No. 53001 | NAME Minori, Yoshinaga.

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THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE CO.

413-20 Stock Exchange Building,

VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 19th, 1944.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Japanese Evacuation Branch,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Policy No. 608378
Yoshinaga Mimori

Your file No. 8179

We acknowledge your letter of September 16th and any payment under this policy will of course be handled through your office.

According to our records the beneficiary is Kuni Mimori, wife of the deceased. The only address we have is Malakwa, B. C. Would you please let us know what the last address you have for this party as we will require to communicate with her. We would also like to know where the deceased was residing at time of death.

Yours truly,

A. S. McCloskey,
Branch Secretary.

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September 21, 1944.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
413-20 Stock Exchange Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Policy No. 608378
Yoshinaga MIMORI

We acknowledge yours of September 19th and advise that in checking our records we find that the beneficiary under the above numbered policy, Kuni MOMORI, is presumed to be in Japan and under these circumstances, it is required under the Consolidated Regulations that the proceeds of the above numbered policy be payable to this office for the account of the beneficiary.

According to our files the last known address of your policyholder is shown as Yard Creek Camp, B. C. We have already taken up with the B.C. Security Commission the matter of making claim in connection with this policy; but have not heard yet whether they have taken any steps in that direction.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

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October 12th, 1944.

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Attention Mr. M. L. Brown:

FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI #07404
Manufacturers Life Pol #608378.

Further to ours of September 16th we have been advised that the beneficiary under the above numbered policy is Kuni MIMORI, wife of deceased, and that she is now residing in Japan. Under these circumstances we have instructed the Insurance Company to pay to this office the proceeds in connection with death claim under the above numbered policy.

We have received a letter from the Manufacturers Life in connection with this matter and they request a statement from the attending Physician, proof of age, and a copy of the Will. I wonder if you would be good enough to have your representative obtain these statementes for us. Physicians statement in blank is attached hereto.

They also require a Calimant's Statement to be completed which we can complete here upon receipt of the other papers. The last address we have on file for the above named deceased is given as Yard Creek Camp, B. C.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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November 6th, 1944.

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DELIVER

FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486

Manufacturers Life Insurance Company,
475 Howe Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Policy Number 608378
Yoshinaga MIMORI - (Deceased)

As requested in yours of October 4th we are enclosing herewith Proof of Death (Physician's Statement) and also the above numbered policy which is $1000.00 25 year endowment taken out on the 28th day of February, 1933.

We have also received a copy of the Will but have sent it back to have it certified, as we presume that you would require that to be done.

We have also requested through the B. C. Security Commission that some proof of age be obtained.

The certified copy of the Will, the proof of age, providing that we are able to obtain one and the Claimant's Statement will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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November 6th, 1944.

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Attention: M. L. Brown.

FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI (Dec'd)
Registration No. 07404.

We wish to acknowledge your letter of November 3rd enclosing Manufacturers Life Policy No. 608378, receipts for premiums paid on this policy including the one due February 28th, 1943, copy of the Will and also Proof of Death (Physician's Statement).

The life insurance company require that the copy of the Will be certified and I am accordingly returning this copy and would ask you to forward it to whoever made the copy and ask them to kindly have it certified, following which we would be pleased to have it returned here.

I am also enclosing Claiman'ts Statement which I thought we could complete here; but in looking it over I see there are some questions that we cannot answer and we ask you to be good enough to forward this also to Vernon and have someone there who knew Mr. MIMORI to complete the questions as far as they are able.

In connection with the proof of age, I would suggest that in the absence of the existence of any document such as a Birth Certificate that an affadavit might be taken from someone who was in a position to know the age of the deceased. They could state, from personal knowledge or conversations with Mr. MIMORI, his age at the time of his death.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this matter, we are

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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November 28th, 1944.

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For Internee File 1486.

Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore
Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries,
KELOWNA, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI - Reg. #08404
Manufacturers Life Policy #608378.

The Manufacturers Life Assurance Company sent us a copy of your letter dated October 5th addressed to them and we also have received through the British Columbia Security Commission your letter of November 15th addressed to the Commission.

