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OUR FILE NO. 46 D 1074-2-Q 14

OTTAWA. November 28, 1946

YOUR FILE NO. _____

CONFIDENTIAL

Attention: Japanese Division

Referred by direction of the Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa. Copy of our letter of even date and attachment addressed to The Commissioner of Immigration forwarded for your information.

TO:

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Encls.

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for Officer *ice* Special Section *P*

46 D 1074-2-Q 14

Your Files: 610988 and
575238

November 28, 1946

CONFIDENTIALRe: Deportation of Buddhist Priests

Reference is made to your letter of the 21st instant and particularly to the Rev. Eon MITSUBAYASHI and the Rev. Y. KAWAMURA.

2. A recent report from our Vancouver Office indicates that the Rev. Eon MITSUBAYASHI has now made application for repatriation to Japan. It is not indicated, however, whether he proposes to proceed to Japan on the repatriation ship presently being arranged for by the Japanese Division, Department of Labour, and which is expected to sail late in the coming month. As you are no doubt aware, this reverend gentleman resides in the Lethbridge, Alberta, area, probably at Coaldale.

3. Regarding the Rev. Yutetsu KAWAMURA, residing at Picture Butte, Alberta, attached hereto for your information please find a copy of our Lethbridge Special Section report dated the 14th instant, which may be of interest to you.

(A.W. Parsons), Inspector,
For Officer i/c Special Section.

The Commissioner of Immigration,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Encl.

20.11.46

K.M.21/8-30.

O.C. RCMP "E" DIVN. VANCOUVER.

SIR: FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. Copies to
Commissioner for his information and that of the
Department of Mines and Resources, Immigration Branch,
Ottawa.

CONCLUDED: HOTDC.

Edmonton, 20-11-46.

/ML

(C. BATCH) INSP.
I/C "K" DIVN. C.I.B.

THE COMMISSIONER - RCMP - OTTAWA.

SIR: FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION, and that of
the Department above referred to. This is further to
Lethbridge Special Section report of 11-9-46 forwarded
you from this office on 16-9-46.

CONCLUDED: HOTDC

Edmonton, 20-11-46.

/ML

(C. BATCH) INSP.
I/C "K" DIVN. C.I.B.

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SUB DIVISION

DETACHMENT

Lethbridge

Special Section

Alberta

DATE 14-11-46

DIVISION

PROVINCE

RE:

Rev. Yutetsu KAWAMURA OR#11197. Picture Butte - Alberta.
Enquiry for Immigration Branch.

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Lethbridge

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A. R. V. No.

1. Further to report dated the 11-9-46 it has now been learned that Rev. Y. KAWAMURA of Picture Butte has been notified that his application for an extension of his permit to remain in Canada has not been granted and that he will be required to attend an Immigration Board at Lethbridge sometime during the month of November as to his reasons and grounds for remaining in Canada.

2. KAWAMURA is expected to have the lawyer for the Lethbridge District Japanese, A.G. VIRTUE, appear on his behalf before the Board. This Buddhist priest is also stated to be considering making application for a voluntary return to Japan, but, it may be expected that he will only do so if he finds that there is very little hope that the Board may grant him an extension.

H.O.T.D.S.

J. Monahan A/Cpl.
(J.S. Connors) 12625.

O.C. "K" Division,
R.C.M.P. EDMONTON.

FORWARDED for your information. It will be noted that the above named has been notified that he is to appear in front of an Immigration Board at Lethbridge prior to the end of November. However, there is a possibility that he may, prior to appearing before the Board, make application for voluntary repatriation. CONCLUDED: HANDED TO DEPT.

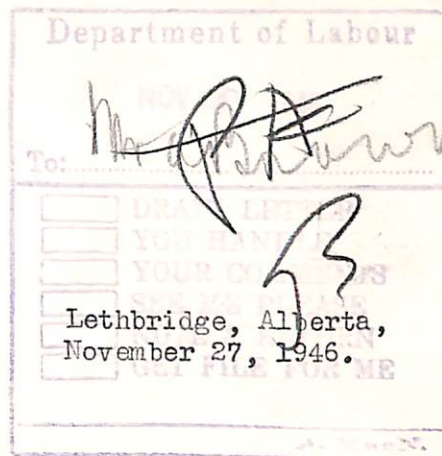
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(H.A. Maxted) Insp.
Commanding Leth. S/Divn.

