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MEMORANDUM

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September 18th, 1943.

To:

The Secretary,
Cabinet War Committee.

Re: British Columbia Security Commission
Order No. 1 (New Series) entitled
Travel of Japanese in Canada, dated
30th July, 1943.

1. The Defence Council at a meeting held on 17th September, 1943, decided to recommend an amendment to the above Order. A copy of the Order in its present form is attached.
2. The amendment which is recommended by the Defence Council on the recommendation of the Chiefs of Staff is to delete paragraph (2) sub-paragraph (d) and to substitute therefor the following:

"(d) travel for any purpose whatsoever, in British Columbia, a distance of more than five (5) miles from their place of residence".
3. The Joint Service Committee, Pacific Coast, is of the opinion, and the Chiefs of Staff concur, that the Order as drafted gives potentially dangerous freedom of movement to persons of the Japanese race outside the protected area of British Columbia and adds greatly to the responsibilities of the Armed Forces, particularly in respect to security of the communications with the Pacific Coast.

(H. A. Dyde) Colonel,
Secretary, Defence Council.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

ORDER NO. 1 (New Series)

Travel of Japanese in Canada

(Replacing Order No. 36 of the B.C. Security Commission dated August 25th, 1942, and Regulations governing Travel Permits dated March 31st, 1943.)

- (1) This Order shall be deemed to be in effect on and after August 1st, 1943, and shall apply to all persons of the Japanese race resident in Canada, and is made pursuant to Section 3 (viii) of Order-in-Council P.C.946 of February 3rd, 1943.
- (2) All persons of the Japanese race must obtain a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Travel Permit prior to:
 - (a) entering for any purpose whatsoever, a Protected Area anywhere in Canada,
 - (b) crossing any Provincial boundaries within Canada,
 - (c) a change of residence, which shall be interpreted as taking place when any person moves himself or herself and/or their dependents to a new place of residence,
 - (d) travel for any purpose whatsoever, in British Columbia a distance of more than fifty (50) miles from their place of residence or for a period of over thirty (30) days.
- (3) Subject to the foregoing regulations, a person of the Japanese race resident outside of British Columbia may travel upon visits of a temporary nature up to a period of thirty (30) days duration without obtaining a Royal Canadian Mounted Police Permit.
- (4) Persons of the Japanese race who contravene or omit to comply with the terms of this Order concerning Travel Permits shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on Summary Conviction to a Fine not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or to Imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve (12) months, or to both such Fine and such Imprisonment.

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(Sgd.) Geo. Collins
GEORGE E. COLLINS,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour.

APPROVED:

DATE: July 30, 1943

(Sgd.) Humphrey Mitchell
The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell
Minister of Labour