he would like very much to see me before I went.

I had a very good discussion with Dr. McDonald and it may have the result of making some of our difficulties a little easier. He told me that there was every probability that a resolution will be introduced at this session of the legislature demanding complete expulsion of the Japanese from B.C. If this is done there will likely be a prolonged and bitter debate which I am afraid won't help us much. Dr. McDonald agreed with me that hostile debate on the Japanese problem at this time was not in the best interests of finding a satisfactory solution to this problem insofar as British Columbia is concerned. He is going to do his best to discourage this resolution being presented but is very doubtful about his success.

If you agree that a resolution is undesirable, I am just wondering if a letter from our Minister to Dr. McDonald might help. He is very friendly to the Department of Labour because of the successful operation of the Farm Labour agreement. I would be glad to draft a proposed letter if you consider it would be wise.

PURCHASE OF DIESEL LIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

We are completing arrangements to purchase the Diesel lighting equipment to which I referred in my memorandum of last Saturday. The Diesel engineer whom we employed to advise us on this whole business is completely satisfied that we are doing the right thing and are getting a good deal.

SITUATION IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA.

Mr. Lister has just returned from his trip to Lethbridge and has not yet had time to give me a full report

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on his observations. He seems to be of the opinion that we will have to permit some of the families to move out of the Lethbridge area, but is fearful that if we do there will be a blast from the Sugar Beet Growers' Association.

I wonder if you could advise us on whether the following paragraph, taken from a letter dated 11th March, 1942 from Mr. Austin C. Taylor to the following - Mr. A.E. Palmer, Dominion Department Agriculture, Lethbridge, Mr. F.R. Taylor, Canadian Sugar Factories Ltd., Raymond, Mr. Phillip Baker, Alberta Sugar Beet Growers, Lethbridge, and Mr. J.A. Jardine, City of Lethbridge, Alberta; can be considered as still valid.

10. "The Commission further agrees to see that any Japanese so moved, remain domiciled on the farms to which they are allocated and the Commission further agrees that they will not allow them to move and reside in the City of Lethbridge or become a charge on any Municipality in the Province of Alberta."

What would you think of the proposal of letting a few families go from the Lethbridge area, and then if the Sugar Beet Growers' Association strenuously objects, we will tell its members to go to their own Provincial Government and get a more satisfactory arrangement for the Japanese, so far as high school rates are concerned?

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10th February 1945.

A. MacNamara Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Mr. Collins left last Sunday to return to Winnipeg and since then I have been gradually and cautiously getting my feet dampened. Mr. Lister left on Tuesday evening on a trip through the interior housing projects and was planning to go as far as Lethbridge.

There is considerable dissatisfaction among some of the Japanese in the Lethbridge area over the high school situation. Both Mr. Collins and Mr. Lister seem to be of the opinion that we may have to allow some of the Japanese families who have children attending high school to move East if they so desire. The high school fees make substantial inroads into their earnings.

I was called by both newspapers the other day, stating that they had a despatch from Portage la Prairie saying the Council of that city was also objecting to the high school situation and intended to make representations with the object of securing some financial contribution from us for Japanese attending high school. I have asked Mr. Ernst, our representative at Winnipeg, to investigate the complaint and to explain to the Council our policy respecting high school education.

We have run into a difficulty at Tashme and I trust that you will consider we are using good judgment in dealing with it.

On Monday last the Diesel engine which runs the electric generator threw a crank shaft which has resulted in the engine being rendered almost completely useless. Mr. Hartley came to Vancouver and spent a day and a half shopping around for an engine to replace the one at Tashme.

The engine which was at Tashme was a high speed Diesel which apparently had to run steadily to keep the plant going. Our advice is that this type of engine, running steadily, is only good for about five thousand hours (ten months) when it has to be taken down for a complete overhaul, necessitating a delay of about three to four weeks. The engine which burnt out at Tashme has already had a \$1,700.00 overhaul done on it.

We could obtain two or three high speed Diesel engines second-hand to replace the one at Tashme. If we do we will be faced with a repetition of what happened last Monday and in any event they would have to be overhauled every ten months. Their cost ranges from about \$4,000.00 to \$7,000.00.

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Mr. Hartley came across a complete second-hand lighting plant operated by a slow speed, two cylinder Diesel engine which we could buy for \$12,500.00 with a substantial trade-in allowance, estimate \$1,500.00, for our equipment at Tashme. This plant would assure us a satisfactory service for several years and the best advice we can get is that it would be readily saleable when we are through with it.

We have employed the services of a professional Diesel engineer, who has done considerable work for the Departments of Transport and Munitions and Supply, to examine this equipment thoroughly and give us a report on it. He has already conducted his examination and is of the opinion that the equipment is in excellent order and we would be getting a good deal. He is going up to Tashme with me tomorrow to examine our equipment there, to advise us on what its trade-in value would be.

We have discussed with Mr. Coburn, the chief Treasury Officer here, the question of trading in our equipment at Tashme on this new plant and he has concurred from the Treasury point of view.

We must get this equipment replaced at Tashme as quickly as possible as they are having great difficulty in getting along with the power which can be produced on the auxilliary equipment they have.

If our expert engineer's advice is fully satisfactory after he completes his investigation, I think we should proceed with this deal. For the next year or two, so far as we can see now, activities at Tashme are likely to expand, not contract, and this equipment will provide for more power than we have yet had at Tashme, will likely cause no trouble and will be readily saleable after we are through with it.

We are busy making plans now, preparing to close down the project at Kaslo. I am having an analysis made of the people who are there so that we can decide who should go where and when. This will have to be a gradual process but there are a considerable number who could begin to move immediately and I feel that we should get started just as soon as possible. What we expect is that we will not be able to move families with children at school for some months. There are many others who can go.

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September 1st, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Japanese - Alberta and Manitoba.

I beg to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of August 28th relative to the above-mentioned  
matter and wish to thank you for the guidance you have given  
me dealing with this matter.

As I see it we cannot sit down  
and formulate any definite policy prior to meeting personally  
with the respective sugar-beet Companies in each Province.

It will be a matter of negotiation  
in the light of the circumstances prevailing at the time and  
I will keep you advised of whatever progress we make in this  
regard.

GEORGE COLLINS,  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, August 28th, 1943.

Mr. George Collins,  
Commissioner,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Collins:      Re: Japanese - Alberta and  
Manitoba

I have your letter of August 21st re the above.

Insofar as Alberta is concerned, we will see to it that prisoner of war labour will not be utilized in sugar beet growing so as to prejudice the employment situation with respect to the Japanese. There will be no difficulty in utilizing all the prisoner of war labour that is available without entering into competition with Japanese labour. At the same time, the availability of prisoner of war labour will enable a little freer movement of Japanese to other placements which offer promise of permanency and appear to be of a favourable nature. I enclose copy of letter which I have sent forward to Colonel Doughty today to indicate our views on this matter.

Manitoba

Our policy here, we believe, should be as follows:

1. The girls and youths of Japanese families should be given the opportunity to take employment which offers opportunities of permanency and will enable them to learn a trade or establish themselves in an occupation or to take temporary employment which is of an essential nature in the National interest, but the movement into Winnipeg should be strictly limited and preference given to employment elsewhere otherwise a situation may easily be precipitated which will prejudice the position of the Japanese throughout the province.

2. A meeting should be held with the Sugar Beet Company at which there should be pointed out the difficulties of holding the Japanese families in sugar beet operations and the Company advised that we will be prepared to co-operate

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to this end provided the Company and growers are prepared to make some arrangement with the families to put them on an economic sound basis; for example, give them some acreage of their own to work, and it should be pointed out in the alternative that unless the Company can and will arrange that these families get acreage which they can operate on their own, the Department cannot discourage these families, who are obviously operating on an unsound economic basis, from moving to employment at which they can be self-supporting and which does offer opportunities of permanency.

3. In the course of discussion, you can indicate that the Department will be prepared to co-operate in the placement and employment of prisoners of war to take care of labour loss as a result of movement of Japanese.

The foregoing will give you our line of thought in this matter and we will be glad to have your comments therein on points on which you do not agree with us.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
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Ottawa, August 28th, 1943.

Colonel E. S. Doughty,  
c/o B.C. Security Commission,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Colonel Doughty:

In recent reports from Mr. Collins, Commissioner of Japanese Placement, he advises that a number of farmers who are employing Japanese families in the Lethbridge area, in sugar beet work, are planning to displace the services of these people by employing prisoners of war.

As this department is responsible for the placement and welfare of Japanese as well as for the employment of prisoners of war, we are not going to permit competition between prisoner of war labour and Japanese labour to the detriment of either branches of administration. It will, therefore, be necessary for you to work very closely with Mr. Russell to see that this does not occur.

The welfare and interest of the Japanese will at all times take priority over prisoner of war labour and prisoner of war labour will not be supplied to farmers to displace Japanese labour except where the Japanese are leaving employment of their own accord. Further, prisoner of war labour will not be hired out on terms which will provide unfair competition either to Japanese or other labour in the area.

I don't think we need to anticipate any difficulties in this year's operations but these difficulties will have to be faced in relation to next year's operations. We feel that it will be quite possible to place all the prisoners of war who are suitable for placement with farmers in other areas of Western Canada without disturbing the arrangements for Japanese labour which have been in effect for the past two years.

I thought that it would be just as well that this point should be cleared up at this time so that no

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encouragement will be given to persons to anticipate whole-  
sale displacement of Japanese by prisoners of war. If the  
war continues next year, we will have no difficulty facing  
all the labour we can get hold of.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

Copy for Mr. A. E. Russell,  
c/o B.C. Security Commission,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Mr. George Collins, ✓  
Commissioner,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
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August 25th, 1943.  
Mr. E. W. Hawkins, Treasury Officer, B. C. S. C., Vancouver, B. C.  
Relative Kaslo Motor Transport Invoice for \$8.25 covering  
Prepaid Express charges on Cherry Shipments to Messrs. McNamara,  
Mitchell and Pammelt, forwarded to Mr. Collins August 24th with rele-  
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We are today advised by C.P.R. that the shipment to Mr.  
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Would you, therefore, forward the Express Slip and Cartage  
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H. P. SCOTT,  
Local Treasury Officer.

c.c. Mr. Geo. Collins,  
Commissioner.

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360 Homer Street,

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21st August 1943.

