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House - Rent - Hon Cairine Wilson

THE SENATE

CANADA

Ottawa, 13th December, 1941.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
46 Elgin Street,
O t t a w a.

Attention:_ Mr. A._H. Mathieu

Dear Sir,

As Mr. Mitchell has advised you, endeavours have been made, without success, over the last five months to collect the rent on my house at 192 Daly Avenue, which has been rented to the Japanese Minister at a monthly rental of $260. As at December 1, arrears totalled $1,040 and the current month's rent became due and payable making a total of $1,300 payable as of that date.

The rent account has been submitted on the 1st of every month, and the matter has been discussed with one of the secretaries on several occasions.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will advise me if there are any further steps which I can take in order to protect myself in this regard.

Yours very truly,

David A. Dilworth

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 5th, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M

Madam,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 13th advising that as at December 1st there was a total renting amounting to $1,300.00 due you for the house at 192 Daly Avenue, now occupied by the Japanese Minister.

Your letter is being placed on file for whatever action may be possible in the future, and in the meantime I wish to assure you that as soon as definite arrangements can be made for a protecting power to take charge of Japanese affairs in Canada your claim will be submitted for payment in due course.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

The Hon. Cairine Wilson,
The Senate,
OTTAWA.

THE SENATE

CANADA

Ottawa, 18th March, 1942.

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The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
O t t a w a.

Attention: Mr. A. H. Mathieu

Dear Sir,

On December 13, 1941, I wrote to you regarding my house at 192 Daly Avenue, which was then and is still occupied by the Japanese Minister. On January 5, 1942, you replied that as soon as definite arrangements could be made for a protecting power to take care of Japanese affairs in Canada, my claim would be submitted for payment.

I understand that the Argentine Republic has now assumed the responsibility of the protecting power and I should like to know if my claims are being considered.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities, I had received no rental payments for a period of five months - for which the account was then rendered. This is a very unsatisfactory state of affairs, for in addition to the loss of revenue I am paying taxes on the property and also have paid substantial sums for repairs. There are now so many persons in the house that I fear the wear on everything will be increased considerably and the chances of sale lessened. Under the circumstances, I must reserve the right to sell, should an advantageous opportunity present itself.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Carrie R. Wilson

Miss Morris
Japanese Legation file.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

GREAT NORTH WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY
CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY
GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC TELEGRAPH CO.

Ottawa, Ontario,
12th December, 1941.

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The Accountant,
The Japanese Legation,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you herewith statement, by months, of our telegraph and messenger service accounts totalling $3,234.58, outstanding for the months of August, September, October, November, and December to date, details of which have already been sent you.

We have received repeated promises from you that these accounts would be paid. Will you please give them the necessary attention now, and have a cheque forwarded me.

Yours very truly,

B/S.

Manager.

Mr Mathieu-
As per your suggestion the above was delivered by hand and signature secured this AM. This for your information.

F D Boomer

CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

...OULD BE DRAWN TO THE ORDER OF THE CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS.
...IT WAS EXTENDED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE AND YOU ARE RESPECTFULLY
...ED TO MAKE YOUR REMITTANCE PROMPTLY.

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...ÉDIT VOUS EST ACCORDÉ POUR VOTRE COMMODITÉ ET VOUS ÊTES RESPECTUEUSE-
...T PRIÉ D'ACQUITTER CE COMPTE SANS RETARD.

JAPANESE LEGATION,
VICTORIA,BLDG.,
OTTAWA ONT.

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PLEASE DETACH THIS STUB AND MAIL WITH CHEQUE CARE OF LOCAL MANAGER OTTAWA ONT.
VEUILLEZ DÉTACHER CE TALON ET LE RETOURNER AVEC CHÈQUE AU GÉRANT LOCAL.

YOUR CANCELLED CHEQUE IS A RECEIPT. RECEIPTED BILL WILL BE SENT ONLY ON REQUEST.
VOTRE CHÈQUE ENDOSSÉ PAR NOUS EST UN REÇU. UN REÇU NE SERA ADRESSÉ QUE SUR DEMANDE.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CHECKING IT IS SUGGESTED THAT COPIES OF ALL YOUR TELEGRAMS BE KEPT IN DATE ORDER.
AFIN DE FACILITER LA VÉRIFICATION-VEUILLEZ CLASSER VOS COPIES DE TÉLÉGRAMMES PAR ORDRE CHRONOLOGIQUE.

