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TO

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FROM

Regional Superintendent (Pacific )

SUBJECT Japanese

425 Howe St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Further to our telegraphic correspondence with reference to Japanese, I am now enclosing a breakdown by occupations of Japanese males over sixteen years in all three categories.

The details of the Nationals have already been forwarded by wire. In the occupations followed by naturalized Japanese you will note that there are 829 who are engaged in fishing, which in relation to other employment groups indicates that the naturalization took place largely because of the requirements of the regulations regarding the issue of fishing licences.

The number shown in the miscellaneous column of the Canadian born Japanese might suggest that the breakdown here has not been sufficient, but the answer is that 70% of those shown in that column under that heading are students attending schools and the University.

To secure this information, we had to go over 15,300 files, which are in excellent shape except that they are not filed in a manner which permits of ready extraction of information.

In this morning's newspaper I note that in an Ottawa dispatch it is now intended to move all Japanese males out of the restricted area, which, if true, appeals to me as a very wise move--first, for our protection, and second, for the protection of Japanese who may be loyal to this country.

Mr. A. MacNamara

January 28, 1942.

In certain quarters there is always a smouldering hatred of Orientals, particularly Japanese, and if this city or any of the Coast area were to be bombed and lives lost, I think that the vengeance of the population would be taken out on Japanese regardless of the category to which they belong. I have heard certain threats and rumours along this line already. In such a contingency it might become necessary for us to provide troops to protect Japanese from our own people. If the males are removed, the natural chivalry of our people, I think, would prevent attacks on the Japanese women and children.

This may appear to be an extreme view, but in addition to the natural antipathy towards Japanese because of their cheaper standards of living and their competition in the labour market, it must be remembered that there are hundreds of families in this Province who are mourning the loss of husbands and sons who have lost their lives fighting Germans, Italians, or Japanese. Their psychology will have to be considered if any of our cities or towns are bombed by the Japanese.

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BREAKDOWN by OCCUPATIONS

<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Jap. Nationals</u>	<u>Can. Nationals</u>	<u>Can. Born</u>
Accountants	8	4	12
Bakers	9	1	8
Barbers	13	7	2
Carpenters	83	54	45
Cleaners	77	21	49
Clerks	70	30	180
Cooks	55	23	23
Dressmakers	4	-	1
Farmers	639	222	274
Fishing	85	829	704
Gardeners	166	39	64
Labourers & Unemployables	469	214	255
Loggers & Lumbering	362	69	231
Mining	14	7	1
Restaurant	18	15	17
Roominghouse	67	33	11
Saw, Shingle, Pulp & Paper	944	134	672
Storekeepers	164	78	65
Tailors	19	6	6
Truck & Trans. Drivers	36	9	62
Miscellaneous	197	78	696
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,499</b>	<b>1,873</b>	<b>3,378</b>