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Personal

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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AIR MAIL
CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, November 27, 1946

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Honourable W. A. Buchanan,
Lethbridge,
Alberta.

Dear Senator Buchanan:

Since receiving your letter of November 14 concerning Rev. Y. Kawamura of Picture Butte, Alberta, I have been in communication with the Director of Immigration on his case.

I understand that Mr. Jolliffe wrote to you in reply to your letter of November 14, advising that Rev. Kawamura's case would be considered by an Immigration Board of Inquiry, and would thereafter be reviewed by the Minister of Mines and Resources.

I am glad to have your assurance that the Japanese in Alberta have been a dependable and industrious labour force in maintaining sugar beet production. It is our hope that those among them who desire to stay in the sugar beet industry in Southern Alberta on a more permanent basis will be given some security in this regard from the local and provincial authorities, before the next farm season.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES	DRAFT LETTER YOU HANDLE OUR COMMENTS SEE ME PLEASE NOT Ottawa, 25th November, 1946. GET FILE FOR ME	
		A. MacN.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Enc.

I return herewith the papers which accompanied your letter of November 21st concerning the Reverend Y. Kawamura, a Buddhist priest, at Picture Butte, Alberta.

As you know, several Japanese Buddhist priests have resided in Canada for a number of years under non-immigrant status as spiritual advisers to the Japanese people; their permits expired during the war and were not renewed, the intention being to deal with them following the close of hostilities. Six or seven of them have been returned to Japan and there are, I believe, three or four still in Canada. Kawamura is one of them, another is Mitsubayashi and a third Ikuta. The last mentioned has been authorized to remain in Canada until July of next year when his case will be further reviewed. In order to deal properly with these cases it has been necessary to examine the individuals by Boards of Inquiry in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act, and it is presumably this action that has resulted in Senator Buchanan's further representations. If an Order of Deportation is issued the persons examined have the right of appeal to the Minister and the individual case is then reviewed and ministerial decision reached.

As I note Senator Buchanan has furnished you with a copy of his letter to me dated November 14th, I quote below, for your information, my reply thereto,-

"I have your letter of the 14th instant relative to the Reverend Yutetsu Kawamura, and I may say that final action has not yet been taken in the matter.

The Rev. Yutetsu Kawamura, whose permit expired some time ago was, with others in the same position, informed that his permit would not be renewed and that he should arrange to effect departure from Canada.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa - Ont.

In order....

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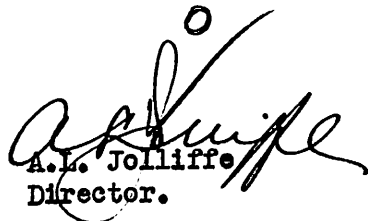
In order that the case may be properly dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act, the Rev. Kawamura will be examined by an Immigration Board of Inquiry and the decision of the Board will, of course, be subject to review by the Minister on appeal. This will enable the Minister to decide on the final action to be taken in the case after consideration of all the facts and representations submitted.

From the above you will observe that a final decision has not yet been reached and that your representations in the matter will be placed before the Minister when the case is finally reviewed and decided. I shall be glad to inform you further with regard to the same in due course."

In dealing with the case of Ikuta consideration was given to the fact that this man was the spiritual adviser to a considerable number of people and that his removal from Canada would mean that this group would be deprived of religious leadership. Presumably the same factor will enter into the case of Kawamura and Mitsubayashi.

As you ask for an expression of my views on the matter, I may add that this factor might well be the deciding one unless the record of the two men in question is such that their continued residence in Canada is detrimental to the public interest.

Yours very truly,


A.L. Jolliffe
Director.

TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Ro 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Ottawa, November 21, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

Senator Buchanan, you will note by the attached file, feels that Reverend Y. Kawamura who is a Buddhist priest at Picture Butte, Alberta, in the sugar-beet growing area near Lethbridge, should remain in Canada.

Messrs. Brown and Pannett of my department are not too sure about the matter.

I have not answered Senator Buchanan's letter and would like you to have someone give me a resume of the situation as at this time with the return of file and also an expression of your views.

Thanking you very much for anticipated early reply. I am,

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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Encl.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

OTTAWA, November 19, 1946.

MEMORANDUM to: Mr. MacNamara.