A. MacNamara Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of Labour,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara,

Re: JAPANESE LOCATIONS and EMPLOYMENT,  
ALBERTA and MANITOBA.

At the time of the evacuation of the Japanese from the Pacific Coast it was imperative that areas should be investigated where the Japanese could be relocated very quickly. In order to assure some measure of success the following requirements had to be given very careful consideration from our national point of view:

- (1) National Security
- (2) Efficient surveillance
- (3) Most productive use made of their potential labour.
- (4) Complying with the three foregoing circumstances to make the relocation with as small an expenditure of taxpayers' money as possible.

The limitations placed on the above were:

- (a) The Japanese could not purchase or acquire land.
- (b) Prohibited from engaging in normal business enterprises.

From an administration point of view the factors involved were:

- (a) Immediate transfer of location.
- (b) Maintaining the family unit, which is an inherent trait of the Japanese.
- (c) Effects on general health due to relocation in more severe climates.

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- (d) The providing of educational facilities.
- (e) The possibilities for the Japanese to pursue their religious and recreational inclinations.
- (f) Transferring such families whose background would make them adaptable to their new work and surroundings.
- (g) Select employment where all the adult members of the family could work as a unit to their mutual benefit.

It appeared that the growing of sugar beets fulfilled most of the requirements and, due to a potential labour shortage in this class of work, negotiations were entered into with the Sugar Beet Companies of Alberta and Manitoba. After arriving at a working arrangement with the companies, an agreement or understanding was entered into with the respective Provincial Governments that evacuated Japanese could be moved into the provinces on a duration basis, to engage in agricultural work.

In order that the Sugar Beet Growers and the Sugar Company could make use of this labour it was necessary that they make some financial outlay to provide living accommodation for at least the employable Japanese. This expenditure may or may not have been recovered, however the Sugar Beet producers feel that they have prior and sole right to the use of the Japanese labour originally moved into their province for that purpose.

As far as I am concerned, and I believe the Government would go on record, this labour should be restricted to agriculture and if at all possible to the Sugar Beet industry. However, I cannot subscribe to the principle that this labour is 'indentured' to the organization or even the farmer for whom the Japanese has worked during the present season.

The problems with which we are now faced are:

- (1) The Sugar Beet operations only provide employment for approximately five summer months. The income received is not adequate to maintain the family in idleness during the off-season period.
- (2) The Japanese have spent two seasons in the area and are now in a position to decide which are the best operators, have the best living facilities and are most desirable employers.
- (3) They claim (with justification) that they left the Defence area under persuasion but without compulsion, and should be at liberty to negotiate their own contracts so long as they remain in agriculture, with the privilege of accepting other employment in the off-seasons.

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Mr. A. MacNamara.

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It would appear that the difficulty would be solved by removing the allocation of Japanese labour entirely from the Beet Growers' Association and making any transfer subject to our approval and R.C.M.P. permit to change of domicile. This might be arranged if assurance could be given by this Commission that, where at all possible, transfers would be restricted to change to farms where Sugar Beets are produced.

If this is arranged, the Japanese will have to be advised that school facilities are adequate under the present allocation and if any move is made into a district where the school facilities are used to capacity, that the white children and Japanese children previously in the area will have prior right and that no additional facilities will be provided.

The Commission officials will have to guard against an over-concentration of Japanese in any locality, as it will undoubtedly cause protests from the white residents. What the saturation point is for any particular locality can only be gauged by public reaction.

I believe that such a policy can be introduced into Manitoba due to the fact that the Sugar Beet industry is still in rather a precarious condition and that the Sugar Company officials realize that some concession must be made to salvage at least a good percentage of the labour for Sugar Beet production.

The situation in Alberta is quite different where you have an active, aggressive growers' association who exert quite an influence with the Sugar Company officials. The impression seems to be that the growers feel that they have a potential labour supply in the Prisoners of War who are at their beck and call at all times without the responsibility of having to provide year around housing, no need to co-operate in moving supplies from town, providing adequate water supply etc. This is borne out by the fact that approximately ten farmers have already advised the Japanese that they do not want them next season. Will this involve our moving the Japanese this fall or being faced with a rental if the Japanese continue to reside in the farmers' shacks during the off-season winter months?

Is the source of potential labour in the P.O.W. camps so assured that the growers may refuse to enter into contracts with the Japanese for next season?

Is there any likelihood of Colonel Doughty's plan of indenturing P.O.W's to farmers and their being allowed to house and feed the prisoners in their labour shacks on a basis of \$40.00 wages, with a refund of \$15.00 per month for food for each prisoner released into their custody, being approved by the Federal Government?

The foregoing are my observations, based on reports from the area by Mr. J. Lister, our Supervisor.

I would appreciate your comments and advice in respect to the points mentioned above.

Yours very truly,  
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

c.c. Mr. Lister

GEORGE COLLINS,

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REPORT

FROM: Mr. J. N. Lister August 18th, 1943  
TO: Mr. George E. Collins c.c. Mr. W. A. Eastwood  
RE: Alberta and Manitoba Sugar Beet Project

At the time when the Japanese people were evacuated from the coastal areas to Alberta and Manitoba our agreement with those Provincial Governments was that this labour should be used for agricultural purposes only and that they would not be allowed to reside in the cities of Alberta. No restrictions were imposed insofar as Manitoba was concerned. We have been unable to find any article in this Provincial Agreement that would indicate that evacuees would be tied down exclusively to beet work.

*Arrangements made with S.B.C.*  
The Sugar Beet Companies and Growers Association in both Alberta and Manitoba who accepted this labour has always taken the stand that this labour was frozen to beet farms for the duration and that it was on this understanding that they invested a considerable amount of money in the preparation for housing conditions.

Should be noted that this investment has been covered by a levee on the farmers who received this labour, also that any houses which were built were charged direct to the farmer and deductions made from his crop returns.

After the 1942 season, it was realized by us that beet work alone could not give a sufficient return to a Japanese family to carry them through the year even when free housing was available. So that off-seasonal work had to be found for these people if they were to make a livelihood independent of Commission funds.

Beet Work consists of three periods - thinning, hoeing and topping. The whole operation if the season is favourable amounts to a four month's work period so that for eight months of the year the Japanese family is dependent, in the majority of cases, upon his ability to secure outside labour. This depends entirely upon the condition of the labour market.

This situation which is not subject to any future change has been the source of creating considerable unrest and last fall in Alberta alone 150 families requested that they be allowed to move. Many reasons were given for these requests but the main underlying reason was a determination on the part of the Japanese people to loosen the tight control which the Sugar Beet Companies and the Growers were exercising over their movements.

The Japanese have always claimed that being out of the protected area they should be treated as free labour and in their desire to become self-supporting, they have requested their opportunity to establish themselves with a minimum of Commission supervision.

The Sugar Beet Companies and Growers Association on their part have always taken the attitude that this labour was frozen to the industry for the duration and they would not allow them to move from beet work except to another farmer engaged in beet work in the district where the Japanese family was originally located. The same situation and methods also apply to Manitoba.

Insofar as the Commission is concerned, we have been in a difficult position. Our Supervisors have endeavoured to appease both parties so that this experiment should have a fair trial. After two seasons, the position has not improved and we recommend that a clearly defined policy be made available for presentation to the Growers and the Sugar Beet Companies and the Japanese people, as we are confident that such a policy would not only strengthen the Growers position but would also create a greater confidence and willingness to work on the part of the Japanese people.

With this thought in mind and to avoid any misunderstanding this fall, we respectfully suggest Mr. Mac Namara's confidential letter of March 22, 1943 stating his personal views on the Subject to be released to us for

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presentation to the Growers and the Sugar Beet Companies. The following are quotations taken from that letter:

1. We cannot justify treating the Japanese people like indentured labour. Our policy should be consistent. If we do not use direct compulsion to force families from the Interior Housing Centres to take work, we should not use direct compulsion to make those who have left or wish to leave farms return to them.
2. Families and single people who move from beet farms with a definite promise to return should be made to do so. No permit to other employment should be given and the Japanese should be advised to carry out his undertaking to work on beets for the season.
3. Japanese who have not given a promise to return to beets or wish to leave beet work and engage in lumbering or other agricultural work or other essential work should be allowed to do so.
4. Japanese in other employment who gave a definite promise to return to Sugar Beets should be asked to do so, but no effort made which would amount to compulsion.
5. We do not believe it practical to freeze all those Japanese indefinitely in their present employment. If the farmers wish their labourers to remain with them or to return to them, they should be prepared to make living conditions sufficiently attractive to hold the labourers that they have been given.

In our opinion Japanese should ~~not~~ be confined to agricultural or lumber work and ~~not~~ placed in industry without the consent of the Provincial authorities. When this consent is obtained, placing should then be made through the regular channels of Selective Service.

Our present R. C. M. P. permit system definitely controls the movement of Japanese families. This permit should not be granted unless the case has been discussed with the Supervisor as to the value of such a move in relation to the future welfare of the Japanese family.

If it is possible to outline a policy in regard to the standing of Japanese evacuees outside the protected areas, our intention is to present such a policy to the Growers Association and the Sugar Beet Companies so that no confusion or misunderstanding will occur at the end of this season.

In Alberta, it is possible that P.O.W. labour is available and at the rates which are being charged for this type of labour, the farmers may be inclined to become independent in their attitude and relation towards Japanese labour. This is an angle which is being closely watched. ?

We would very much appreciate receiving your guidance as to the feasibility of the above report.

JNL:JD

J. X. Lister

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Ottawa, July 2, 1943.

Mr. George Collins,  
B. C. Security Commission,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

I wish to advise of my leaving Ottawa  
on the evening of July 9th for Vancouver by C.N.R. and  
expect to arrive on the morning of Tuesday, July 13.  
I hope to be able to stay until the opening of the  
summer school at New Denver on July 26th.

I would appreciate it if you would  
make reservation at the Hotel Vancouver for me some  
time before my arrival in the city.

*H. T. Pannett*  
H. T. Pannett.

*If you wish me to see anyone on the  
way west, please advise.*

*HT*  
*Reservation made Hotel Vanc*  
*6-7-43*

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January 28th, 1943.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Deputy Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

In my letter to you of January 26th,  
requesting that letters be written to certain individuals,  
I omitted to mention one, Mr. Harold Hamilton, of Home Oil  
Distributors Limited, 555 Burrard St., Vancouver, B.C.  
He gave freely and voluntarily of his time in organizing  
our Accounting Department prior to it being taken over by  
the Treasury Department.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor  
Chairman.