The named beneficiary under the above numbered policy as you know is Kuni MIMORI, wife of the deceased. According to our records Mrs. Kuni MIMORI is in Japan and under these circumstances her property of every kind vests in the Custodian under the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading With The Enemy (1943). The fact that Mr. MIMORI endeavoured to change the beneficiary cannot be recognized.

In view of the above circumstances it will be necessary for the Manufacturers Life to pay to the Custodian the proceeds of this Life Insurance policy. After we receive from the Life Insurance Company settlement we will be pleased to consider a payment to Mr. Cobyace in order to reinburse him for money actually paid out for maintenance and care of Yoshinaga MIMORI; an affidavit setting forth all particulars should therefore be filed with us.

The above numbered policy which we received through the British Columbia Security Commission has been forwarded to the Manufacturers Life Assurance Company and before settling this claim they also require Proof of Age, which is being obtained for us through the British Columbia Security Commission. It will also be necessary to file with them Proof of Death (Claimant's Statement) and a Notarial copy of Mr. MIMORI's Will.

We are attaching hereto the Proof of Death (Claimant's Statement) and we would ask you to be good enough to have Mr. Cobyace or or someone else who knew the deceased well, to complete the answeres on this form, and also kindly supply us with Notarized copy of the Will in duplicate, one copy required by the Insurance Company and one for the Custodian's file. For your information we enclose a copy of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading With The Enemy (1943).

Trusting that we may have your co-operation in this matter, we are

Yours truly,

S M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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November 28th, 1944.

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FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486.

Attention: M. L. Brown.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI - Reg. #07404
Manufacturers Life Policy #608378.

Referring to your letter of November 18th with enclosures, I am attaching hereto copy of our letter of today's date to Messrs. Bredin and Fillmore, the contents of which will be self-explanatory.

We have taken the liberty of writing direct to them instead of through you because sooner or later they would, no doubt, wish to have word direct from this office.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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December 19th, 1944.

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FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Company,
475 Howe Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Policy No. 608378
Yoshinaga MIMORI (Dec'd)

Further to ours of November 6th we enclose herewith certified copy of proof of age furnished by the R. C. M. P.

We have written to Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore, Solicitors at Kelowna, B. C. to obtain the notarial copy of the Will and also to have the proof of death (claimant's statement) completed.

As soon as we receive these two documents, we will forward them immediately, so that the death claim under the above numbered policy can be completed.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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December 19th, 1944.

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FOR INTERNEE FILE 1486.

Attention: M. L. Brown.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI
Reg. No. 07404, Dec'd.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks yours of December 12th enclosing proof of age furnished by the R. C. M. P.

There have been no further developments to report to you since ours of November 28th with the exception of your communication. We have not yet received a reply from Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore, at Kelowna.

Yours truly,

A. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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8179 & Int. 1486 January 17th, 1945.

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For Internee File 1486.

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
413-20 Stock Exchange Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Policy No. 608378
Yoshinaga MIMORI (deceased)

Further to our letter of December 19th we are enclosing herewith one notarially certified copy of the Will of the above named and also proof of death (claimant's statement) which has been completed by the Custodian.

I believe now that we have complied with your requirements in that on November 6th we furnished you with the proof of death (physician's statement) and also the above numbered policy contract; and on December 19th we sent you proof of age furnished by the R. C. M. P. and now the above mentioned documents including the Will and claimant's statement as set out in your letter of October 4th, 1944.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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January 17th, 1945.

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For Internee File 1486.

Bredin & Fillmore,
Barrister, Solicitors,
KELOWNA, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI (dec'd)
Manufacturers Life Pol. 608378.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter dated January 8th enclosing two notarilly certified copies of the Will of the above named and the proof of death (claiment's statement) completed by Mr. Cobyace insofar as he was able.

We will be pleased to receive the sworn statement of Mr. Cobyace concerning payments made by him for maintenance and care of Mr. MIMORI.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

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February 5, 1945.

DELIVER

Manufacturers Life Insurance Co.,
413-20 Stock Exchange Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Policy No. 608378
Yoshinaga MIMORI

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 30th enclosing your cheque for $960.00 in full settlement of claims in connection with the above numbered policy. Kindly find our receipt form attached hereto.