Re: Reverend Y. Kawamura,
Picture Butte, Alberta.

Mr. Pammett has attached a memorandum concerning the above Buddhist priest, whom Senator Buchanan represents and states should not be deported.

In addition to this priest, there is another - one E. Mitsubayashi - who was in an internment camp until last Spring and is now at Coaldale, Alberta. He is also on a temporary permit in Canada and undoubtedly should be deported.

The biggest objection I see to letting this Buddhist priest stay in Canada would be the fact that the tendency of such a man would be to hold the Japanese together in a block and to endeavour to encourage them to retain the Japanese point of view and outlook.

I think it might be interesting if we found out the relative number of Buddhists and non-Buddhists in Southern Alberta. At the moment I would not be disposed to take a stand one way or another in respect to these people.


A. H. Brown.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. A.H. Brown

OTTAWA, November 19, 1946

Re: Proposed Deportation of Rev. Y. Kawamura,
Picture Butte, Alberta

The information on our files concerning this man reveals the following:

- (1) He was in Canada on a temporary permit which expired during the war.
- (2) He signed for voluntary repatriation early in 1945, although he has since requested cancellation.
- (3) An R.C.M. Police report from Lethbridge Detachment, dated February 9, 1946, stated that Kawamura operated the Buddhist co-operative store at Picture Butte and was short about \$1300 in his accounts. He was suspected by some members of the co-operative of swindling the co-operative to that extent in collaboration with the president and the secretary. It was stated that with their help he defeated efforts to get an independent audit of the books.
- (4) Another Lethbridge R.C.M. Police report stated that the Christian Japanese of Picture Butte area resented the position and activities of Rev. Kawamura and particularly that the Buddhist co-operative store was the only distributing point for rice, on the grounds that the profits were used to spread Buddhism.
- (5) Kawamura is one of the few Buddhist priests remaining in Canada, as approximately six have either gone voluntarily or been deported this season.
- (6) A report from Mr. Pickersgill on May 27, 1946 stated that, apart from his Declaration for repatriation, there was nothing on his file at Vancouver which would be concrete evidence as to his loyalties.

In connection with Senator Buchanan's letters attached, the main argument is that Rev. Kawamura is necessary to keep the Japanese people contented with sugar beet work. He emphasizes the

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fact that farmers regard Japanese labour as "the only group that we can lean upon" and their possible departure is "disastrous". It follows, therefore, that if they are so essential, the farmers should bring sufficient pressure on the Alberta Government to abrogate the 1942 Agreement and permit them to remain in Alberta if they so desire.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'H. T. Pammett', with a large 'X' drawn over it.

H. T. Pammett.

AIR MAIL

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Lethbridge, Alberta,
November 14, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

My dear Mr. MacNamara:

Re: Rev. Yutetsu Kawamura

You may feel that I am unnecessarily fearful when I say that I feel that a recent decision of the Immigration authorities to compel the Buddhist priest at Picture Butte, in the sugar-beet growing area, to leave the country, may be disastrous to the labour situation in this area next year. If the Japanese people can't be held together and consequently move out of the area, the beet growers are going to be handicapped for labour. The German prisoners won't be available again and the Japanese are about all that they can rely on. The new Polish labourers may turn out to be helpful, but the number that will be located in this district is very small.

I feel very, very strongly that everything should be done to keep the Japanese people contented. They have proven to be good workers and I have never heard a single complaint about them. Their priests are very important to them. They lean upon them and seek advice from them. My fear is that if this priest at Picture Butte, who has been refused permission to stay in the country, is eventually forced to get out, the Japanese in the Lethbridge Northern irrigation area will be headless and unhappy.

I am writing to Mr. Jolliffe making the strongest representations I possibly can as a challenge to the decision that has been made. If you sympathize with my views and can find a way to approach Mr. Jolliffe in support of them, I wish you would do so. Up to the present I have carried on the correspondence directly with the Director, without approaching the Minister. For your information I am attaching a copy of the letter I addressed to Mr. Jolliffe, though I would prefer if you did not say to him that you had been made aware of the contents of my letter to him.

My kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

*Beet Growers Assoc and
Sugar Factory support view
Priest should be allowed to stay*

W. A. Buchanan

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AIR MAIL

CONFIDENTIAL

Lethbridge, Alberta,
November 14, 1946.