ACT:GT

cc: Asst. Commr. F.J. Mead  
Asst. Commr. J. Shirras  
Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins.

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January 26th, 1943.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Deputy Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Now that the complexion of the B. C. Security Commission has been changed, I believe you or the Minister should, for obvious reasons, send letters of appreciation to the following:

Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins:

He gave voluntarily of his time, and rendered invaluable medical services. He organized and supervised all medical cases at Hastings Park, Greenwood, Kaslo, Slocan, New Denver, Lemon Creek, Roseberry, etc.; made arrangements for doctors and their remuneration, supervised agreements with hospitals; supervised the management and staffs of our own hospitals and clinics.

Mr. L. O. Hillier:

His services have been voluntary. From the inception of the B.C. Security Commission until now he has acted in the capacity of Fire Prevention Officer, has travelled over 10,000 miles on his own time or his Company's time. Has done a good job and deserves credit.

Royal Canadian Mounted  
Police:

Commissioner S. T. Wood, for his co-operation.

Col. C. H. Hill, Officer Commanding "F" Division, Vancouver, for his co-operation.

B.C. Provincial Police:

Commissioner T.W.S. Parsons, for his co-operation.

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Mr. A. MacNamara.....E

January 26th, 1942.

Col. J. L. Ralston:

For assistance received from his Department,  
particularly through Col. Goodwin Gibson.

B. C. Medical Association:

For their assistance and co-operation with  
Dr. Hodgins.

Assistant Commissioner  
F. J. Mead, R.C.M.P.

) These two, as you know, were members of the  
and) Commission. Their services were invaluable.

Assistant Commissioner  
J. Shirras, B.C. Police:

) They worked twenty-four hours a day, and  
) deserve the very best appreciation the  
) Government can give them.

Mr. Neil Evans, and  
Mr. Neil McQueen:

For their assistance and help in securing  
accommodation for Japanese in Bridge River and  
Minto.

Mr. M. E. Nicholls:

Of the Vancouver Daily Province; this news-  
paper has always been sympathetic to the problem and  
constructive in advice.

All members of the  
Advisory Board:

Letters of appreciation should be sent to  
them.

I enclose the addresses of all persons referred to  
above.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor  
Chairman.

Encl.

ACT:GT

cc: Asst. Commr. F.J. Mead  
Asst. Commr. J. Shirras  
Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins

*a.c. Mr. Pammett*

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION  
VANCOUVER B.C.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins,	710 Seymour St., Vancouver, B. C.
Mr. L. O. Hillier,	Home Oil Distributors Ltd., 555 Burrard St., Vancouver, B. C.
Commissioner S. T. Wood,	R. C. M. P., Ottawa, Ontario.
Col. C. H. Hill,	Officer Commanding "E" Division, R. C. M. P., Federal Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.
Commissioner T.W.S. Parsons,	B. C. Provincial Police, Victoria, B. C.
Col. J. L. Ralston,	Minister of National Defence, Ottawa, Ont.
B. C. Medical Association,	925 West Georgia St., Vancouver, B.C.
Assistant Commissioner F.J. Mead,	R.C.M.P., Justice Building, Ottawa, Ont.
Assistant Commissioner J. Shirras,	B. C. Provincial Police, Court House, Vancouver, B. C.
Mr. Neil Evans,	Evans Transportation Company, Shalalth, B. C.
Mr. Neil McQueen,	Bralorne Mines Ltd., 555 Burrard St., Vancouver, B. C.
Mr. M. E. Nicholls,	Vancouver Daily Province, Vancouver, B. C.

Advisory Board Names and Addresses sent to you previously.

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September 24th, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister,  
Labour Department,  
O T T A W A, Ont.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I take this opportunity  
of congratulating you on your new appoint-  
ment as Deputy Minister. From what I  
have heard and my personal knowledge, I  
feel you are ably fitted to carry the added  
responsibilities of this position.

I wish you every success.

Yours very truly,

W.A. Eastwood,  
General Manager,  
B.C. Security Commission.

WAE/DR

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that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my  
opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection  
with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, September 4, 1942

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I certainly agree with you that Mr. MacNamara could be of assistance to you and to the Department in Western Canada and, that in fairness to you, periodic visits should be arranged. Not only that, but closer contact would be of assistance to him and to the Department.

We have discussed the desirability frequently and have every intention of arranging our routine here so that periodic visits will be possible, and I hope soon.

The day to day demands and the new tasks which are being placed with the Department make our duties here very exacting and make it difficult to arrange for us to be away from Ottawa. However, I appreciate your suggestion and I am favourable to same and we will make plans to carry it out. Indeed I have been hoping to make a trip to Vancouver myself before the House of Commons reconvenes.

Thanking you for all your help, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

*Copy for Mr. MacNamara*

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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August 23, 1942.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,  
Minister of Labour,  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

It has occurred to me for some time past that it would be advantageous to all concerned and particularly to you as Minister of Labour if we could have Mr. MacNamara visit this Coast periodically. Of course, we would like to have him stationed here permanently, which I believe would be of further advantage to you. Nevertheless a periodical visit will solve a great many of our problems and this particular time is most opportune for him to make this trip.

He would familiarize himself with the recent developments in the shipyard situation and as we are about to start the complete evacuation of Japanese from this area and as I am leaving here on the 10th or 12th of September to make an inspection of the areas and the housing facilities for these evacuees it would appear to be a most opportune time for Mr. MacNamara to familiarize himself with the situation.

Just today I received a telegram from the Department of National Defense requesting that Hastings Park be turned over to them September 30th. This will crowd us a bit, nevertheless we will conform with their request. (We have 3600 at Hastings Park today).

After complete evacuation is effected your Department will be constantly pestered by requests and for information relative to the Japanese situation. If Mr. MacNamara could see this situation himself he would then be in a position to answer these questions intelligently and, I am sure, save you and your Department a needless amount of worry.

Hoping you can see your way clear to granting this request and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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*Copy Mr. MacNamara*

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, August 24, 1942

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thanks very much for your letter of August 20th re the suggestion that I go to Vancouver. It has been talked of but there are a lot of irons in the fire here which demand attention.

Why not write a personal letter to the Minister if you really feel it is advisable. I have not been pressing it for fear the Minister might think I was "grinding my own axe".

Yours sincerely,

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister

Mr. Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Yours very truly,

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Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL

August 20, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labour,  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I have been in hopes for some time that I would hear from you with further reference to my letter of July 11th re your coming out here on an extended visit. Personally I think it is a most opportune time for you to come, both from the labour standpoint and also the Japanese evacuation point of view.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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c.c. Commissioner Mead.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, August 11, 1942

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

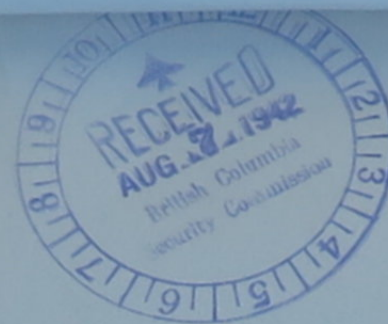
Thanks for sending me copy of letter  
from the Honourable Mr. Justice W. H. Harrison. It is  
very gratifying for you, I am sure, to receive such let-  
ters. I will pass it along for the information of the  
Minister.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
Associate Deputy Minister  
A. MacNamara

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Ottawa, August 1, 1942

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Major Taylor:

I have your letter of July 30th in regard to comments in the House of Commons and they say that the Honourable Mr. Mitchell used the very same arguments you did in his answers to the British Columbia members.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
Associate Deputy Minister  
(A. MacNamara)

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL

July 30, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labor,  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mac:

By the press this morning it is evident that Howard Green, Grote Stirling and others have again brought up in the House the question of evacuation of Japanese from the prohibited area.

It seems to me that the Minister might answer some of these unnecessary remarks by explaining to the House and his political critics, (whom, I am afraid, are more interested in votes than they are in the welfare of the community) that the Consul General for Spain, Mr. Pedro Swartz, and the international representative for the Red Cross have recently made an inspection of the situation and as a result we are assured that their report will be such as to cause no anxiety to nor give excuses to the Japanese in Tokyo for reprisals on the 115,000 odd prisoners they have in their custody.

If a story along this line is built up it might place these critics in an embarrassing position.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, July 13, 1942

Dear Austin:

I have your note of the 11th in regard to the possibility of setting up a Western office. There has been some suggestion along the line that the Labour Department is getting so many irons in the fire that it is hard to control them from Ottawa and that there should be a representative of the Minister in the West.

I do not think anything will be done until after the House of Commons postpones its debating class.

It was very nice of you to write me and I appreciate it, although I cannot give you any definite news.

Yours sincerely,

*A. MacNamara*

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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July 11, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mac:

I was very much interested to learn yesterday from  
Dame Rumor that there was a possibility of your moving to  
Vancouver as the Labor Department's representative. Personally  
I think this would be an excellent idea and one that should be very  
helpful to Ottawa and particularly to the Labor Department.

I hope the rumor is correct, that you will pull up  
stakes immediately and move out here.

Sincerely,

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that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my  
opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection  
with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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AIR MAIL

June 11, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
OTTAWA, CANADA

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I enclose copy of the Bridge River News with rather a lengthy article. Nevertheless the first time you have time to read it I suggest you do so because it is educational as well as interesting.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
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VANCOUVER, B.C., MAY 20th, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

REFER MY LETTER NINETEENTH LISTING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED BY MISTER  
TOM REID stop FOOTNOTE CONTAINED IN ANSWER NUMBER TWO SHOULD BE SHOWN  
AS FOOTNOTE TO ANSWER NUMBER ONE.

C.O.P. Woodward,  
B.C. Security Commission.

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2.30 PM.

- (2) Amount of money which has been spent on  
equipment at the Hastings Park Camp or  
depot, on:

(a) number of beds (double units)	2486	
cost of beds:		\$6,567.93
(b) number of stoves or ranges:	15	
cost of stoves or ranges:		\$3,975.93

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that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my  
opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection  
with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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May 19th, 1942.

via Air Mail:

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

With reference to your letter of May 14th addressed to Mr. Taylor requesting information to enable answers to be given to questions asked by Mr. Tom Reid, M.P., New Westminster, during the Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons, May 13th, 1942.