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December 27th, 1941.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 24th, concerning your Japanese Legation account, and to inform you that the matter has been referred to the Custodian. With reference to the second paragraph of your letter, it is unlikely that any further messages will go forward from this Legation, but should it be necessary (in which case they will, of course, be authorized by this Department and will not go forward without such authorization) it would be appreciated if you would extend further credit in the circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

F.D. Boomer, Esq.,
Manager,
Canadian National Telegraphs,
OTTAWA.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAPHS

Ottawa, Ontario,
24th December, 1941.

Under Secretary of State for External Affairs,
East Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

The Japanese Legation are indebted to this company for telegraph tolls incurred during the past four months to the amount of $3,290.71. Included in this amount are the tolls on some three or four messages which have been turned over to us by the Chief Censor, after having been authorized by your department, and against this amount we have just recently received a credit for $111.24 covering a cable, the tolls on which have been paid into our Toronto office.

Repeated promises have been made us that these accounts would be paid in full, but recently they advise that their assets are frozen, and that they have no means of getting further funds from their home office. Under the circumstances I trust you will protect us in the final disposition of their assets, and I would also appreciate your advising me as to whether further credit should be extended in the handling of future messages which might be authorized by yourselves and the Chief Censor.

Yours very truly,

F.D. Boomer
Manager.

F.D. Boomer, Esq.,
Manager,
Canadian National Telegraphs,
OTTAWA.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

CHAS. D. COWIE
TREASURER
H. G. FOREMAN
GEO. S. COWIE
E. FLEMING
ASSISTANT TREASURERS
H. C. CARRINGTON
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

OUR FILE No. 12-262

MONTREAL, QUE. January 9th, 1942

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Custodian of Enemy Property,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We have received advice from the Under - Secretary of State for External Affairs, under date of the 27th ultimo, that he has referred to you the question of our outstanding telegraph account, aggregating $3,179.47, against the Japanese Legation.

Would you be good enough to let me know if the information furnished to you by the above mentioned gentleman is all that you require or if it will be necessary for us to present a formal claim to you.

In addition to the above mentioned figure we are also outstanding an amount of $130.73 against the Japanese Consulate, Vancouver. I would appreciate having advice as to the prospects of early clearance being received covering our accounts against the Legation and Consulate.

Yours truly,

Chas. D. Cowie

Treasurer.

EJD/FH

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Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 14th, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M
Your File No. 12-262

Dear Sir,

Re: Japanese Legation

Replying to your letter of January 9th referring to your outstanding telegraph account aggregating $3,179.47, against the Japanese Legation in Ottawa, I wish to state that there will be no necessity to take further action at the moment as the account is now on file awaiting whatever action may be possible in the future for the settlement of same, as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made with the Legation.

It is noted also that you have an outstanding account against the Japanese Consulate in Vancouver amounting to $130.73. This will also be retained on file until all these accounts can be settled, which I trust will be in the near future.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

Chas. D. Cowie, Esq.,
Treasurer,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal, P.Q.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 27th, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of January 23rd, your file No. 12-262, relative to your Vancouver account against the Japanese Consulate for telegraph services, and note that your claim is now increased to the extent of $6.62, making a total of $137.35 for the Vancouver office.

Arrangements are now being made for the Spanish Government to take over the affairs of the Japanese Government in Canada, and a Vice Consul for Spain will arrive shortly in Vancouver. No doubt your claim will be paid in due course as I understand he will be prepared to pay all outstanding claims of the Vancouver office.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

Chas. D. Cowie, Esq.,
Treasurer,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal, P.Q.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

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OUR FILE No. 12-262

MONTREAL, QUE. January 30th, 1942.

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Mr. A. H. Mathieu,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:-

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the 27th instant wherein you advise that the affairs of the Japanese Government in Canada will be taken over by the Spanish Government and indicating that we can expect liquidation of our outstanding telegraph charges in Vancouver shortly.

I presume the same condition will apply to the Japanese Legation at Ottawa who are indebted to us to the extent of nearly $3,200.00 and that we can anticipate early liquidation of this account.

If you are able to furnish any definite data relative to the latter charges I will appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

Chas D Cowie

EJD:MJC

Treasurer

Can. Nat. Rlys. Claim

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, February 7th, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Sir,

Re: Japanese Legation

Replying to your letter of January 30th, your File No. 12-262, I wish to advise that the same condition as indicated in my letter of the 27th for the Vancouver Consulate would apply for the accounts due your Company by the Japanese Legation at Ottawa.