A. L. Jolliffe, Esq.,
Director of Immigration,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

Re: Rev. Yutetsu Kawamura

During the time you were absent from your office, I had several communications with Mr. Smith about this matter. He promised that I would be advised when a decision was reached. To-day I learned, through the solicitor for the Japanese people, that an order had been received by the Buddhist priest that his application for permission to continue residence in Canada had been refused. That is the first information that had come to me, and I must confess I was surprised at the decision that had been finally reached. I had hoped that I had made out a good enough case to justify the man being allowed to remain here.

As you will understand, I am closely in touch with conditions in the sugar beet areas and know how crucial the labor situation is and how much more so it will be next year when the German prisoners-of-war will not be available. I predict now that there will be such an extreme shortage of labour that the beet industry might very easily be crippled. The Japanese people are the only group that we can lean upon. If they become discontented and unhappy and break up and leave the beet growing areas, it would be disastrous. These Buddhist priests are their guides and counsellors. To take them away from these people is actually removing the props from under them.

I know the priest and also the people whom he serves. They will be terribly upset and dismayed if the decision is carried out.

Another aspect of the case that I think should be presented to you, is this: The Labour Department gave permission for a Buddhist church to be erected at Picture Butte, where this priest labours. What is the value of the church now if there isn't a priest available to care for the spiritual welfare of the Japanese people. There seems to be a contradictory attitude between two departments of the Government that I cannot understand.

In all these matters in respect to Buddhist priests I have made representations direct to yourself without consulting the Minister at all. Do you feel that I might be able to make some headway if I were to now write the Minister. I am so strongly concerned about the matter that I feel that I should not accept the decision without challenging it on the grounds that

P.T.O.

TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room [REDACTED], Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER.
R. C. M. POLICE.
OTTAWA

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. 43 D 269-4-J 100

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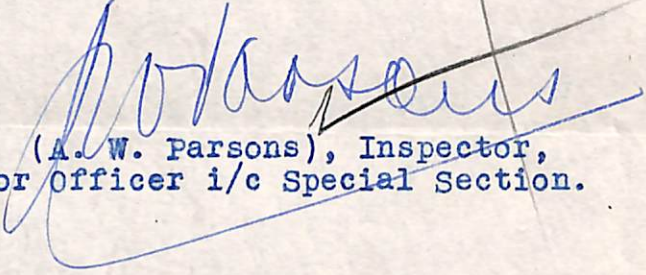
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Attention: Japanese Division.

Re: Rev. Eon Mitsubayashi.

With reference to our comment contained in paragraph three of our letter of even date captioned "Conditions Amongst Japanese--Alberta", our file D'915-1-H 4 (5), attached hereto for your information are copies of an exchange of correspondence we had last month with A. Gladstone Virtue, K.C., Barrister, Lethbridge, Alta., relative to the above-named Buddhist Priest.

2. Copies of the attachments have, of course, been made available to the Commissioner of Immigration for his information.


(A. W. Parsons), Inspector,
for Officer i/c Special Section.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Encs.

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November 6, 1946.

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Attention: Japanese Division.

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for Officer i/c Special Section.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Encs.

VIRTUE & RUSSELL

Barristers, Solicitors
and Notaries Public.

October 9, 1946.

Please refer to File No. 3212.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Rev. Eon Mitsubayashi

We enclose herewith:

1. Copy our letter of September 23rd to Commissioner of Immigration.
2. Copy his reply dated October 4th.

You will notice that the Commissioner says "If information in this matter is desired I can only suggest that you address an inquiry to the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Ottawa".

In accordance with this suggestion we are addressing this enquiry to you.

If Rev. Mitsubayashi was guilty of any seditious acts we do not care to press the matter further on his behalf, but if no seditious acts were committed by him, then we feel free to carry the matter forward on his behalf.

We shall be glad to hear from you fully and as the matter is urgent we shall appreciate hearing from you by airmail.

Thanking you, we are,

Yours truly,

VIRTUE & RUSSELL,
Per:

AGV/mh
Enc.
Airmail.

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AIR MAIL

October 16, 1946.

Dear Sir:

Attention: A. Gladstone Virtue, M.C.K.C.

