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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.
June 3rd, 1958.

Evac. #8638

MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
O T T A W A.

Re: Masso SATO - Your file 4606-V-13-40.

I acknowledge receipt of your memorandum of the 14th ultimo, with enclosures as referred to therein.

According to our records, Mr. Sato was the owner of a small farm of nine acres which was sold to the Veterans Land Act for $514.00. We have a valuation on file, dated July 28th, 1942, stating that this property is worth $524.50. Mr. Sato's chattels were sold for $70.00.

We paid four claims which had been filed against Mr. Sato, for the following amounts: $240.00, $6.47, $100.00 and $48.00. The balance of Mr. Sato's account, amounting to $129.81, was released to him on April 25th, 1945.

Mr. Sato was repatriated to Japan in 1946, and the Treasury Department advanced $400.00 to Mr. Sato on his repatriation which has not been repaid.

The Bird Commission appointed by Order-in-Council P.C. 1810 of July 18th, 1947, as amended by Orders-in-Council P.C. 3737 of September 17th, 1947 and P.C. 242 of January 22nd, 1948, was only authorized to inquire into claims of persons of the Japanese race who were resident in Canada on the date of the first Order-in-Council, i.e., July 18th, 1947.

I trust that with the above information, the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo will be in a position to reply to Mr. Sato.

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K.W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
SECRÉTARIAT D'ÉTAT

MEMORANDUM

FILE No.
No DE DOSSIER Evac. #8638

DATE May 30, 1958.

FROM
DE THE CHAIRMAN, ADMINISTRATION BOARD TO
À MR. CEAPPY

RE: Masso Sato

The following is an excerpt from the Minutes of Meeting of the Administration Board, Thursday, May 29, 1958.

PRESENT: Messrs. Wright, Robitaille and Serre.

Memorandum from Mr. Ceappy dated May 29, 1958, also copy of Letter No. 399, dated May 1, 1958, from The Canadian Embassy, Tokyo, Japan, addressed to The Under Secretary of State, for External Affairs, Ottawa, were read.

It was agreed that Mr. Ceappy should prepare a ~~draft~~ letter to the Department of External Affairs for the Chairman's signature outlining the facts.

In addition to the information in Mr. Ceappy's memorandum, it should also be pointed out that the Bird Commission appointed by Order in Council P.C. 1810 of July 18th, 1947 as amended by Orders in Council P.C. 3737 of September 17, 1947 and P.C. 242 of January 22nd, 1948 was only authorized to inquire into claims of persons of the Japanese race who were resident in Canada on the date of the first Order in Council, i.e. July 18, 1947.

I attach the above numbered file for your information and necessary action.

K. W. Wright.

OJC/AD

OTTAWA, May 29th, 1958.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BOARD

Re Masso SATO - Evac. #8638

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated May 1st, 1958, from the Canadian Embassy, Tokyo, which we have received from the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Sato was the owner of a small farm of nine acres, which was sold to the Veterans Land Act for $514.00. This property was assessed at $1,016.00. There is a valuation on file of $524.50, dated July 28th, 1942. Mr. Sato's chattels were sold for $70.00.

We paid four claims which had been filed against Mr. Sato, for the following amounts: $240.00, $6.47, $100.00 and $48.00. The balance of Mr. Sato's account amounting to $129.81 was released to him on April 25th, 1945.

Mr. Sato was repatriated in 1946 and the Treasury Department advanced $400.00 to Mr. Sato on his repatriation, which has not been repaid.

The dead line for filing claims with the Bird Commission was January 15th, 1948, which was later extended if there were extenuating circumstances. The Bird Commission completed its work in 1950.

I would recommend that we inform the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo, of the above facts in order that they may reply to Mr. Sato.

O.J. Ceappy,
Administrative Officer.

REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

Our file: 4606-C-13-40

Ottawa, May 14, 1958

The Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Secretary of State,
O t t a w a.

Attention: Office of the Custodian

I am attaching a copy of letter No. 399 of May 1, 1958, from the Canadian Embassy, Tokyo, with photostatic copies of the enclosures thereto, concerning a claim by a Mr. Masao Sato for compensation in respect of assets sequestrated by the Canadian Custodian.

Would you please let me know the nature of the reply which should be sent to Mr. Sato.

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs

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Embassy

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DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, CANADA. (DUPLICATE)

NUMBERED LETTER

E UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, CANADA.

ROM: ....The Canadian Embassy,
.....Tokyo, Japan

Reference:

Subject:...Release of Japanese Assets.

Security:...UNCLASSIFIED

No:.....399

Date:....May 1, 1958

Enclosures:

Air or Surface Mail:..Air

Post File No:....5-6-1-2

Ottawa File No.

References

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Mr. Masao SATO, residing at No. 17, Wakabayashi, Ishimori, Nakata-cho, Toyome-gun, Miyagi-ken has written to us requesting that compensation be paid to him by the Canadian Government for the confiscation of the property he owned in Canada at the outbreak of the Pacific War.