I would suggest, however, that you keep in touch with the Spanish Consul General at Montreal, as this official has not yet indicated that he had received any money for the payment of outstanding accounts. He might, therefore, give you an indication as to when your account will be paid.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

Chas. D. Cowie, Esq.,
Treasurer,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal, P.Q.

Can. Nat. Rlys. Claim

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PROOF OF DEBT

REGULATIONS RESPECTING TRADING WITH THE ENEMY - 1939

DOMINION OF CANADA)
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC)
TO WIT

IN THE MATTER OF JAPANESE LEGATION
JAPANESE CONSULATE

of OTTAWA, ONT.
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Debtor.

AND in the matter of the claim of the CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Creditor

I, S. H. May, of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, do solemnly declare:

(1) THAT I am General Accountant of the Canadian National Railways, the above mentioned Creditor, and am the duly authorized agent of said Creditor, and have a knowledge of all the circumstances connected with the debt hereinafter referred to:

(2) THAT the said Debtors were at the date of the declaration of war against Japan, i.e., the 7th day of December 1941, and still are, justly and truly indebted to the said Creditor in the sum of $3,316.64 as shown by the account hereto annexed and marked Exhibit "A" to this my declaration.

(3) THAT the said Creditor has not, nor has any person by its order to my knowledge or belief, for its use, had or received any manner of satisfaction or security whatsoever.

AND I MAKE this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the "Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the)
CITY OF MONTREAL, in the)
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, this)
day of February)
A.D. 1942.)

(Signed) S. H. May.
General Accountant.

Can. Nat. Rlys. Claims

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

Montreal, Que., February 9, 1942.

OUR FILE NO. 1500-6

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Custodian of Alien Property,
Dominion Government,
Ottawa, Ont.

Japanese Legation, Ottawa	- $3,179.39
Japanese Consulate, Vancouver	- 137.25
	$3,316.64

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto is our claim for the amount of $3,316.74, covering outstanding telegraph charges against the above mentioned offices.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of claim and address any communication in connection therewith to the undersigned.

Miss Morris
Japanese Legation

Yours truly,

General Accountant.

Can. Nat. Rlys. Claim

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, February 19th,1942.

Administration
FMM

Dear Sir,

Re: Japanese Legation, Ottawa,
Japanese Consulate, Vancouver

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 9th, your File No. 1500-6, enclosing your claim for $3,316.74 against the above named, also a copy of Proof of Debt.

It is hoped that a settlement of these debts will be made shortly and you will hear further from this office in due course.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

S. H. May, Esq.,
General Accountant,
Canadian National Railways,
Montreal, P.Q.

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The Wm. A. Cole Co., Ltd.

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★ Auctioneers
★ Real Estate Brokers
★ Licensed Bailiff and Valuators

HOPE CHAMBERS
63 SPARKS STREET
TELEPHONE 2-4835

OTTAWA, CANADA
January 14th. 1942.

Custodian of Enemy Proprty,
Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention Mr.Mathieu Japanese Legation

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to our conversation over the telephone I am again writing to you in order that you may have a record of my buying the contents of Mr. Kanaya's apartment in the Windsor Arms Apartment and also wishing to call to your attention that this furniture was purchased from Mr. Kanaya before our own country was at war with Japan and that I did give Mr. Kanaya permission to use the furniture until such time as he was leaving our country but since then of course we declared war on Japan and that was the reason I called your office as I did not wish to become involved with enemy aliens.

I might also ask you to advise our office here when these people will be leaving as I will at once take out there goods which I have bought also might I add that I have a bill of sale for these goods and that I did when I purchased them search for liens as our firm has dealt before with former attaches of the Japanese Legation so would you kindly advise us when we might be able to take over the goods.

Japanese Legation

Yours Very Truly,
The Wm. A. Cole Co. Ltd.,
Per. H.W. Loughlin

Y/HWL.

Wm A. Cole Claim

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 17th, 1942

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter of January 14th confirming our recent telephone conversation and in which you state you are again writing me. I may point out, however, that this is the first letter received from you and if you have already written since our telephone conversation please let me have a copy of your letter.