The answers to the questions asked are listed hereunder in the order in which they were asked:

- (1) Total expenditure up to and including April 30th, 1942, made by the B.C. Security Commission, set up to handle the movement of Japanese from the Coast of British Columbia: \$104,646.44
- (copy of statement is attached hereto).
- (2) Amount of money which has been spent on equipment at the Hastings Park Camp or depot, on:
- |                                   |      |            |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------|
| (a) number of beds (double units) | 2486 |            |
| cost of beds:                     |      | \$6,567.93 |
| (b) number of stoves or ranges:   | 15   |            |
| cost of stoves or ranges:         |      | \$3,975.93 |

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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number of bake ovens:

2

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cost of bake ovens:

\$1,221.06

(c) cost of lumber and hardware used  
in construction of fence:

\$2,274.31

(d) cost of labor:

\$22,975.39

(not including progress payment of  
\$23,229.10 paid on account of Hastings  
Park Contract.)

(3) The number employed in this camp, including  
clerical staff, police and all other help:

B.C. Security Commission staff:

116

R. C. M. P. staff:

52

(4) The total number of persons which can be  
accommodated at Hastings Park at the present  
time:

5244

(5) It is not the intention of the B.C. Security  
Commission to leave any particular class or  
classes of Japanese at the Hastings Park Camp.  
The Camp will eventually be turned over to  
the Militia for their use.

Trusting the foregoing information will meet with your  
requirements,

Yours very truly,

C. O. P. Woodward,  
Secretary to the Chairman,  
B. C. Security Commission.

W.  
Encl.

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that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my  
opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection  
with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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Ottawa, May 14, 1942.

AIRMAIL

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Major Taylor:

Please see inquiry on page 2 which I have marked.

Will you kindly arrange to send me by air-mail the answers to these questions.

I have looked over the material I have here but I find I have not sufficient information to answer all the questions.

It will probably be necessary for you to get part of the information from the Department of National Defence or Munitions and Supply. However, I will be glad if you will put someone on it who will prepare as accurate an answer as possible and send it to me just as quickly as can be arranged.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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May 19th, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Assoc. Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

1. I have your letter of the 16th instant enclosing copy of letter from Commissioner Wood in regard to the guards at Japanese Work Camps, dated the 14th instant.

2. There is very little that I can add to my letter to you on the same subject dated the 18th instant. The B.C. Security Commission has no Police Force under its control and the Commission is authorised to use other Government agencies in carrying out the task imposed upon it by the Government. We asked the Commissioner of the Mounted Police to provide Guards to protect the right-of-way in the vicinity of the Camps and he has complied with our request. Both the Police and ourselves are of the opinion that the present guards are sufficient.

Yours very truly,

F.J. Mead, Commissioner,  
B.C. Security Commission.

FJM/DR

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

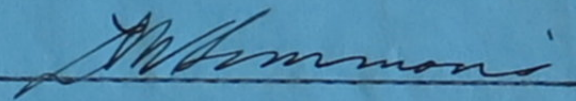
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From the desk of Mr. Simmons  
To The Chairman (Mrs. Hammett)  
Subject:

We request that you add the following as a footnote to our answer to question No. 1:

"Not including progress payment of \$23,229.19, paid on account of Hastings Park contract, mentioned in No. 2".

  
Chief Accountant.

DWS:MF

(c)	<u>Construction of Fence -</u>	
	Lumber & Hardware -	<u>\$ 2,274.31</u>
(d)	Total Cost of Labour -	<u>\$ 22,975.39</u>

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8. Again I would repeat that the responsibility is that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

1. Total expenditure to April 30th - \$104,646.44  
(copy of statement attached hereto)
2. Total money spent on contract - \$102,262.48  
" " " " Office Furniture & Equipment - 1,725.19  
" " " " Medical Equipment - 204.13  
\$104,191.80
- (a) Beds - Number (Double Units) - 2486  
Cost - \$ 6,567.93
- (b) Stoves or Ranges - Number - 15  
Cost - \$ 3,975.93  
Special Bake Ovens - Number - 2  
Cost - \$ 1,221.06
- (c) Construction of Fence -  
Lumber & Hardware - \$ 2,274.31
- (d) Total Cost of Labour - \$ 22,975.39

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3. Staff Employed: -

B. C. Security Commission Staff - 116

R. C. M. P. Staff. - 52

Total - 168

4. Present accommodation - 5,244.

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(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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May 18th, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Assoc. Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
O T T A W A, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

1. Your letter of the 11th inst., and that of Mr. A.W. Neill, M.P. were brought to my attention on my return from a trip to the Interior. I notice he complains of a lack of adequate guarding of Japanese Camps on which you asked my comments.

2. I do not feel that there should be any divided authority in regard to the guarding of the Railway adjacent to these Road Camps. The matter is in the hands of the R.C.M.P. and should, I think, remain there. These Japanese are not prisoners of war and to examine parcels received by them suggests the discipline of an Internment camp. The Camps alongside of the Railway were only intended to be of a temporary nature and they will be removed to permanent camps on the Highway. Probably most of them are by now.

3. The guarding of bridges is a matter on which a sub-committee of the Government laid down a policy on at the beginning of the war after a survey was made of these vulnerable points by Government Engineers. The sub-committee followed the recommendations made by the Engineers and the number of Guards was decided upon on the basis of these reports. Most of these bridges could not be sabotaged without conducting a major operation.

4. The Guards at all camps are supervised by the R.C.M.P. and reports forwarded to the Commissioner of that Force. Perhaps it would be as well to

changed.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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send Mr. Neill's letter to Commissioner Wood.

Yours very truly,

F. J. Mead, Commissioner,  
B.C. Security Commission.

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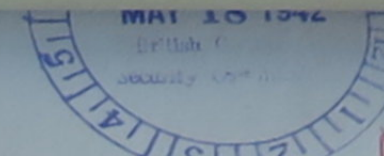
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Yours very truly,

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Ottawa, May 16, 1942

By Airmail

Dear Commissioner:

I attach copy of communication from Commissioner Wood.

The Commissioner rather definitely places the responsibility for policing camps and general control over Japanese on the British Columbia Security Commission. This strengthens me in the view I expressed to you a few days ago to the effect that the arrangements ought to be checked over from the Commission's point of view and the Commission should be satisfied that satisfactory arrangements have been made.

Will you kindly discuss the situation and let me have your views.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Commissioner F.J. Mead,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

concerning these Japs were concurred in by the British Columbia Security Commission or the Police authorities, these Japanese would be interned rather than placed in camps. While a considerable number have been interned, there have been no subversive acts or suspected sabotage which would lead me to believe that the present system should be changed.

8. Again I would repeat that the responsibility is that of the British Columbia Security Commission, and in my opinion, they have made adequate arrangements in connection with these camps.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.

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May 14th, 1942.

Dear Mr. MacNamara,

1. Referring to your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing a communication from Mr. Neill, M.P:

2. Mr. Neill seems to be under a misapprehension regarding the Japanese now in the camps. These Japanese are not detained or interned under any order, and, in the great majority of camps, are British subjects - either by birth or naturalization. The guards located at these camps are stationed there primarily for the purpose of protecting Government property against sabotage, and that is their principal duty.

3. The British Columbia Security Commission, who are responsible for evacuating the Japanese from the "protected area", have control over these Japanese after they are removed to the interior, or to other Provinces. The Commission are fully aware of all the possibilities of subversive activities or sabotage before deciding on the location of any particular camp.

4. That some of these camps are located alongside the railways is not surprising, in view of the fact that this Transcontinental Highway or road which they are building is located alongside the tracks. Such camps are not located by choice in the vicinity of the railways.

5. The Commission see no reason, nor do the Police, to check the luggage of Japanese right in the camps, as all cameras and arms have been removed from them.

6. Concerning certain bridges, guarded by three men to a bridge, and referred to by Mr. Neill: These are apparently bridges for which the Railway Companies are responsible. At the very outset of the war, engineers of Railway Companies, Department of Transport and officials of this Force made a survey of all bridges, and only in the case of those which were considered extremely vulnerable from the standpoint of the length of time to replace, or the question of an alternative route in case of damage, was a decision arrived at by the Committee on Vulnerable Points as to whether the Government should protect these bridges or the Railway Companies.

7. If the apprehension expressed by Mr. Neill, M.P. concerning these Japs were concurred in by the British Columbia Security Commission or the Police authorities, these Japanese would be interned rather than placed in camps. While a considerable number have been interned, there have been no subversive acts or suspected sabotage which would lead me to believe that the present system should be changed.

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Yours very truly,

(sgd.) S. T. Wood  
Commissioner.A. MACNAMARA  
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COPY - Votes and Proceedings of the House of Commons of Canada.  
Ottawa, Wednesday, 13th May, 1942.

Mr. Reid - On Friday next - Inquiry of Ministry.

1. What has been the total expenditure up to the end of April, 1942, made by the Security Commission set up to handle the movement of Japanese from the Coast of British Columbia? *already mailed*
2. What amount of money has been spent on equipment at the Hastings Park camp or depot, showing (a) number and cost of beds, (b) number and cost of cooking stoves or ranges, (c) cost of lumber and hardware used in construction of fence, (d) cost of labour? *May 12th or 13th*
3. What number are employed in this camp, including clerical staff, police and all other help? *116 - over 100 pa. people? 52 - police guards on camp staff*
4. What total number can now be accommodated at Hastings Park? *5244*
5. Is it the intention to leave any particular class or classes of Japanese at the Hastings Park camp?

*No. Camp being turned over to the militia.*

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Ottawa, May 11, 1942

VIA AIR MAIL

Dear Commissioner Mead: ✓

Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P., has addressed a letter to the Honourable the Minister regarding Japanese camps in British Columbia, a copy of which I attach.

In my opinion some official inspection of guarding should be made on behalf of the British Columbia Security Commission.

We have been looking upon it as a responsibility of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police but if anything happens we will all be "for it".

I shall be glad to receive your comments.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister

F. J. Mead, Esq.,  
Commissioner,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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April 27, 1942.

Honorable W. J. Patterson,  
Premier of Saskatchewan,  
Regina, Saskatchewan.