We take note of the information contained in your letter regarding payment to Kumi MIMORI, the beneficiary. This letter will be filed for future reference.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:JS

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Files Nos. 8179 (Evac)
1486 (Int)

June 25th, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. F. G. SHEARS

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Deceased, and
Kuni (Mrs. Yoshinaga) MIMORI (In Japan)

Yoshinaga MIMORI died at Vernon, B. C., on July 28, 1944. He was insured in the Manufacturer's Life Insurance Company and the Beneficiary is Kuni MIMORI, a resident of Japan. The proceeds of the Policy, amounting to $960.00, have been collected and placed at the credit of the Enemy Account.

Peter B. Cobyace of Kelowna has filed a declaration under date of 19th instant, claiming that he disbursed $504.06 for funeral, medical expenses, etc. His solicitors, Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore of Kelowna, have ~~filed a Statutory Declaration and~~ attached receipts to support the claim.

Mr. Bell brought the matter to my attention today and I have sent him a memorandum, copy of which is hereto attached.

Will you be kind enough to place this case on the agenda for the next regular meeting of the Rural Advisory Committee to be held at New Westminster on the 17th prox.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Attach.

Files Nos. 8179 (Evac)
1486 (Int)

June 25th, 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. R. G. BELL

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Deceased, and
Kuni (Mrs. Yoshinaga) MIMORI (In Japan)

Referring to this morning's conversation, I am of opinion that the payment of Mr. Cobyace's claim, amounting to $504.06, should be passed upon by the Rural Advisory Committee prior to dispersal from funds at credit of Kuni MIMORI, an enemy in Japan.

I will therefore ask Mr. Shears to put the case on the agenda for hearing at the next regular meeting on the 17th prox., at New Westminster.

It would be advisable to clear up one or two matters in order that all the facts may be before the Board.

1. The receipt for funeral expenses is addressed to Mr. T. IDE, South Vernon, and I think we should have some evidence to corroborate Mr. Cobyace's statement that he paid this. Such evidence might be obtained from the Funeral Directors. The account of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital is addressed to Mr. Y. MIMORI and similar evidence might be obtained to cover not only the disbursement of $159.06, but also the $75.00 account of Drs. Alexander, Pettman and Brown. I think if we had this evidence the Board might be satisfied to pass the accounts for the smaller items included in the declaration.

2. The Will provides payment of debts and bequeaths personal belongings to Otoichi ABE. It then goes on to designate COBYACE as the beneficiary of the Life Insurance Policy and concludes as follows:

"All the remainder of my estate I DEVISE AND BEQUEATH to the said Otoichi ABE and P.B. COBYACE in equal shares".

This leads one to believe that he had other assets at the time the Will was made, and you will note that this is dated the 20th of July, 1944, eight days before his death. Enquiries should be made as to whether or not there are other assets and if so, what became of them.

Will you be kind enough to endeavour to clear these two questions up and let me have a further report before the Board Meeting.

I return herewith your File No. 8179.

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K. W. WRIGHT

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June 22nd, 1945.

Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Deceased

We are in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant, togeth r with Statutory Declaration signed by Peter B. Cobyace covering expenses incurred by him in connection with the above Evacuee's last illness and death.

We enclose our cheque for $504.06 in favour of Mr. Peter B. Cobyace in full and final settlement of these expenses and shall be glad to receive his formal acknowledgement in due course.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department

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CC: B. C. Security Commission

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, VANCOUVER, B. C.

ENEMY TRUST SECTION

No. E 3916

Requisition for Cheque on No. 2 Bank Account

Date Aug. 2/45.

Issue to Peter B. Cobyace $504.06.

Particulars: Full settlement of expenses incurred in connection with illness and death of Yoshinaga MIMORI, Reg. No. 07404, Evac. File No. 8179. Ref.: Our letter of 20/6/1945.

Charge to Kuni (Mrs. Yoshinaga) MIMORI (in Japan) File No. 1486

whose unpaid liabilities as per file amount to $ Nil.

Authorized by [signature] Requisitioned by [signature]

Cash Balance at Credit $960.00

Deduct Above Cheque $504.06

Credit Balance Remaining $455.94

Issued Cheque No. 3270

Approved for Payment [signature]

Comptroller

Additional Particulars: Funds represent sole beneficiary interest in husband's Life Insurance policy (paid by Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. 30/1/1945).