It is noted that you have purchased the personal furniture of Mr. Kanaya now being used by him in his Apartment, and I wish to confirm a statement made to you over the telephone that the purchase in question is quite in order. It is also noted that you are leaving the furniture in the apartment until Mr. Kanaya leaves the country. This is quite in order and when the apartment is vacated by him you will be advised. The date for the departure of the members of the Japanese Legation has not however been set and this may take some little time.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

The Wm. A. Cole Co.,Ltd.,
Hope Chambers,
63 Sparks St.,
OTTAWA.

41 A 1026 E-10. Ottawa, Feb. 20th, 1942.

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SECRET.

Mr. Laurent Beaudry,
Assistant Under-Secretary of
State for External Affairs,
Dept. of External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Beaudry:

1. Referring to our telephone conversation, as requested, I am forwarding copy of letter received from the Wm. A. Cole Co., Ltd., Ottawa.

2. The writer of this letter informed me over the telephone that he had purchased the furniture from Mr. Kanaya prior to the outbreak of hostilities with Japan; and, as Mr. Kanaya at that time had intended leaving Canada within a few weeks to assume another post, he had sought and been given permission to continue using the furniture until taking his departure. After the outbreak of war the Wm. A. Cole Co., Ltd., got in touch with the custodian of enemy property who, I was given to understand, had assured this firm their ownership of the furniture was perfectly valid.

3. In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the sale took place, the Wm. A. Cole Co. is naturally desirous of obtaining possession of the furniture or being paid rental for same by Mr. Kanaya; and the writer of the attached letter informed me that he wished permission to interview Mr. Kanaya at his apartment with a view to coming to some understanding on the subject. While there is no reason to doubt this statement, I would, nevertheless, draw your attention to the fact that the Wm. A. Cole Co. is a Licensed Bailiff and it is not impossible they may place the furniture under seizure, if they gain access to the apartment.

4. Would you please advise what action you wish us to take in this matter in order that we may reply to the Company in question.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) R.S.S. Wilson,
Detective Inspector,
for Officer Commanding,
"A" Division, R.C.M.Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Encl.
RSSW/M

Wm A. Cole Claim

Department of External Affairs

CANADA

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

OTTAWA, 23rd February, 1942.

SECRET

Dear Mr. Mathieu:-

I enclose herewith copies of a letter No. 41 A 1026 E-10 - C. 21-9 of the 20th February from Inspector R.S.S. Wilson, and of its enclosure, concerning the furniture sold by Mr. Kanaya, formerly of the Japanese Legation at Ottawa, to the Wm. A. Cole Company Limited.

I am wondering whether to avoid the occurrence of any unpleasant incident, which might arise if an attempt was made to seize the furniture, we should not advise the Wm. A. Cole Company Limited to take up the matter with the Consul General of Spain in charge of Japanese interests (Mr. P.E. Schwartz), Montreal.

I should be glad to have your views on this point at your early convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent Beaudry

Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A.H. Mathieu, Esquire,
Assistant Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
O t t a w a.

Yours very truly,

Japanese Minister - re Sale of Car

Department of External Affairs

CANADA

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

OTTAWA, 27th January, 1942.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:-

A few days ago, the Consul General of Spain (Mr. P.E. Schwartz) in charge of Japanese interests in Canada, enquired whether the Japanese Minister's motor car which is still in use, with our consent, for buying food and for other necessities might be sold. You may recall that I took up this question with you over the telephone and we agreed that permission to sell this motor car might be granted. It is understood, of course, that there are no debts on this car and that, in view of the fact that this car was imported, duty should be paid to the Department of National Revenue (Customs) on the appraised value of the car.

Before Mr. Schwartz left, I told him that permission to sell was granted and I understand he advised Mr. Yoshizawa.

The intention is that the car would be in use as stated above until he leaves.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Commissioner of Customs and to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent Beaudry

Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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A.H. Mathieu, Esquire,
Assistant Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
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EXTRACT FROM MR. BEAUDRY'S LETTER DATED JANUARY 29,1942,

"Dear Mr. Mathieu,

With reference to our conversations over the telephone last night and this morning concerning .....

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In other words, the basis is an understanding similar to that reached .....

Mr. Schwartz added that the Consul now wishes the automobile to be sent to the storage instead of being sold."

COPY

JAPANESE CONSULATE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

February 25th, 1942.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated February 16th and also to your previous correspondence I note with satisfaction that you have definitely been assured by the Custodian that we will only have to pay the rent until the day when the premises are vacated. However, our lease in question still remains unsettled due, apparently, to the inability of the Dominion Water and Power Bureau, the prospective tenant, to come to terms with the landlord concerning the cost of the office alterations. In the meantime the British Pacific Properties Ltd. are said to be insisting that we should pay the sum equivalent to six months' rental in order to get out and the Custodian's office here seems to be unable to prevail upon the Marine Building owners to allow us to clear the office goods.