Dear Mr. Premier:

A copy of your letter of April 21st, addressed to  
Mr. MacNamara, has been forwarded to this Commission. I wish to  
take this opportunity of thanking you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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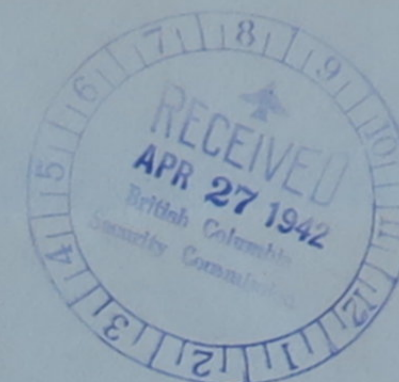




Ottawa, April 25, 1942

Via Air Mail

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Vancouver, B.C.



Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am enclosing copy of letter received from  
the Honourable Mr. Patterson in response to my wire  
of March 17.

You will note that the Saskatchewan Govern-  
ment is willing to give consideration to applications  
for removal of families of British Columbia Japanese  
to Saskatchewan.

Yours very truly,

(OK)

*Drayton Inellor  
Mrs. Porath*

*A. MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister

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PREMIER'S OFFICE

Regina, April 21, 1942

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I must apologize for this belated acknowledgment of your telegram sent from Vancouver on March 17th. At the time of its receipt I intended to send a telegraphic acknowledgment, but noticing that your wire had been sent from Vancouver, and not knowing how long you might be there, I put the matter to one side to be dealt with later.

We will be quite prepared to consider applications in the case of individual families of British Columbia Japanese requesting permission to move to Saskatchewan. The United Church of Canada made such application in connection with some nineteen Japanese girls who have been located in a school home operated by the Church, and we have agreed to these girls being transferred to a home which the Church has in Assinibois. We have also had an application on behalf of one family by the name of Futa, of Cranbrook. I am now making inquiries as to what provisions are being made for this family here, and if the report is satisfactory, will be prepared to approve their coming to Saskatchewan. Any case which is submitted to us will be dealt with on its merits, and particularly in those cases where wives and children request permission to rejoin the husband and father, every sympathy will be shown.

Yours sincerely,

"W. J. Patterson"

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AIR MAIL

April 17, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Mr. Tom Reid, Member for New Westminster, called at the Clearing Station, Hastings Park, a couple of days ago and assumed rather an annoying and dictatorial attitude which you can readily understand was entirely unnecessary. However, I think as far as the park is concerned everything is going along satisfactorily.

He called on me this morning and I took occasion to tell him that the next time he wished to visit the Park he should get a pass from this Commission. I told him that did not apply only to him but applied to everybody; that as far as I was concerned, I did not expect him to endeavor to throw his weight around as a Member of Parliament any more insofar as this Commission is concerned or in any other operations that I had anything to do with.

I mention this purely as a matter of record.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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# TELEGRAPHS



## World Wide Communications

W.D. NEIL, General Manager of Communications, Montreal

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STANDARD TIME

Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

April 13, 1942

A MACNAMARA  
DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR  
OTTAWA ONT

25 FAMILIES AVERAGE SIX MEMBERS FOR ALBERTA AND 25 FAMILIES SAME  
AVERAGE FOR MANITOBA LEFT SATURDAY ALL WELL AND CHEERFUL

JOHN SHIRRAS

BC SECURITY COMMISSION

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*A. MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

VIA AIRMAIL

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Ottawa, April 8, 1942



Dear Major Taylor:

I have your personal and confidential letter of April 4th and I too, was surprised to hear the radio announcements to the effect that all Japanese were to be evacuated.

On reading over the two papers you sent me, I suppose it is fair to say that the statements were sufficiently indefinite to agree that they might even be an outline of the policy it is anticipated you would follow. In other words, the statements are not too bad if the headlines had not been so strong.

I was glad to see by your later communication that a corrected statement had evidently been issued.

I am sure I am speaking for the Minister as well as myself when I say to please not let this sort of circumstance worry you too much.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

VIA AIRMAIL

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April 5th, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

The enclosed is being given publicity to  
offset some misunderstanding that existed in the minds of the  
Japanese, and particularly to offset the Honourable Ian Mackenzie's  
unfortunate remarks which were misunderstood by the Japanese.

Yours very truly,

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Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Securities Commission

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April 5th, 1942.

via AIR MAIL:

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

The evacuation has been dragging a bit the  
last few days. However, there have been reasons for this.

'A': Overcrowding at Hastings Park on  
account of women and children.

'B': Getting a generally better organ-  
ization all around.

Starting Tuesday of this week I expect to see  
the movement really start to show results that will be satisfactory  
to you and your colleagues.

Yours very truly,

Austin C. Taylor, Chairman,  
B. C. Security Commission.

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April 4th, 1942.

Personal

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I am enclosing clippings from today's 'Province' and 'Sun' which I would appreciate if you would peruse very carefully. If it is humanly possible for a member of Parliament to sabotage the interests of this Commission the Honourable Ian Mackenzie has made a very good attempt.

As you know, we have spent two or three weeks arranging places for the Japanese to be evacuated to and have had many difficulties, some of which you are acquainted with, in convincing the Japanese that we are not going to remove the men out of the area so that the women and children can be machine-gunned, etc., etc.

The Honourable Ian Mackenzie's remarks throw these ideas, or suspicions, right back into our lap.

I tried to get hold of the Honourable Ian Mackenzie this morning, after the papers came on to the street only to find that he had gone to Harrison Hot Springs. I advised his secretary, Mr. Senior, what I thought of his actions and afterwards advised Mr. Wendell Harris that unless the Honourable Ian Mackenzie retracted his statements in Monday's press I would put a statement in the paper which in my opinion would relieve him of any responsibility for making such statement.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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The Honorable Ian Mackenzie has  
he exceedingly regrets that his remarks in answer to ques-  
made at a meeting with the City Council should apparently  
lend themselves to possible misinterpretation, and in order to  
clarify the situation, he desires to state:

(1) That his remarks were not intended to convey  
the idea that the Japanese would be removed in three or four  
weeks, but within three or four weeks definite plans which  
are now under development by the Commission would then be  
completed so that the orderly removal of these people would be  
accelerated. He thought he had made it clear that when  
he stated they would not all be removed within a month and  
that it would be impossible to hold a fair this fall that this  
clearly indicated that the matter could not be dealt with in a  
few days. What he sought to convey was that there was no  
idea of making Hastings Park a place of permanent location or  
habitation.

(2) The Minister desired to make it very clear that  
he was fully in agreement with the statement of the chairman,  
Mr. Austin Taylor, that in dealing with the Japanese it should  
be done in the British way.

(3) The Minister also wanted to make it very clear  
that his reference to the return of these people at the  
conclusion of the war was entirely a personal expression of  
opinion and he hoped the Canadian delegates at the Peace  
Conference would urge that these people would be repatriated  
to the country of their origin, but at no time did he have

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any thought that the families who are separated under the present situation should not be, when conditions permit, reunited.

(4) The Minister desires to emphasize that the Government has complete confidence in the Commission and any steps taken by the Commission within their powers have been and will be fully supported by the Government of Canada.

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new Commission  
Apr 4*

Austin C. Taylor, Chairman of the B.C. Security Commission, wishes to state that he was very surprised to read the remarks of the Honourable Ian Mackenzie, in the Vancouver "Province" and the Vancouver "Sun" to-day. Mr. Taylor allows that he is running the Commission along with his co-commissioners, and that the Honourable Ian Mackenzie is not authorized to speak for the Commission insofar as Mr. Taylor is concerned.

The statements made by the Honourable Mr. Mackenzie are entirely without foundation. In the first place, it is impossible to evacuate all the Japanese in the Prohibited areas in three to four weeks. In the second place the Government is, as far as Mr. Taylor knows, ex-appropriating Hastings Park. In the third place, neither the Commission nor anyone else know what the eventualities will bring forth insofar as the future of the Japanese evacuated is concerned, but one thing is certain, it is not the intention, under any circumstances, to prevent the families from being re-united.

The Honourable Mr. Mackenzie is reported to have made reference to some mysterious announcements regarding the evacuation of the Japanese. Mr. Taylor states there are no mysterious announcements to be made that he knows of other than announcements as to taking more Japanese into lumbering camps, logging camps, pulp mills, etc., where they will receive a better remuneration than they will in road camps.

Mr. Taylor wishes to reiterate again, that any unfavourable conclusions that may be drawn from the Honourable Ian Mackenzie's remarks are without foundation.

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# 'Mackenzie All Wrong'

## -Major Austin Taylor

VANCOUVER, B.C., Apr. 4. — In an emphatic statement issued this afternoon to The New Canadian, Major Austin C. Taylor, chairman of the B. C. Security Commission, flatly denied remarks attributed to the Honourable Ian Mackenzie in the Vancouver press at noon today.

Mr. Taylor declared that the Minister of Pensions and National Health is "not author-

### GOVERNMENT TAKING OVER PARK

"In the first place, it is impossible to evacuate all the Japanese in the Prohibited Areas in three to four weeks. In the second place the Government is, as far as the Commission knows, expropriating Hastings Park.

"In the third place, neither the Commission nor anyone else knows what the eventualities will bring forth insofar as the future of the Japanese evacuated is concerned. But one thing is certain it is not the intention, under any circumstances, to prevent the families from being re-united.

"The Honourable Mr. Mackenzie," the Commission chairman continued, "is reported to have made reference to some mysterious announcements regarding the evacuation of the Japanese.

ized to speak for the Commission" insofar as he was concerned.

(Mr. Mackenzie is quoted in the press as having declared that all Japanese would be out of the protected area in three or four weeks, including those in Hastings Park.)

"The statements made by the Honourable Mr. Mackenzie are entirely without foundation," said Mr. Taylor.

### NO MYSTERIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

"There are no mysterious announcements to be made that I know of other than announcements as to taking Japanese into lumbering camps, logging camps, pulp mills and so forth, where they will receive a better remuneration than they will in road camps," he declared.

"I wish to reiterate," emphasized Major Taylor, "any unfavorable conclusions that may be drawn from Honourable Ian Mackenzie's remarks are entirely without foundation."

Members of the Commission were obviously concerned over the harm that may come to the government program because of unwarranted political interference. Major Taylor stressed that he and his fellow-commissioners were interested only upon proper handling of the job entrusted to them by Ottawa.