SMG:JS

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, VANCOUVER, B. C. No. 5768

EVACUEE TRUST SECTION

Requisition for Cheque on No. 4 Bank Account Date 18/11/46

NO. 2 ACCOUNT

Transfer
~~Issue~~ to Kuni MIMORI (Enemy file #1486) Regn. No. in Japan $ 5.56

Particulars: Balance of funds standing to the credit of Yoshinaga MIMORI,
deceased, husband of Kuni MIMORI. (Died at Vernon July 28.44)
Funds derived from refund of Income Tax deduction.

Charge to Yoshinaga MIMORI, deceased. Regn. No. 07404 File No. 8179

whose unpaid liabilities as per file amount to $ Nil

Authorized by [signature] Requisitioned by

Cash Balance at Credit $ 5.56

Deduct Above Cheque $ 5.56

Credit Balance Remaining $ Ø

Approved for Payment

Issued Cheque No. 3202

[signature]
Comptroller

Additional Particulars: The account of Yoshinaga MIMORI, deceased, is now closed.

8179 Evacuee
1486 Enemy

May 22, 1947.

D. C. Fillmore, Esq.,
Barrister, Solicitor & Notary Public,
Carruthers Block,
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Y. Mimori, Deceased,
Registration No. 07404,
Our file #8179.

We have to acknowledge your letter of May 2, 1947, relative to the estate of the above deceased and insurance monies.

Our information in this case is that the balance of the insurance money is payable to Mrs. Kuni Mimori, an enemy resident of Japan. This sum, together with $5.56 transferred from the account of the deceased to her, as next-of-kin, is therefore under the control of the Dominion Government as an enemy asset and, as such, is not distributable at the present time.

Would you please be good enough to advise Mr. Cobyace accordingly.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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8179 & Enemy 1486

November 9, 1949.

D. C. Fillmore, Esq.,
Barrister & Solicitor,
P. O. Box 751,
Kelowna, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Y. Mimori, Deceased.

On June 6, 1947, you acknowledged our letter of May 22 in which we advised you as to the position of this office with reference to insurance proceeds payable to beneficiaries who are residents of Japan.

We enclose herewith original letter received from Mrs. Kuni Mimori for whatever action your client instructs.

For your information, Yoshinaga Mimori, deceased, was reported by the R.C.M.P. to be a Naturalized Canadian. In his declaration to the Custodian on May 4, 1942, he stated that his wife, Kuni, was in Japan. On December 6, 1944, the R.C.M.P. reported to this office that Yoshinaga Mimori was born at Fukushima-ken, Japan, on February 11, 1885, and entered Canada on February 26, 1903 on the "Tosa Maru" at Victoria, B. C.

We have no information as to any visits which he might have made to Japan and none to indicate that Kuni was ever in Canada. We have no record of any children from the marriage.

Further, it is not known by this office whether Mrs. Kuni Mimori shared her husband's nationality or whether, if a British Subject, she might have lost her citizenship by reason of some act committed by her during hostilities with Japan.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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Enc. letter

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,

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November 28, 1949.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Manufacturers' Life Insurance
Policy 608,378. Yoshinaga MIMORI.

In brief, the facts regarding the above policy are as follows:

The insured died at Vernon, B.C. July 28, 1944.

The Beneficiary, his wife, Kuni MIMORI was and is a resident of Japan.

$960.00 was received by this office from the Insurance Company on February 2, 1945.

$504.06 has been paid out to a Mr. Cobyace for funds he advanced the policyholder. This was done after submitting the matter to the Advisory Committee on July 17th, 1945. (Copy of Minutes attached).

The present balance held by us is $461.50.

Mr. Cobyace has no further interest, as indicated in Fillmore and Hayman's letter of Nov. 23, 1949, copy of which is enclosed.

We also enclose copy of Mrs. Kuni MIMORI's letter from Japan dated Oct. 31, 1949, in which she wishes to claim for the release of proceeds.

The policyholder, according to our records, was a naturalized Canadian.

We have no information as to whether his wife was naturalized, and nothing to indicate that Mrs. Kuni MIMORI was ever in Canada.

As you are aware, it is not our practice to communicate with Japanese residing in Japan. Will you kindly advise what action should be taken in regard to replying to her letter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 4, 1950.