Under such circumstances, will you please request the authorities concerned once again to see to it that the incoming tenant should speedily take over our lease and that we could get out of the premises with the payment of the rental as agreed upon by you and the Custodian? As I understand you have not yet received the funds which Mr. Yoshizawa asked of the Japanese Government, I am ready to pay the rental due out of my accounts here if you could expedite the matter at your early convenience.

I have, as Mr. Bernard probably have reported to you, stored the automobile at the Consolidated Motor Co. (1230 West Georgia St., Vancouver), but as no insurance company is willing to take the insurance policy in my own name, will you kindly arrange about the insurance against fire and theft and refer the bill to me if you have not received the funds?

There is no outstanding debt we have incurred here nor is there likely to be one in the near future except, of course, the balance of the rental for the office.

Please excuse the delay in answering your letter which was delivered to me only yesterday, and which had apparently been detained by the censor for some time.

Yours very sincerely,

I. Kawasaki

Consul of Japan

Hon. Pedro E. Schwartz,
The Spanish Consul-General
1155 Metcalfe St.,
Montreal, P.Q.

Department of External Affairs
Canada

5th March, 1942.

Please refer to
our File No. 2863-40C

Dear Mr. Scully:-

With reference to my letter of the 27th January concerning the question of sale of the motor car belonging to the Japanese Minister before he departs from Canada, I may say that the Japanese Minister wishes to learn how much duty will have to be paid on this car.

I should like to suggest that the officer concerned in your Department might get in touch with Inspector R.S.S. Wilson, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (telephone No. 3725),in order that the necessary arrangements might be made for the appraisal of the car with a view to determining the amount of duty to be paid.

Yours sincerely,

LAURENT BEAUDRY

Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

H.D. Scully, Esquire,
Commissioner of Customs,
Department of National Revenue,
O t t a w a.

Excerpt from letter from Mr. Beaudry, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, dated March 5,1942, re sale of auto.

As you are aware, we have agreed to permit the Japanese Minister to sell his 1940 model Cadillac, seven-passenger, which his chauffeur is still using. Mr. Kanaya has requested that I might ascertain the amount of duty to be paid to the Department of National Revenue (Customs). I am writing the Commissioner of Customs on this subject and enclose herewith a copy of my letter of today to him.

COPY File No. 4090-6

Commissioner of Customs
Canada

Ottawa, March 10th, 1942.

Dear Mr. Beaudry:-

I have your letter of March 5th, your reference No. 2863-40C, concerning the question of the sale of the motor car belonging to the Japanese Minister.

I am informed that some weeks ago the car was appraised by an Officer of the Port of Ottawa on instructions from the Collector, and that duty and taxes in the amount of $1,509.49 are properly applicable. Inspector R.S.S. Wilson of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has already been furnished with advice in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

Japanese Legation

(signed) H.D. SCULLY

Laurent Beaudry, Esq.,
Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Department of External Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Referred to: R.C.M.P.
Asst. Deputy Custodian

JER/MJS
May 14/42

NOTE FOR MR. BEAUDRY

Re: Sale of Japanese Minister's Car

1. In your memorandum of May 12, 1942, you raised the question of the sale of the Japanese Minister's car.

2. I have ascertained that this car did not belong to the Japanese Minister, but was the property of the Japanese Government, and it is, therefore, not a question of the individual's property, but it is a question of the property of the State.

3. I think that the proper course would be to facilitate the sale of the car. You would need to consult the Custodian with regard to the proceeds, but I should have thought that money of this sort might well be used to clear up the accounts of the Japanese Government in Canada. Normally, we would permit property of this sort to be stored and retained until after the war. If it is desirable to dispose of it now, it would seem to me to be sensible to permit the proceeds to be used for clearing up legation and consular debts.

4. I should think that the same principle could very properly be applied to such things as office furniture and furniture of the consulate in Vancouver.