## テイラー委員長の聲明

ビーシー、セキユリター、コミッションのテイラー委員長は、今日の晩香波ブローインズ紙及び晩香波サン紙に、オタワのマッケンジー恩給相の意見が發表された事を見て非常に驚いてゐる旨を述べた。テイラー委員長は他のコミッションと共に、テイラー委員長の關する限りでは、マッケンジー大臣にコミッションに代つて發表する權を與へてゐないことを言明する。マッケンジー大臣によつて行はれた聲明は、全然根據なきことである。

第一に、防衛地帯内にある日本人を三週間から四週間の間に立ち退かせるといふことは不可能事である。第二には、テイラー委員長の知る限りでは、政府はヘステンダグスパークを使用しつゝある。第三には、コミッションも其の他の誰れ人も、日本人移動に關連して將來如何なる事が起つて來るかには知らない。しかし如何なる事があらうとも、家族が再び一しよになる事を阻止するなどいふ積りのない事だけは確かである。マッケンジー大臣が、日本人移動に關し或る種の奇怪な發表が行はれたと言つた旨傳へられてゐる。テイラー委員長は、奇怪なる發表などすべきことはない旨を言明する。テイラー委員長は更に多くの日本人を、木材キャンプ、ロギングキャンプ、バルブミル等に入れたいといふこと以外には知らない。之れ等の所では、彼等は道路工事に行くよりも遙かに良い報酬が得られるのである。テイラー委員長は、マッケンジー大臣の意見から引出されるかも知れぬ不都合なる結論は根據なきものであるといふ事を重ねて言明したい。

一九四二年四月四日

ビーシーセキユリター  
コミッション  
委員長 オーステン  
テイラー

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DEPUTY MIN.

OTTAWA, 1st, 1942

Via Airmail

Dear Major Taylor,

I attach copy of correspondence  
from the Acting Deputy Minister of National  
Defence (Army) and copy of my wire this date.

Yours very truly,

(sgd.) A. MacNAMARA,  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Quote No. H.Q.54-27-16-71 (DST)

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
(ARMY)Ottawa, Canada,  
March 30, 1942

Dear Mr. MacNamara:-

I am pleased to inform you that, as requested by you, arrangements have been made whereby the R.C.A.S.C. Supply Depot at Vancouver will issue, on repayment, to your Department such foodstuffs as may be required by the B.C. Security Commission for the feeding of the 8,000 Japanese men, women and children housed in the Vancouver Exhibition Grounds; this arrangement to continue until such time as your Department may be able to arrange for some other system of supply.

It has been suggested that your Department should arrange direct with the Department of Munitions and Supply to award contracts for foodstuffs on behalf of the B.C. Security Commission in such quantities and varieties as might be required by that Commission; delivery to be made direct from Contractors to the Commission at the Vancouver Exhibition Grounds.

In the meantime, may I state that we are very glad to be of assistance to your Department in arranging for the temporary supply referred to, and I trust that these arrangements may prove satisfactory.

I enclose herewith copy of the instructions issued.

Yours very sincerely,

(sgd.) H. DesROSIERS,

Acting Deputy Minister.

Mr. A. MacNamara,  
Associate Deputy Minister,  
Department of Labour,  
OTTAWA.

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TELEGRAM

H.Q. 54-27-16-71 (DST)

Cipher Office

Please despatch the following message in cipher:

FROM: DEFENSOR  
TO: GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING IN CHIEF  
PACIFIC COMMAND, VICTORIA, B.C.  
NO: TRANSPORT S THREE NINE TWO

Ottawa, Canada.  
30 March, 1942

Authority granted to deliver to B.C.

Security Commission on repayment such foodstuffs that  
Commission may require for immediate rationing of  
Japanese housed in Vancouver Exhibition Grounds including  
men women and children stop If existing contracts not  
sufficient to provide such issue authority granted to  
arrange local purchase through B.C. Representative of  
Munitions and Supply stop This arrangement to remain in  
force until such time as the Department of Labour can arrange  
own system of supply stop Acknowledge

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

(ARMY)

(J.P. Mackenzie)  
Major-General,  
Quartermaster-General

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TELEGRAM

Ottawa, April 1, 1942

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

JUST RECEIVED ADVICE FROM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO GENERAL OFFICER COM-  
MANDING IN CHIEF PACIFIC COMMAND IN REGARD TO ISSUING FOOD  
SUPPLIES (STOP) WILL YOU PLEASE CONTACT HIM AND MAKE THE  
NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS (STOP) POSSIBLY COLONEL GIBSON COULD  
DO THIS FOR YOU

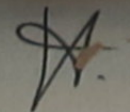
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MARCH 30, 1942

A MACNAMARA  
DEPT OF LABOR  
OTTAWA

FURTHER REFERENCE MY WIRE TWENTY NINTH RE ORDER IN COUNCIL STOP HAVE JUST  
RECEIVED LETTER FROM PREMIER ABERHART ENCLOSING COPY OF HIS LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRIME  
MINISTER DATED MARCH TWENTY SEVENTH STOP SUGGEST YOU SEE THIS LETTER AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE

AUSTIN C TAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN B C SECURITY COMMISSION

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A MACNAMARA  
DEPT OF LABOR  
OTTAWA

REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE CONDITIONS  
BE MADE AS AGREEABLE AS POSSIBLE ON ARRIVAL FOR THOSE EN ROUTE STOP THIS WILL  
GREATLY SIMPLIFY OUR FUTURE EFFORTS

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DEPT OF LABOR  
OTTAWA

YOUR WIRE JUST RECEIVED STOP YOUR EXPLANATION POWERS ORDER IN COUNCIL I AM SURE  
WILL NOT BE SATISFACTORY TO MANITOBA OR ALBERTA STOP REQUEST THAT THIS BE GIVEN  
FURTHER CONSIDERATION

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MARCH 29, 1942

MR MACNAMARA  
DEPT OF LABOR  
OTTAWA

THE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED BY RESPONSIBLE PARTIES IN PROVINCES OTHER THAN BRITISH COLUMBIA AS TO OUR CONTROL UNDER PC 1665 OVER JAPANESE EVACUATED TO OTHER PROVINCES STOP PLEASE ADVISE IN SUCH A MANNER AS WILL SATISFY ALBERTA AND MANITOBA STOP THIS HAS PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SECTION ELEVEN SUBSECTION TWO WHICH INDICATES JURISDICTION CONFINED POSSIBLY TO WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

AUSTIN C TAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN B C SECURITY COMMISSION

*A. MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister  
*per M. N.*

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

also to: - Premier Alberta, Edmonton  
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AUSTIN C TAYLOR

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REFERENCE TO THE GENTLEMAN YOU SPOKE OF I HAVE DISCUSSED THE MATTER  
WITH THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE HE SUGGESTS THAT MEAD REPORT TO  
COMMISSIONER AND GET AN ORDER FROM THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE THIS WOULD  
PERMIT IMMEDIATE ACTION AND THERE WOULD BE NO ADJUDICATION ON THE CASE  
FOR 3 OR 4 MONTHS WHICH WOULD ANSWER THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS

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A MACNAMARA ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER

*A. MacNamara*

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister  
*per M. H.*

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,  
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A MACNAMARA  
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR  
OTTAWA ONT

RE JAPANESE REQUIRED FOR CAMPS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA ONTARIO ETC STOP  
TO AVOID CONFUSION THIS COMMISSION WILL BE GLAD IF YOU WILL PLEASE WIRE  
SUCH REQUESTS DIRECT TO CHAIRMAN BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION  
ALSO GIVING DATES REQUIRED STOP IF POSSIBLE THREE CLEAR DAYS NOTICE WILL  
BE APPRECIATED ACKNOWLEDGE

AUSTIN C TAYLOR

STRAIGHT WIRE

*A. MacNamara*

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister  
*per M. M.*

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VIA AIRMAIL

Dear Major Taylor:

I sent you copy of our wire to Mr. Bracken yesterday and I now attach copy of his reply which, I take it, means that you have the "green light" to go ahead insofar as Manitoba is concerned.

If there is anything we can do through our Employment Office in Winnipeg in the matter of investigating housing conditions, etc., I will arrange to have any enquiries carried out for you on receipt of advice.

In the meantime I have wired our Mr. Darracott in Winnipeg to get in touch with Mr. Aiken and see if he can be of any assistance. Mr. Darracott is manager of our regional office in Winnipeg.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
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Associate Deputy Minister  
*per m. n.*

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Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,  
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Winnipeg, Man. March 25, 1942

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,  
Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ont.

WIRE YESTERDAYS DATE RE TRANSFERENCE JAPANESE FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA TO MANITOBA RECEIVED STOP SIMILAR REQUEST MADE SIX WEEKS AGO BY YOUR GOVERNMENT AND APPROVED BY US STOP THAT PROPOSAL NOT PROCEEDED WITH BY DECISION BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES STOP OUR POLICY REMAINS THE SAME AS IT WAS THEN STOP IF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN NATIONAL INTEREST IN WARTIME DECIDES IT IS NECESSARY TO REMOVE JAPANESE FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA THAT POLICY CAN ONLY BE CARRIED OUT IF THESE PEOPLE ARE PLACED IN SOME OTHER PROVINCE OR PROVINCES STOP MANITOBA GOVERNMENTS POSITION HAS BEEN AND IS TO OFFER FULLEST COOPERATION TO DOMINION IN ITS WAR PLANS STOP AS APPLIED TO THIS SPECIFIC REQUEST MANITOBA GOVERNMENT WILL NOT OPPOSE PRESENT PROPOSAL PROVIDING DOMINION GOVERNMENT ASSUMES FULL FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDING PROTECTION AGAINST POSSIBLE SABOTAGE AND PROVIDING ALSO THAT IT IS AGREED THAT SUCH JAPANESE AS ARE BROUGHT HERE SHALL BE REMOVED WHEN EMERGENCY IS OVER STOP SINCE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED UPON THIS PROCEDURE AS A WAR MEASURE YOU MAY FEEL AT LIBERTY UNDER THE CONDITIONS SET OUT ABOVE TO PROCEED WITH SUCH ARRANGEMENTS AS ARE MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND ANY AGRICULTURAL OR OTHER INTERESTS IN MANITOBA WHICH MAY BE DISPOSED TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF JAPANESE WORKERS STOP IN THE CARRYING OUT OF YOUR POLICY IN THIS PROVINCE ANY COOPERATION ANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS CAN GIVE WILL BE GLADLY GIVEN.