Re: Rev. Eon Mitsubayashi

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant in which you enquire whether the Rev. Mitsubayashi was guilty of seditious acts, I may say that he was considered to be pro-Japanese and his internment in December 1941 resulted from the view that owing to his associations and influence he might, under certain circumstances, act in a manner prejudicial to the welfare of the state.

2. More recently we have come into possession of information from an unimpeachable source, the identity of which I am not at liberty to disclose, that clearly indicates that the Rev. Mitsubayashi is pro-Japanese in sentiment.

3. It is noted in your letter of the 23rd ultimo, addressed to the Commissioner of Immigration, that the Rev. Mitsubayashi informed you of his stand with respect to repatriation when interviewed in the internment camp by members of this Force. This interview took place in May, 1945 when, I think you will agree, the eventual outcome of the war with Japan could be foreseen. There is the further factor, however, that the Rev. Mitsubayashi, under date of September 21, 1942, wrote to the Department of the Secretary of State for External Affairs requesting repatriation to Japan, at which time the trend of the war in the Pacific was running in quite another direction.

Yours truly,

Virtue and Russell,
Barristers, Solicitors
and Notaries Public,
McFarland Bldg.,
Lethbridge, Alta.

for Commissioner.

Your File: 670718

Ottawa, October 3, 1946.

Mr. C.E.S. Smith,
Director, Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of September 18, on the above file, I would advise that Rev. Z. Hukazawa of Vernon, B.C. has decided to repatriate voluntarily. Hewas among those on the S.S. "Marine Falcon" which left Vancouver last night or today.

In view of his voluntary repatriation, this Department is paying for his transportation.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/BC

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

1st October 1946

Attention: Mr. H. T. Pammett.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A.

Re: Rev. Z. HUKAZAWA

Please refer to your memorandum of
September 20th in regard to the above-mentioned.

This man was among those loaded on the
"Marine Falcon" to-day.

J. F. MacKINNON.

TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

B.F.

P.A.

c. for information of:
Mr. P. Parent
Mr. W.J. Tubman

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, Sept. 27, 1946.

Mr. J.F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention: Mr. D.W. Simmons

Dear Sir:

In connection with the payment of expenditures incurred in deportation of Japanese by the Department of Mines and Resources (Immigration Branch) I would advise that the Commissioner of Immigration has decided that they will pay such deportation expenses for persons being legally deported from Canada.

It will be in order, therefore, to submit accounts for transportation in such cases to this office for referral to the Department of Mines and Resources.

The Commissioner of Immigration advises also that necessary action is being taken to pay the account which we submitted in July for the fare of Masahide Higo, who was deported on the S.S. "Marine Angel" last May.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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See 23-2-6-8 for ~~for~~ *corresp*

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AIR MAIL

O t t a w a,
September 20, 1946.

0 Mr. J. F. MacKinnon,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:-

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I enclose a self-explanatory exchange
of correspondence with the Director of the Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources, concerning repatriation of
Rev. Z. Hukazawa of Vernon, B.C.

You will note that this man is agree-
able to voluntary repatriation but claimed that he was not noti-
fied in sufficient time to make arrangements to leave on the
fourth ship. In view of the delay in departure of this ship,
however, it might be possible to get Rev. Hukazawa to Vancouver
in time to go along, and I would be obliged if you would consult
with the Immigration Authorities at Vancouver in order to assist
in this procedure.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara
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A. MacNamara.

HTP:MS

Your File: 670718

O t t a w a, September 20, 1946.

Mr. C. E. Smith,
Acting Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Smith:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 18 concerning Rev. Z. Hukazawa of Vernon, B. C.

If this man is willing to repatriate voluntarily before you issue a Deportation Order against him, he will be granted free transportation and the other types of assistance which this Department is giving to voluntary repatriates. It should be noted, however, that the fourth ship, which is expected to leave late this month, is the last ship on which arrangements are being made for voluntary repatriation, so far as we know at present.

The question of compensation for loss of his camera is one which he will have to take up with the Custodian of Alien Property at Vancouver as it does not concern this Department.

As mentioned to you in our telephone conversation the other day, it is very probable that our fourth ship, scheduled to leave Vancouver on September 23, will be delayed a week or two because of the Maritime strike on the West Coast of the United States. I am, therefore, asking the Commissioner of Japanese Placement at Vancouver to get in touch with Rev. Hukazawa immediately to see whether he desires to leave voluntarily on the fourth ship if its departure is delayed as above.