2. Mr. Sato states that he had resided in Canada for 26 years, and was engaged in agricultural work at R. R. No. 1, Gibson Road, New Westminster, when the War broke out. He further states that he was moved to Slocan City, B. C. in June, 1941; left Canada in June, 1946 on board the S.S. MEIGS and arrived in Japan on the 28th of the same month.

3. We attach for the Custodian's information documents relating to this case which Mr. Sato has sent us for our information.

4. We should be grateful if you would ask the Custodian to look into this matter and advise us what sort of reply we should make to Mr. Sato. As the attached documents are Mr. Sato's property we should appreciate your returning them to him through us in due course.

G. CHOQUETTE

Embassy

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Report to Custodian

A

~~Thomas Sato~~ Sex ~~Male~~ Married ~~yes~~ - - - -

~~pation Farmer~~ -- Employer - - - - - - - - - -

Name of husband or wife ~~wife~~ -- Address ~~R.R. 1 Mt Lehmann~~ B.C.

F

Name and ages of living children ~~Keiko Sato~~ - 15 - -
~~Keiko Sato~~ 13 - - ~~Kaneko Sato~~ 9 - - ~~Yuriko Sato~~ 5
- - ~~Tsuneo Sato~~ - 3 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
- -

Address of children ~~R.R. 1 Mt Lehmann~~ B.C. - - -

Statement of Real property (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)
- Lot - 69 - and Pc, - D.L. - 440, - Group 2. - - - - -
- -

Building and improvements - 20 x 48 dwelling - -
- 1 rooms, - - ~~woodshed~~ - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
- -
- -

Insurance (give particulars; state where policies are)
- -

Taxes (amount and where payable) - - $12.29 -
- - - - - Leaser - Municipal Hall - - - - - - - - -

Encumbrances (including any unregistered claim or deposit of title deed) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
- -

Occupancy and lease (If vacant so state)
- -

State whereabouts of title document - - - - - - - - -

State if any other persons has any interest - - - - -
- -

If farm land state crop grown strawberry 2 acre,
black currant 1 acre, - - 9 apple trees - 2 cherry tree
2 pear tree, 2 plum tree, - 2 grape. - - - -

Statement of Personal property owned
1. Give brief description and state location of furniture fixtures, equipment, machinery, stock in trade [illegible]

chairs, 4 tables, 2 China Cabinet
6 dressers, 5 beds, 2 sofa, 1 gramaphone
1 Kitchen stove, 1 heater, 2 coat closet
4 flower stand.

4 muddigger, 2 picks, 1 hand cultivator
6 shovels, 3 bars, 4 manure forks,
2 rake, 6 china grate, 1 wheel barrel
2 cross cut saw, 5 axes, 2 big hammers.

..., livestock and other animals, poultry and pet

3/ Give name and address of any person having any interest, or claim on any such property

4/ Insurance carried on above property

5/ Mortgages, liens and other claims on property in possession of others.

6/ Money owing to you (state if any of those debts assigned, and if so to whom).

7/ Bonds, debentures, shares stocks or other securities War Savings.

8/ Bank account.

9/ Life insurance

10/ Interest in any estate or trust.

11/ Safety deposit box.

Liabilities

1 Personal debts

2 Trade debts.

Remarks

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in B.C. and set forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this day of 1942

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 8638

July 16, 1942.

Mr. Masao SATO, #08661,
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels, R. R. #1, Gibson Rd.,
New Westminster, B.C.

Enclosed please find list in duplicate of chattels found by our agent when he investigated your premises recently. Would you kindly confirm this list, if correct, by signing your name where indicated and returning to this office in the enclosed envelope.

Would you also indicate on the list whether these chattels are for the use of the tenant during the period of leasehold.

We note that your declaration to the Custodian dated May 7, included carpenter tools, 6 shovels and 2 crow bars in addition. We presume that you have made some disposition of these particular articles. Kindly state if this is correct.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Manager, Protection Department.

AGM:AS
encl.

Slocan City, B.C.
July 20, 1942

Dear Sir.

We have brought the carpenter tools but left the 6 shovels and the 2 crow bars. Besides the kitchen chairs we have left 8 other chairs

File No. 8638

Name: SATO, Masao

Address: Gibson Rd., New Westminster, B. C.

Reg. No: 08661

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PERPERTY

IN HOUSE

1 heater
4 chests of drawers
34 beds
2 linoleum rugs
2 tables (small) and 3 big tables
1 bureau
2 wardrobes
1 mantle clock
1 dresser
1 gramophone
1 bed couch
1 kitchen range
2 kitchen chairs
2 kitchen cabinets
1 China cabinet
1 high chair
cooking utensils (few)
1 cooler
8 Chairs.
6 Shovels.

2 cross-cut saws
3 mattocks
1 pick
1 pickaroon
2 sledge hammers
1 hand cultivator
1 bdle. of garden tools
1 crow bar
1 lantern

IN SHED (Being used)

1 bed
1 air-tite heater
1 wheelbarrow
2 kitchen chairs
1 suitcase (old, empty)

IN ROOT HOUSE

3 water barrels (steel)
2 wooden barrels

Confirmed:

DATE: July 20 1942

Signed: Masao Sato

A.M.