J.E. READ

LB/LSTC
May 12,1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE LEGAL ADVISER

Question of sale of the Japanese Minister's car

Several weeks ago, Mr. P.E. Schwartz, Spanish Consul General in charge of Japanese interests, raised this question verbally and I told him that the sale would be permitted. While the question of the proceeds of the sale was not clearly determined, my recollection is that we would have been prepared to let Mr. Yoshizawa have the proceeds of the sale as subsistence money. It was understood, of course, that duty would be paid on the car and, upon ascertaining the amount of duty to be paid on the appraised value of the car, it appeared that the duty to be paid would amount to approximately $1500. I advised Mr. Schwartz of this amount of duty and he advised Mr. Yoshizawa who then changed his mind and decided to have the car sent to storage. Mr. Schwartz advised me accordingly.

Yesterday morning I heard through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that Colonel Edmund Newcombe who, I understand, had been dealing with certain Japanese matters in Ottawa - question of arrears of rent, etc., - was trying to sell the car and wanted to know whether, for the purpose of demonstration, we would permit the car to retain for a few days - about a fortnight - the license plate which we obtained some months ago in the name of our Department for Mr. Yoshizawa.

I telephoned Colonel Newcombe to enquire. He told me that, according to his view, there were three alternatives (a) send the car to storage for the duration; (c) try to sell the car, possibly to some Foreign Legation at Ottawa; (c) try and sell the car in the United States. He added that Mr. Schwartz was trying to get in touch with the Foreign Legations in Ottawa for the purpose of finding a purchaser.

I told Colonel Newcombe that, while I would see no objection to the sale of the car and possibly to the car retaining the plate for a few days for purposes of demonstration, I would have to find out what the competent authorities would decide about the proceeds of the sale at this stage. I added that I could not commit myself to anything at this stage without consulting the authorities.

I spoke to the Assistant Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property of this matter. He takes the view that the question of sale is one for our Department to determine. As regards the proceeds of the sale, he seems inclined to think that they should go to the Custodian, to the credit of the Japanese Government.

I should be grateful if you would advise me of your views on this matter.

L.B.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, June 1st, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Mr. Beaudry,

On my return to the office I find your letter of May 15th on the question of the sale of the motor car of Mr. S. Yoshizawa, formerly Japanese Minister to Canada.

I note Mr. J. E. Read's opinion in reply to your memorandum and I believe this would be the best solution of the whole question.

However, in view of the delay in settling all Japanese claims throughout Canada, I think the proceeds from a sale of this car, if sold, should be blocked, in case it is found necessary to utilize these funds to pay outstanding claims, payment of which has already been guaranteed by the Custodian on the strength of the guarantee given by Mr. Schwartz.

Yours sincerely,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

Laurent Beaudry, Esq.,
Assistant Under-Secretary of State
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Department of External Affairs

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

OTTAWA, 11th June, 1942.

BY HAND

Dear Mr. Mathieu:-

With reference to your letter of the 1st June on the question of the sale of the motor car of Mr. S. Yoshizawa, formerly Japanese Minister to Canada, I may say that we concur in the view that the proceeds from the sale of the car should be blocked as stated in your letter.

I may say, for your information, that Colonel Newcombe, K.C., happened to call me up this morning on the subject of the sale of this car. He informed me that the High Commissioner for the United Kingdom was purchasing the car. I took this opportunity to state again to him that the question of the proceeds of the sale should be taken up with you and that you would be in a position to advise him.

Yours sincerely,

Laurent Beaudry

Assistant Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

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Assistant Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
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Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, June 12th, 1942.

Administration
AHM/M

Dear Sir,

Confirming our telephone conversation of yesterday's date regarding the proceeds of the sale of the Japanese car, I wish to confirm the verbal opinion given you that the cheque for the proceeds of this sale should be blocked under the control of the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

for payment of expenses in Canada

Colonel Newcombe, K.C.,
Messrs. Newcombe & Co.,
140 Wellington Street,
Ottawa.

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, July 8th,1942.

Administration
AHM/M

By Hand

Dear Sir,

Referring to our recent telephone conversation and my letter of June 12th, I now wish to advise that as per arrangements made with the Department of External Affairs the Custodian releases his control over the cheque you are holding for the proceeds of the sale of the Japanese car, on the understanding that these proceeds will be used for the payment of expenses in Canada.

Yours very truly,

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

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July 9th, 1942.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
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Victoria Building,
Ottawa.

Dear M. Mathieu:-

I have your letter of July 8 relative to the cheque which I am holding for the proceeds of the sale of the Japanese car and I am today handing this cheque to the Consul-General for Spain who is planning to use it for the payment of expenses in Canada.

Yours very truly,

E. T. Newcombe.

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