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

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Dec'd.
Manufacturiers' Life Policy 608,378

Referring to your letter of December 7th last, information we have received from the R.C.M.P. indicates that the policyholder, Yoshinaga MIMORI, deceased, was a naturalized Canadian, the date of his certificate being December 5, 1907.

The wife, Kuni MIMORI, was in Japan at the time of registration, and the R.C.M.P. inform us that she left Canada in 1938. We understand that any further information which might be required could be obtained from the Naturalization Branch at Ottawa.

With this information you may be in a position to deal with the questions raised in your letter of November 28th.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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Nakamachi Itchome, Miharu Machi,
Tamura County, Fukushima-Prefecture,
Honshu, Japan. October 31st, 1949.

To the Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian, Japanese Evacuation Section - File No. 8179)
Vancouver, B. C.

Subject: re - The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company Policy No. 608,378-
Yoshinaga Mimori deceased.

From: Beneficiary Mrs. Kuni Mimori - Lawful Wife of the deceased.

Dear Sirs:

I was informed by the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, Toronto, Canada that the proceeds of the Policy No. 608,378 - Yoshinaga Mimori- deceased to be claimed to your good office.

Will you please inform me all the necessary steps I should take to make a proper claim to receive the proceeds?

As to my representative at Kelowna:

Mr. P. S. Cobyace, P. O. Box 613, Kelowna, B. C.
I appointed him once as my representative during 1946 as per his request. But he failed to take a necessary step and did not inform me anything at all therefore I wish you would handle the matter directly with the beneficiary as I am a sole person who is authorized as a beneficiary who can claim the same.

Thanking you in anticipation for the trouble you may have on this matter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

"Mrs. Kuni Mimori"
Beneficiary - Mrs. Kuni Mimori

My permanent domicile:

I Tohome Naka-Machi, Miharu-Machi, Tamura-County,
Fukushima-Prefecture, Honshu, Japan.

FILLMORE & HAYMAN
Barristers-at-law, Solicitors

D.C. Fillmore Hayman

Carruthers Block
1536 Ellis Street,
KELOWNA, B.C.

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Please Mark Reply Attention DCF/469

November 23rd, 194.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTERED.

Dear Sir:

Re: Y. Mimori, Deceased.
Your file #8179 and Enemy 1486.

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 9th with enclosure and have only today been able to see Mr. Cobyace in connection with this.

He advises that he has no interest in the insurance monies and as Mrs. Mimori has asked to deal directly with you in connection with this he feels that her suggestion would be the best one to follow. He does know that Mrs. Mimori lived in the Kelowna district for a considerable length of time but there are other questions which you would have to have answered by her in any event.

We are returning herewith Mrs. Mimori's original letter.

Yours truly,

FILLMORE & HAYMAN

per: "D.C. FILLMORE"

DCF/PM

c.c. Mr. P. Cobyace,
Vernon Road,
Kelowna, B.C.

Excerpt from 25th Meeting of the Advisory Committee
on Rural Properties. July 17th, 1945

Files #8179/Int. 1486 - Yoshinaga Mimori, deceased.

Yoshinaga Mimori died at Vernon on the 28th July, 1944. He was insured with the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. Ltd. and the beneficiary, his wife, is a resident in Japan. The proceeds of the policy amounting to $960.00 have been collected by the Custodian.

Mr. Peter Cobyace of Kelowna has filed a declaration claiming that he disbursed $504.06 for funeral, medical and other expenses. His Solicitors, Messrs. Bredin & Fillmore of Kelowna have supplied receipts to support the claim. Mr. Wright pointed out that the account for the funeral expenses was addressed to Mr. T. Ide and that some evidence might be desirable to corroborate Mr. Cobyace's statement that this was one of the amounts which he paid.

Mr. Wright stated that a will made by Mr. Mimori some eight days prior to his decease bequeathed his personal belongings to Otoichi Abe and then designated Cobyace beneficiary of the life insurance policy. Mr. Wright read a letter from Mr. D.C. Fillmore in which it was stated that the deceased possessed no other assets except a few old clothes.