JOHN BRACKEN.

also to: - Premier Aberhart, Edmonton  
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MAJOR AUSTIN TAYLOR 889

CHAIRMAN SECURITY COMMISSION VANBC

WE SAW BAKER AND COMMITTEE AND WERE ADVISED PREPARED TO TAKE FAMILIES  
STOP PROBABLY BE NECESSARY FOR YOU TO HAVE A MAN REMAIN ON JOB  
TO MAKE SURE ACCOMMODATION IS REASONABLE AND RATES FAIR

A MACNAMARA.

MOVING COULD BE PERMITTED WITHOUT ANY DANGER  
BE FORWARDED TO YOU AND REQUEST THAT YOU HAVE THE MATTER LOOKED  
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PAY FOR SAME STOP I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING THE CASES  
REFERRED TO YOU BY THE COMMISSION YOUR SYMPATHETIC CONSIDER-  
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A. MacNamara

Associate Deputy Minister of Labour

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VANCOUVER, March 17th, 1942

Premier John Bracken  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

IN THE CASE OF A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES THE BRITISH  
COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION IS FINDING THAT JAPANESE MALES  
ARE LOCATED WITHIN YOUR PROVINCE AND WIVES AND CHILDREN ARE  
ASKING THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THEM STOP I HAVE  
SUGGESTED TO MR. AUSTIN TAYLOR CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION THAT A  
SUMMARY OF EACH CASE WHICH SEEMS TO HAVE MERIT AND WHERE THE  
MOVING COULD BE PERMITTED WITHOUT ANY DANGER TO GENERAL WELFARE  
BE FORWARDED TO YOU AND REQUEST THAT YOU HAVE THE MATTER LOOKED  
INTO AND IF YOU SEE NO OBJECTION TO THE MOVEMENT TO WIRE YOUR  
CONSENT STOP IT IS UNDERSTOOD OF COURSE THAT SHOULD ANY OF  
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MINISTER OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

Ottawa, 16th March, 1942

Dear Major Taylor,-

This acknowledges your letter of March 14th, and I thank you most cordially for keeping me informed of the progress of events.

There can be no question that you are making good progress, because the volume of correspondence from the Coast has dropped off sharply. This is the surest indication that the public discontent has subsided. I am sure you will find the problem full of difficulties, but it is very gratifying to know that you are now getting results in a large way.

With kind regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Major Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
1130 Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

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A. MACNAMARA  
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
OTTAWA

WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AS TO WHO IS TO BUILD WORK CAMPS ON HIGHWAYS WHERE  
ROAD CONSTRUCTION USE OF JAPANESE EVACUEES

AUSTIN C TAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN B C SECURITY COMMISSION

March 13, 1942. *act 40*

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Protected area and the evacuation will be commenced within the next few days. This will gradually be extended as fast as we can find accommodation in which we can place these people outside the Protected area. We have as you know, met with much opposition from communities in British Columbia who do not wish to see these people settle among them. The Commission attempts to take into account local wishes as much as possible but, it cannot do so in all cases if it is to carry out the duties entrusted to it by the Government.

3. The Commission is working in close co-operation with Mr. McVety and he, I am sure, has been keeping you informed.

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March 11th,  
1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,  
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labour,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

BY AIRMAIL.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

1. I am sorry that I have been unable to reply to your letter of the 4th instant before now and the reason is due to the fact that we have been very much rushed and unfortunately for me, I caught a chill which placed me off duty for a few days.
2. We have arranged for a "Clearing Pool" in Vancouver which will take care of all persons, men, women and children evacuated from the Defence areas within the Protected area and the evacuation will be commenced within the next few days. This will gradually be extended as fast as we can find accommodation in which we can place these people outside the Protected area. We have as you know, met with much opposition from communities in British Columbia who do not wish to see these people settle among them. The Commission attempts to take into account local wishes as much as possible but, it cannot do so in all cases if it is to carry out the duties entrusted to it by the Government.
3. The Commission is working in close co-operation with Mr. McVety and he, I am sure, has been keeping you informed.

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4. The offer contained in the last paragraph of your letter of the 4th instant, is very much appreciated. Many of the Japanese from the Defence areas within the Protected area have already been removed and others have been warned by the Police to be prepared to leave at a moment's notice. As I previously stated in this memorandum, I expect that they will all be evacuated from the Defence areas within a very reasonable time, now that we have the facilities to take care of them in Vancouver.

Yours sincerely,

F.J. Mead, Member  
For the Commission.

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AUSTIN C TAYLOR  
CHAIRMAN B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION. VANCOUVER BC

YOUR WIRE IN REGARD TO ADDITIONAL PROJECTS ALL WORK CAMPS WILL BE  
OPERATED BY THE MINES AND RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UNLESS WE MAKE SPECIAL  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT STOP WE HAVE ACCOMMODATION  
FOR ONE HUNDRED MEN ON THE HOPE PRINCETON PROJECT AND ARE STILL NOT  
FILLED UP ON THE YELLOWHEAD PASS BLUE RIVER PROJECT STOP AM ENDEAVOURING  
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE C P R TO GIVE US SOME WORK CARS WHICH  
WILL ENABLE US TO MAKE A START ON THE TRANS CANADA HIGHWAY BETWEEN  
REVELSTOKE AND SICAMOUS STOP THINK IT IS ADVISABLE TO ADOPT THIS  
EXPEDIENT TO AVOID THE DELAY IN BUILDING CAMPS AND WHEN THE MEN ARE IN  
WORK CARS THEY CAN BUILD THE CAMPS.

A MACNAMARA

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AUSTIN C TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN B C SECURITY COMMISSION VANBC

W F RUSSELL SECRETARY ALBERTA SUGAR BEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION HAS WRITTEN INDICATING THAT THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR FOR ALBERTA IS NOT AVERSE TO USING JAPANESE FOR SUGAR BEET CULTIVATION IN ALBERTA STOP HE DOES ADD HOWEVER THAT THE WORK WOULD ONLY BE FROM MAY UNTIL NOVEMBER AND THAT THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO ORGANIZE AND CONTROL THESE MEN STOP I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR MEETING TODAY

A MACNAMARA

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AUSTIN C TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN BC SECURITY COMMISSION VANBC

IN REGARD TO DISCUSSIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PLACING WOMEN AND CHILDREN AT LUMBERTON THE POSITION THE GOVERNMENT TAKES IS THAT THE MATTER IS IN THE HANDS OF THE SECURITY COMMISSION AND IF THE COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT HOUSING WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN LUMBERTON IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED AND THAT ALL NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS CAN BE TAKEN AND WILL BE TAKEN THE COMMISSION SHOULD GO AHEAD AND MAKE THE MOVE STOP IT IS SUGGESTED THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES BE CONSULTED AS TO SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN AND THAT IT BE SEEN TO BY THE RCMP THAT THESE PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN STOP THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE BELIEVES THAT THE SECURITY COMMISSION HAS AUTHORITY TO USE LUMBERTON EVEN THOUGH IT IS WITHIN THE PROTECTED AREA

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AUSTIN C TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN BC SECURITY COMMISSION VANBC

RETEL MARCH NINE TO ME IT IS THE FEELING HERE THAT MUCH OF  
THE OPPOSITION COULD BE OVERCOME IF YOUR COMMISSION POINTED OUT  
THAT THOSE WHO ARE SENT TO NEW LOCATIONS CAN BE AGAIN MOVED  
BY THE COMMISSION AT ANY TIME THAT IN ADDITION THEY CANNOT ACQUIRE  
PROPERTY OR LEASES AND THAT IN THE MAIN THOSE SENT TO THE COMMUNITIES  
IN THE INTERIOR OF BC WILL BE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND THAT THE MALE  
ADULTS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR IN WORK CAMPS STOP IN REGARD TO FARM  
PLACEMENT WILL YOU PLEASE SEE MY LETTER OF FEBRUARY TWELVE TO HONOURABLE  
MR PEARSON AND IF YOUR COMMISSION BELIEVES THERE IS MERIT IN THE  
PLAN IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU MAKE THE PROPOSAL TO THE PREMIERS OF  
BC ALBERTA SASKATCHEWAN AND MANITOBA STOP THE GENERAL FEELING OF  
THE CABINET IS THAT YOUR COMMISSION SHOULD COME TO A CONCLUSION  
AS TO THE BEST PLACE TO MOVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WITHIN BC AND  
MOVE THEM THERE STOP I HAVE WIRED YOU SEPARATELY IN REGARD TO  
LUMBERTON

A MACNAMARA

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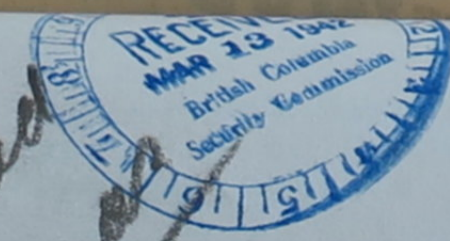
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Ottawa, March 9, 1942

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*Quaid  
Shumaker*

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Copy of Colonel Ralston's letter to the Honourable Mr. Mitchell is attached for you information.

I mentioned this to you in our telephone conversation of date.

Yours very truly,

*Comm. Prime  
note the point  
of time - JMC*

*A MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Mr. Austin C. Taylor,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
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Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Colleague:

With reference to our telephone conversation yesterday when you asked me to utilize the facilities of this Department to expropriate for a limited period of four months two buildings in the exhibition grounds at Vancouver, British Columbia, as accommodation for personnel of Japanese origin:

I have instructed the Read Estate Adviser of this Department -

- (a) to ascertain from Mr. Austin Taylor, Chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission, particulars as to the buildings required;
- (b) to proceed immediately with whatever steps may be necessary to complete expropriation on behalf of the Crown of the premises concerned for a limited period of four months;
- (c) to advise this Department as to what assistance may be required from the Engineering Services and what stores or equipment may be temporarily required from the Ordnance Services so that appropriate instructions may be issued from these Headquarters.

The matter is being dealt with as one of urgency. It is anticipated that possession will be obtained of the buildings probably today and that no time will be lost in providing the Engineering and Ordnance assistance referred to.