I would suggest that your representative in B.C. might also do what he can to expedite the departure of Rev. Hukazawa on the fourth ship. The Commissioner of Japanese Placement at Vancouver will be able to give him the latest information of the sailing date.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:MS

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

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File 670718

Ottawa,
September 18, 1946.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa.

Attention Mr. H. T. Pammett.

This Department has under consideration the case of Reverend Zenkei Hukazawa, a Buddhist Priest, now at Vernon, B.C.

Mr. Hukazawa was rejected when applying for admission to Canada following arrival at Vancouver on June 10th, 1939, but it was subsequently decided to allow him temporary entry under a Minister's Permit dated July 1st of that year. The Permit was extended on several occasions but has now expired and under date of August 30th Mr. Hukazawa was advised that as it was not proposed to authorize his further temporary residence in Canada he should make arrangements to leave within sixty days of that date, failing which deportation proceedings would be instituted. In reply, we have had the following letter from him,-

"I have just this morning received your letter (registered) dated August 30, 1946.

I quite understand that I would have to leave Canada as you inform me, but when leaving Canada, would I be considered the same as any other repatriates as to free transportation, freight, baggage, and financial assistance? If not, I do not think I could quite finance it all myself.

As my wife (Canadian-born) and two children have no intention of leaving Canada, I will have to see that they are in my wife's mother's care, who is now residing in Toronto, Ontario; so it is impossible for me to leave by the repatriate ship leaving on 23rd of this month, as the R.C.M.P. officer this morning had informed me that all freight would have to be in by the 12th and the repatriates to leave Vernon on the 16th.

If you would inform me as to the date of sailing of the next repatriate ship, I am sure I can have all matters settled by then and be ready for it.

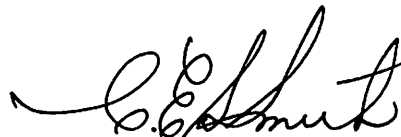
Another matter is: I had a camera (about \$80.00) in care of the Custodian, but they have informed me that it has been stolen from the warehouse - could this be refunded in any way?

I can see.....

I can see that there is no time to lose, so I would be much obliged if you would give me an early reply."

For your information I may say that when applying for admission to Canada, Zenkei Hukazawa stated he was born at Karatsu-Machi, Karatsu-Shi, Saga-ken, Japan, on March 27th, 1911, and that his wife, Kikuye Fukuzawa, and daughter, Yoko, were both residing with his wife's mother in Tokyo; further that he intended to remain here only one year and would not be applying for his family's entry. There is no information on our file as to whether the first marriage was legally terminated and the status of the Canadian-born wife is not, therefore, clearly established.

Would you be good enough to let me know whether you would be prepared to accept Mr. Hukazawa as a voluntary repatriate; and if so, whether all the expenses mentioned in his communication would be assumed by your Department. I should also be glad to know whether you can give any indication as to when the next party, other than that booked for the 23rd of this month, may be leaving.



C. E. S. Smith.
Acting Director.

*Copy sent to Mr. MacKinnon.
Sept 20.*

TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Department of Mines and Resources

IMMIGRATION BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. 722602

DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION

OTTAWA, September 17th, 1946.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pemmett

This will refer to our correspondence in reference to Reizo Makioku of Toronto, whose deportation had been arranged for sailing with your party from Vancouver on the 23rd instant.

Mr. Makioku had an appointment for a hearing before the Workmens Compensation Board on September 11th but this has been postponed to the 21st. We have agreed to permit him to remain in Toronto until his case has been settled by the Board and it has, therefore, been necessary to cancel arrangements for his deportation. Advice to this effect has been furnished our Officer at Vancouver by radio today with the request that he inform the local authorities there accordingly.

*Re: Deportation of
Reizo Makioku*

20/9

C.E.S. Smith
C.E.S. Smith,
Acting Director.

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September 16, 1946.

To: Mr. A.H. Brown

With reference to the attached, I do not see any particular objection to the Department absorbing the cost of the limited number of Japanese Nationals deported on the boats on which we have sent back Japanese repatriates. No doubt any billing which might come through from the Shipping Company would not in any event show a division as between deportees and repatriates.

I assume the total expenditure for these deportees would not be large by comparison with the total amount we are paying for repatriates.