After consideration the Committee were of the opinion that the Custodian should communicate with Mr. Ide and that if he agreed that Cobyace was the person entitled to be refunded the amount of the expenses involved, that it would be in order for the Custodian to pay Mr. Cobyace out of the proceeds of the insurance policy.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
December 7th, 1949

Your Files 8179 & E. 1486

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

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Dec'd
Manufacturers Life Policy 608,378

Dear Mr. Shears:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 28th ultimo and note that Mrs. Kuni Mimori at one time resided in Canada. Kindly advise if your records disclose when Mrs. Mimori returned to Japan.

We also note that the policyholder was a naturalized Canadian. Do your files indicate when he was naturalized?

Herewith you will find copy of Memorandum Re Status of Married Women which has been received from the Citizenship Branch. It may be that the wife qualifies and consideration might be given to an application for release.

The additional information is required in order that Mr. Duggan's records may be examined.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

PLEASE REFER TO
FILE No. 8179
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 4, 1950.

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Chief Counsel,
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Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Dec'd.
Manufacturiers' Life Policy 608,378

Referring to your letter of December 7th last, information we have received from the R.C.M.P. indicates that the policyholder, Yoshinaga MIMORI, deceased, was a naturalized Canadian, the date of his certificate being December 5, 1907.

The wife, Kuni MIMORI, was in Japan at the time of registration, and the R.C.M.P. inform us that she left Canada in 1938. We understand that any further information which might be required could be obtained from the Naturalization Branch at Ottawa.

With this information you may be in a position to deal with the questions raised in our letter of November 28th.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

55001

FGS/GN

Yoshinaga MIMORI died at Vernon, B.C., on July 28, 1944.

Credit balance at Vancouver Office - $461.50, being balance of insurance monies.

Beneficiary of policy is wife, Kuni MIMORI - In Japan, since 1938.

Yoshinaga MIMORI was a naturalized Canadian, date of his certificate being December 5, 1907.

Widow wishes to be informed of steps to be taken to make claim for policy proceeds.

We could write the Citizenship Branch and see what their records disclosed in regard to MIMORI's status.

Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 11th, 1950

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Mrs. Kuni Mimori,
Nakamachi Itchome, Miharu Machi,
Tamura County, Fukushima-Prefecture,
Honshu, Japan

Re: Yoshinaga Mimori, Deceased
Manufacturers Life Policy 608,378

Dear Madam:

We are in receipt of your letter of October 31, 1949, and wish to advise that proceeds of the above policy vest in the Custodian pursuant to the provisions of The Trading with the Enemy (Transitional Powers) Act.

The funds must therefore be retained by the Custodian and final disposition will depend upon the terms of the Treaty of Peace to be signed with Japan.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

KWW/JF

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
January 11th, 1950

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

Re: Yoshinaga MIMORI, Deceased
Your Files 8179 - Enemy 1486

Dear Mr. Shears:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 4th instant and enclose herewith, for your information, copy of our letter of today addressed to Mrs. Mimori in Japan.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
CHIEF COUNSEL

KWW/JF
Encl.

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OJC/McD

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.
August 28th, 1953.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received an application for the release of an insurance policy from Mrs. Kuni Mimori of Japan. This policy was on the life of her husband, Yoshinaga Mimori, deceased, who I understand was a naturalized Canadian.

According to our records Mrs. Mimori returned to Japan in 1938 and has resided there ever since. Would you kindly check your records and advise me if Mrs. Mimori was ever naturalized.

Yours very truly,

O. J. Ceappy,
Acccountant.

The Registrar,
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,
Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

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15 Nakamachi,
Miharumachi,
Fukushima-Prefecture,
Japan
July 28th, 1953

Department of the Secretary of State
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Corner St.,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Gentlemen:

Re: My husband Yoshinaga Mimoric. Deceased
Manufacturers Life Policy 608, 378

Two years ago I was in receipt of your letter (File No. 55001) of January 11th. 1950. And it informed me that the funds had to be retained by the Castodian and final disposition will depend upon the terms of the Treaty of Peace.

I have been therefore anxious to know the result since the Peace Treaty was signed.

Now I am getting on alone and luckily am very well — my son was dead at the War.

Will you please tell me about the funds.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.)
Kuniji Mimoriy.

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M. E.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP REGISTRATION BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY PLEASE REFER TO CITIZENSHIP FILE NUMBER Gen.