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It will be necessary to request the Department of Justice to appoint an agent in the matter. Necessary action to this end will be taken by the appropriate officers of this Department who will advise your Department as each step has been completed.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. L. Ralston

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Ottawa, March 9, 1942

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Copy of a wire from the Secretary, Kelowna Board of Trade which was sent to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, is attached for your information.

Yours very truly,

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Dep. Mr. Taylor:

Copy of a wire from the Secretary,  
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attached for your information.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*  
A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister.

Mr. Austin Taylor,  
Chairman,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Vancouver, B. C.

TAKE ONE OR MORE JAPANESE STOP HAVE WE YOUR MINISTERS APPROVAL TO PLACE

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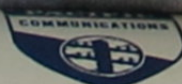
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RT HON W L MACKENZIE KING OTTAWA ONT

MASS MEETING OF 750 PERSONS REPRESENTING EVERY INTEREST IN OKANAGAN VALLEY FROM  
OLIBER TO ARMSTRONG UNANIMOUSLY PASSED FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS (1) WHEREAS INFIL-  
TRATION OF JAPANESE NATIONS AND CANADIAN BORN JAPANESE INTO THE OKANAGAN VALLEY  
BRITISH COLUMBIA IS ASSUMING ALARMING PROPORTIONS AND IF NOT FORTHWITH STOPPED  
WILL CREATE SERIOUS DEFENCE AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS IN THE VALLEY AND WHEREAS  
REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WITHOUT SUCCESS TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES BY  
VARIOUS GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REMEDYING THE SITUATION REFERRED  
TO NOW THEREFORE THIS MEETING REPRESENTATIVE OF URBAN AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS  
THROUGHOUT THE OKANAGAN VALLEY AND EXPRESSING THE UNITED DETERMINATION OF ALL  
SECTIONS AND INTERESTS IN THE VALLEY THAT ITS SAFETY AND OUR STANDARD AND WAY  
OF LIVING MUST BE MAINTAINED RESOLVES THAT STRONG REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION DEPLORING AND  
PROTESTING AGAINST THE APATHY OF THE AUTHORITIES TOWARD THE DANGERS WHICH CONFRONT  
THIS VALLEY AND URGING THAT THE OKANAGAN VALLEY BE FORTHWITH DECLARED TO BE A  
PROTECTED AREA AND THAT IT BE PROVIDED THAT NO FURTHER PERSONS OF THE JAPANESE  
RACE BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE OKANAGAN VALLEY (2) RESOLVED THAT ALL JAPANESE

AT RAYMOND ALBERTA FIVE HUNDRED HOUSES AVAILABLE HAVING MEETING TOMORROW WITH  
REPRESENTATIVES ALBERTA BEET GROWERS ASSOCIATION AND AM HOPING THEY WILL BE  
PREPARED TO TAKE FIVE HUNDRED FAMILIES PROVIDING WE AGREE THAT THEY WILL BE  
EVACUATED AFTER DURATION AND IF JAPANESE REFUSE TO EVACUATE VOLUNTARILY THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE POLICE WILL EVACUATE THEM STOP WILL ADVISE FURTHER  
REGARDING THIS AFTER TOMORROWS MEETING STOP COLONEL HILL RCMP IS WIRING  
COMMISSIONER WOOD OTTAWA AS TO HIS OPINION REGARDING LUMBERTON WHICH MAY BE  
OF HELP IN FURTHERING OUR EFFORTS STOP LUMBERTON IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR  
PROGRAMME ESPECIALLY AS TO TIME AND ECONOMICS OF THIS COMMISSION STOP HAVE  
FEW REQUESTS FROM FARMERS IN MANITOBA SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA AGREEING TO  
TAKE ONE OR MORE JAPANESE STOP HAVE WE YOUR MINISTERS APPROVAL TO PLACE

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A MACNAMARA  
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR  
OTTAWA ONT

REFERRING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION THIS MORNING UNLESS WE OVERRIDE MOST  
OF OBJECTIONS WE ARE RECEIVING FROM DISTRICTS TO WHERE IT IS POSSIBLE TO  
EVACUATE JAPANESE WE WILL IN SHORT PERIOD OF TIME BE FACED WITH VERY SERIOUS  
CONDITION STOP AM RECEIVING RESOLUTIONS FROM BOARDS OF TRADE CHAMBERS OF  
COMMERCE JUNIOR BOARDS OF TRADE ETC FROM ALL POINTS IN WEST STOP WE FEEL  
THESE MUST BE OVERRIDDEN AND AM PREPARED TO DO SO UNLESS WE HEAR FROM YOU  
TO CONTRARY STOP IN OUR OPINION NECESSARY OTTAWA MAKE IT MANDATORY FOR  
ACCEPTANCE TO ANY PART OF CANADA NOT WITHIN RESTRICTED AREA OF JAPANESE OR  
MAKE IT MANDATORY THAT EACH PROVINCE TAKE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF JAPANESE STOP  
AT REYMOND ALBERTA FIVE HUNDRED HOUSES AVAILABLE HAVING MEETING TOMORROW WITH  
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JAPANESE ON FARMS IN THESE AREAS ON UNDERSTANDING THEY REPORT REGULARLY  
AND HAVE WE APPROVAL TO FURTHER THIS POSSIBILITY IN PLACING MORE JAPANESE  
ON FARMS BY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME IN THREE WESTERN PROVINCES CONSIDERABLE  
NUMBER MIGHT BE ABSORBED THROUGH THIS CHANNEL

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CHAIRMAN BC SECURITY COMMISSION VANBC

RETEL TO MINISTER ON QUESTION OF SUPERVISING FEEDING IN THE  
TEMPORARY BUILDINGS I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE MINISTER AND  
WE ARE INCLINED TO THE VIEW THAT THE PROVINCIAL RELIEF DEPARTMENT  
COULD BEST ORGANIZE THIS UNDER MR. GRIFFITHS SUPERVISION STOP IF  
THIS IS AGREEABLE TO MR PEARSON IT MIGHT SAVE YOUR COMMISSION AND  
OUR LABOUR DEPARTMENT THE NECESSITY OF BUILDING UP A TEMPORARY  
STAFF STOP ACCORDINGLY I AM WIRING MR. GRIFFITH TO ASCERTAIN IF THIS  
WOULD BE FEASIBLE

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BY AIRMAIL

Dear Commissioner Mead:

The Honourable Minister of National Defence has forwarded to our Minister copies of correspondence left with him by Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P.

The file is sent you herewith including copy of Colonel Ralston's letter.

It does occur to me and it is quite probable that you have already done so, that it is most essential to remove Japanese from certain areas such as in the vicinity of airports; gun emplacements; ammunition dumps, etc.

The Honourable Minister has asked that I convey the suggestion to the Commission that the senior officers of the three services be contacted in order that the matter of removal from these particularly dangerous areas will receive special attention.

I am sending the correspondence to you because I heard through Mr. McVety yesterday that Mr. Austin Taylor was laid up with a cold.

If there is anything this Department can do, it will be glad to do it and in order that I may be able to adequately reply to Honourable Col. Ralston, I would appreciate it if you would advise me as to the situation.

Yours very truly,

*A. MacNamara*

A. MacNamara  
Associate Deputy Minister  
*per. Mr. W.*

Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead,  
c/o Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Vancouver, B. C.

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Ottawa, February 28, 1942  
Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, P.C., M.P.,  
Minister of Labour,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Colleague:

Herewith copy of correspondence left with me by  
Mr. A. W. Neill, M.P., respecting various points to which  
attention should be given in regard to removal of Japanese.

He is pointing out particularly different locations  
and different situations which are in the public mind and re-  
garding which I would urge that every precaution be taken to  
make the removal just as complete and as instant as possible. If  
situations of that kind are dealt with promptly people will realize  
that the action taken is in dead earnest.

For your assistance, I enclose a short abstract  
which I had prepared of the correspondence. It will help you  
to get at the points quickly.

Apart from the particular situations mentioned in  
the enclosed correspondence, I would suggest that those who are  
dealing with the matter on the ground be specifically directed  
to get in touch with the senior officers of the three services  
and ascertain from them particularly regarding any locations  
which are near to aerodromes, coast defence or other military  
establishments, naval bases, etc., so that these points may  
have special and urgent attention.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) J. L. Ralston.

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REQUESTED MCVETY TO SHOW YOU MY CONFIDENTIAL LETTER FEBRUARY 27TH  
AND AFTER YOU HAVE GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION TO SUBJECT MATTER  
WOULD VALUE BENEFIT YOUR ADVICE STOP AM PERSONALLY SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS  
AS TO VALUE AND INDEED THAT PLAN MIGHT EVENTUALLY PROVE  
HANDICAP IN MAKING PLACEMENTS LATER ON IN ORDINARY EMPLOYMENT

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*Read to Mckely  
on phone as instructed  
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WEEK FOR TOTAL OF 1200 JAPANESE NATIONALS ON PROJECT/STOP THIS WILL ENABLE OF RAPID PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION  
OF CAMPS FOR TOTAL 2500 MEN/STOP HOPE PRINCETON PROJECT CAMPS  
BEING REPAIRED AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO START MOVEMENT TO THAT  
JOB WITHIN WEEK OR TEN DAYS

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RETEL FEBRUARY 28TH THROUGH HON MACKENZIE RELATIVE TO NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH OTHER PROVINCES WE ARE ENDEAVOURING TO CLEAR AWAY OBJECTIONS OF  
HUDSON BAY MINING AND SMELTING COMPANY RELATIVE TO MANITOBA/STOP HON  
MR CRERAR MEETING MR GREEN TODAY/STOP IF SUCCESSFUL WILL HAVE PLACEMENT  
FOR FIVE HUNDRED ON PAS NORTH HIGHWAY/STOP ONTARIO CABINET OBJECTED  
AND HAVE ASKED RECONSIDERATION BECAUSE THEY HAVE CAMPS AT SCRIBER  
FOR 300 MEN ON TRANSCANADA/STOP EXPECT CARS TO BE PLACED THIS  
WEEK FOR TOTAL OF 1260 JAPANESE NATIONALS ON YELLOWHEAD BLUERIVER  
PROJECT/STOP THIS WILL ENABLE OF RAPID PROGRESS ON CONSTRUCTION  
OF CAMPS FOR TOTAL 2500 MEN/STOP HOPE PRINCETON PROJECT CAMPS  
BEING REPAIRED AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO START MOVEMENT TO THAT  
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