C.R. McCord,
Director, Administrative Services.

CRM/EF.

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MEMORANDUM
Minister of Justice

Ottawa, September 16, 1946.

Referred to: The Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour.

Department of Labour,
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Secretary to Minister.

Unacknowledged.

*Mr. Mitchell
advised 16/9
Guy Sylvestre*
Asst Private Secretary.



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Mr. Jackman

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Ottawa, September 13, 1946

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The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ont.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pammett.

This will refer to your telephone message of the 9th instant advising that another party of Japanese repatriates will be sailing from Vancouver on the 23rd of this month.

In regard to the suggestion that Rev. Eon Mitsubayashi might be included with this party I may say that to date it has not been established that this man, nor any of the other Buddhist Priests whose removal may be considered desirable, is subject to deportation and there are, therefore, no legal means at our disposal whereby they may be forced to leave Canada at present. Action in regard to Mitsubayashi has been deferred as until recently we were still under the impression that he was in interment. We are now writing him, however, advising that his temporary residence in Canada is not being extended further and that he should make arrangements to leave Canada immediately, failing which deportation proceedings will be instituted. If he does not leave voluntarily we will then take such action as is provided for under the Immigration Act but it may be a matter of weeks before he would be available for sailing.

You have on file particulars of the case of Reizo Makioku of Toronto which were forwarded to you on August 20th and we are issuing instructions to cover this man's escort to Vancouver so that he may be available for sailing with your party on the 23rd.

*Copy to MacKinnon
13/9 JHP*

C.E.S. Smith
C.E.S. Smith,
Acting Director.

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Ottawa, August 21st, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

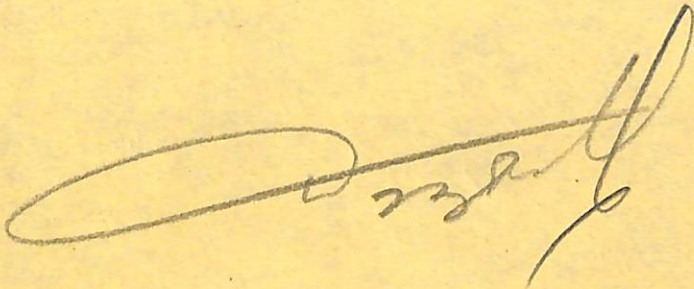
We have your letter of August 20th requesting that we make provision, if possible, for transportation for Reizo Makioku, who is subject to deportation from Canada to Japan. X

I am sending through your request to Mr. Pickersgill, our Placement Officer in Vancouver.

I might say that we had completed arrangements for sailing of some 500 or 600 Japanese from San Francisco on September 14th, but due to change in shipping arrangements this might not go through. We will know more about it in a day or two.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Brown,
Assistant to the Deputy Minister.



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IMMIGRATION

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Ottawa, August 20th, 1946.

A. Mac.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ont.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pammett.

In the event that your Department is arranging return to their native country under voluntary repatriation proceedings of further Japanese nationals it is desired, if possible, to have included in the party one, Reizo Makioku who is under order of deportation from Canada.

The above named who was born near Kozen, Japan, on January 25th, 1890 left that country when he was 17 years of age and has not subsequently become naturalized elsewhere. He is in possession of an Imperial Japanese Government passport issued on July 12th, 1908. He arrived in Canada in 1915 as a member of a ship's crew, was not legally admitted for permanent residence but has remained since that date and came to our attention only in 1941 through the registration of Japanese conducted by the R.C.M.P. His deportation was ordered at Toronto on January 9th, 1942 but it was of course impossible to put the order into effect during the war.

Reizo Makioku is employed by the C.P.R. in Toronto and is living with a woman to whom he is not married. They are looking after a Canadian born child who was placed in their care some years ago.

I would appreciate hearing from you as to whether Reizo Makioku may be accepted for a sailing under the auspices of your Department and if so, the approximate date of such sailing.

A.L. Jolliffe
A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

Aug. 21/46.

Copy of letter &

Note sent to Mr. Pickersgill asking if transportation can be arranged.

O t t a w a,
August 10/46.

Inspector A. W. Parsons,
Special Section R.C.M. Police,
Justice Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with our telephone conversation, I am enclosing a copy of the report to Mr. Pickersgill from Cpl. Davidson, R.C.M.P., on the five Buddhist priests about whom the Immigration Branch was inquiring (see Mr. C.E.S. Smith's letter to your Commissioner date July 30).