DO NOT WRITE ON MORE THAN ONE SUBJECT IN ANY ONE LETTER

55001
OJC/ MCD

Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1953.

Sir or Madam:

I have received your communication of Aug. 28, 1953, in which you ask for information concerning the citizenship of Yoshinaga Mimori and in reply have to state that after a careful search through the citizenship files no record can be found of the person in whom you are interested.

Yours truly,

J. E. Duggan

J. E. DUGGAN
Registrar of Canadian Citizenship.

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Mr O. J. Ceappy,
Dept. fo Secretary of State,
Victoria Bldg.,
70 Connor St.,
Ottawa, 4,
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Your file - Gen.

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.
September 11, 1953.

Dear Sir:

I wish to refer to my letter of the 28th ultimo and your reply of the 2nd instant in connection with the naturalization of Mrs. Kuni Mimori.

In your reply you refer to Yoshinaga Mimori and I would appreciate receiving a report as to whether or not Mrs. Kuni Mimori was ever naturalized.

Yours very truly,

O. J. Ceappy,
Accountant.

The Registrar,
Department of Citizenship & Immigration,
Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

M. E.

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CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP REGISTRATION BRANCH

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Your File 55001
OJC/McD

Ottawa, Sept. 16, 1953.

Sir or Madam:

In reply to your communication of Sept.11, 1953, concerning the citizenship of

Mrs Kuni Mimori

I have to state that no record can be found of granting naturalization or citizenship, under the names as given, to the person or persons in whom you are interested.

Yours truly,

J. E. ~~DUGGAN~~
Registrar of Canadian Citizenship.

Mr O. J. Ceappy,
Dept. of Secretary of State,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, 4,
Ont.

55001
Insurance Section
OJC/McD

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.
October 8, 1953.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th of July with reference to the Manufacturers Life Policy No. 608,378, in the name of Yoshinaga Mimori, deceased.

I have been advised by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration that neither your husband or yourself were naturalized Canadian citizens. As you are presumably a national of Japan, these funds will be retained by the Custodian under Article 14 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan, copy enclosed.

Yours very truly,

O. J. Ceappy,
Accountant.

Mrs. Kuni Mimori,
15 Nakamachi,
Mikarumachi,
Fukushima-Prefecture,
Japan.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER FROM THE MANUFACTURERS LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY TO THE CUSTODIAN DATED JUNE 13, 1955

EXHIBIT "E"

Canadian policies - remittances made to Custodian - policies remain within the jurisdiction of the Canadian Custodian.

Custodian File	Policy No.	Name of Policyholder
~~8,179~~ 53001	608,378	Mimori, Yoshinaga

W. J. Robinson, Manager,
Policyowners Service Dept.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO.

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

4615 West 9th Avenue
Vancouver

July 18th. 1955

Messrs Fillmore, Hayman & Borne
Barristers
1470 Water Street
Kelowna B.C.

re Y Mimori deceased
File 8179 and Enemy 1486

Dear Sirs,

The office of the Custodian in Vancouver has been closed for some considerable time but your letter has been delivered to me as the former Director of that office. As all records have been forwarded to Ottawa I am unable to give you any specific information concerning your enquiry. I would suggest that you write to the office of the Custodian, Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street, Ottawa.

I notice from your letter that you had correspondence with the Vancouver office in 1945, 1947 and 1949. You will appreciate that Custodian correspondence was voluminous and I think it would be helpful when you write to Ottawa to send copies of your previous correspondence and the replies received if you are able to do so. I regret that I am unable to recall or give you any specific information from here.

Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears.

Mr Arpin.
Perhaps Mr Legault or Mr Ceappy should deal with this.
I enclose Fillmore's letter but you will likely wait to hear from him direct. As reference is made to Enemy File 1486 you may find all that is required there wit out any reference to the microfilm of 8179.

F.G.S.

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CABLE ADDRESS: FILLMORE

Fillmore, Hayman & Borne

Barristers-at-law, Solicitors,
Notaries Public

D. C. FILLMORE R. M. HAYMAN
M. C. BORNE

1470 Water Street
Kelowna, B.C.
Canada

PLEASE MARK REPLY ATTENTION DCF/469

July 7th, 1955.

The Department of the
Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

re: Y. Mimori, Deceased.
Your File No. 8179 and
Enemy 1486.

We were in correspondence with you on instructions of Mr. P. Cobyaci in connection with certain insurance moneys forming part of the above Estate, in 1945, 1947 and again in 1949.

Mr. Cobyaci called to see us today and advised us that he had recently heard from the widow in Japan, Kuni Mimori, in which she apparently stated that she still had not received any of the insurance moneys, that she was very ill and in urgent need of the funds. He asked us to write you again to bring the matter to your attention and also to ascertain what the present position was.

Thanking you for any helpful information you can give us, we are,

Yours truly,
FILLMORE, HAYMAN & BORNE
Per: D. C. Fillmore

DCF/at

TO

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

55001
LL/EMM

July 25, 1955.

Dear Sirs,

Re: Y. Mimori, deceased.

Reference is made to your letter of the 7th instant in which you ask for information concerning the above named estate.

Article 14 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan gives Canada the right to seize, retain and liquidate or otherwise dispose of all property, rights and interests of Japanese nationals.

Our file discloses that Mrs. Kuni Mimori was never naturalized a Canadian citizen, therefore, she is considered to be a Japanese national and her assets in Canada are subject to the above mentioned Treaty of Peace.

I trust you will agree that it is impossible for us to entertain any hope of release of assets under existing legislation.

Yours very truly,

L. Legault,
Administrative Officer.

Messrs. Fillmore, Hayman & Borne,
Barristers-at-law, Solicitors, etc.,
1470 Water Street,
KELOWNA,
British Columbia.

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D. C. FILLMORE R. M. HAYMAN
M. C. BORNE

PLEASE MARK REPLY ATTENTION DCF)469

July 28th, 1955.

The Custodian's Office,
Department of Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
OTTAWA 4, Ontario.

Your File No. 55001

Dear Sir:

re: Y. Mimori, Deceased.

We acknowledge receipt with thanks of your letter of July 25th.

Yours truly,

FILLMORE HAYMAN & BORNE

Per:

DCF/at

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TELEPHONE 4222
CABLE ADDRESS: FILLMORE

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. G.G. BECKETT

Re: Policy No. 608,378 in name of Yoshinaga Mimori.

The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company submitted a report on this policy stating that it was a Canadian contract.

O. J. Cappy.

File: 55001
Insurance Section
OJC/McD

September 2, 1955.

Ottawa, September 1, 1955.

MEMORANDUM for the ACTING CHAIRMAN, ADMINISTRATION BOARD and ASSOCIATE COUNSEL.

The contents of this file disclose that Yoshinaga Mimori was born at Fukushima-ken, Japan, on February 11, 1885, and entered Canada on February 26, 1903 on the "Tosa Maru" at Victoria, British Columbia. He died at Vernon, British Columbia, on July 28, 1944.

The life of this deceased person was insured with the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company, Policy number 608,378, the beneficiary under this contract is his wife, Kuni Mimori. This person never came to Canada and has always resided in Japan. Information received from the R.C.M.P. indicates that the deceased was a naturalized Canadian, the date of his certificate being December 5, 1907. During the year 1953 this Office wrote to the Registrar of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration requesting that they examine their records and advise us if they have any information concerning the Canadian naturalization of these two persons. In his reply, dated September 2, 1953, the Registrar of Canadian Citizenship states that after a careful search through the citizenship files no record can be found concerning the naturalization of these two persons. Therefore, thery are to be considered Japanese nationals and their assets (cash $461.50 being the proceeds of the aforementioned insurance policy) in Canada are subject to Article 14 of the Treaty of Peace with Japan. They are also part of the funds that were available for the purpose of transfer to a War Claims Fund.

Notation of such a transfer should accordingly be made in our ledger accounts.

L. [illegible],
Administrative Officer.

OTTAWA, September 15th, 1955.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LEBLANC.

I have approved for transfer to the War Claims Fund the sum of $461.50, representing the proceeds of Insurance Policy, standing to the credit of ~~Yoshinaga~~ KUNI MIMORI, Japan.

G.G. Beckett,
Vice Chairman, Administration Board
and Associate Counsel.

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GGB/AD

19 Sept. 1955