It will be noted that one of these men, T. Katatsu, #04612, has already left for Japan, and that Cpl. Davidson strongly recommends the deportation of Rev. Mitsubayashi, #01589.

Would you please send forward to Commissioner Smith the information in Cpl. Davidson's report on each of these five Buddhist priests, or as much of it as you consider advisable.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:MS



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

7th August 1946

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: DEPORTATION OF BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

I have received your memorandum of August 3rd with reference to the deportation of Buddhist priests.

I am attaching memorandum from Corporal Davidson to myself providing the information which I believe you require.

You will note that Corporal Davidson is quite emphatic in his opinion about Reverend Mitsubayashi.

T. B. T. Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM

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Date August 6th, 1946.

From the desk of Cpl. R.A. DAVIDSON, R.C.M.P., To Mr. T.B. PICKERSCILL, Commissioner
 Japanese Registration Office. Japanese Placement, Vancouver, B.C.
 Subject: DEPORTATION OF JAPANESE BUDDHIST PRIESTS File No. JR/200-8

Japanese Registration files have been closely scrutinized and the desired information on each Buddhist Priest is listed below.

1. KANAMURA, Yutetsu - #11197

Subject arrived in Canada June 18th, 1934 on a yearly permit which included himself, wife and child. Since that time three children have been born in Canada. Subject and his wife signed for voluntary repatriation to Japan on July 16th, 1945 at Picture Butte, Alberta. To date he has not again applied for voluntary repatriation to Japan. His present address is Picture Butte, Alberta.

2. ASAKA, Takami - #06218

Subject, who is a Japanese National, arrived in Canada August 28th, 1935. Permit has been renewed yearly by the Immigration Department. On October 6th, 1942, subject requested repatriation to Japan. This was to include his wife and two children. On January 31st, 1945 he had written the External Affairs, Ottawa, requesting repatriation to Japan. Again, on April 30th, 1945, at New Denver, B.C. ASAKA and his wife signed Voluntary Declaration Forms requesting repatriation to Japan as soon as possible. Subject again requested repatriation to Japan on July 11th, 1946, for himself, wife and four children. They are, at the present time, awaiting passage on the fourth boat as no room was available on the third ship. Present address is Slocan City, B.C.

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Subject sailed to Japan August 1st, 1946 as a voluntary repatriate.

4. HUKAZAWA, Zenkei - #03127

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From the desk of..... To.....

Subject:..... DEPORTATION OF JAPANESE BUDDHIST PRIESTS..... File No.

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Cpl.

(R.A. Davidson) Reg. No. 11239

i/c Japanese Registration

Department of Labour - B.C. Security Commission

MEMORANDUM

Date August 6th, 1946.

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(Sgd) R.A. Davidson Cpl.
(R.A. Davidson) Reg. No. 11239
i/c Japanese Registration

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H.T. Pammett.

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AIR MAIL
CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, August 3, 1946

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Deportation of Buddhist Priests

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

We have received advice that the Immigration Branch has decided not to renew the temporary permits of the following Buddhist Priests in Western Canada:

- (1) Y. Kawamura, Picture Butte, Alberta;
- (2) T. Asaka, Slocan City;
- (3) T. Katatsu, present address uncertain;
- (4) Z. Hukazawa, present address uncertain.

If the above mentioned do not make their own arrangements for departure from Canada, it is stated that steps will be taken to effect deportation. Would you please check the addresses of these men and advise.

Rev. S. Ikuta of Raymond, Alberta, has been given an extension of permit covering his temporary residence to July 22, 1947.

The Immigration Branch desires further information about Rev. B. Mitsubayashi, formerly in Angler Internment Camp. I would be obliged if you would advise whether this man is now at Moose Jaw and whether he is one of the group who have volunteered for repatriation on the third or fourth ship.

Yours very truly,

HTP/LM
c.c. to Inspector A.W.Parsons.

A. MacNanara.

2/8/46

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:—

THE COMMISSIONER,
R. C. M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. D 915-1-H-4(5)

OTTAWA, August 2, 1946.
CANADA

Attention: Japanese Section.

With reference to our Lethbridge Special Section report captioned "Conditions Among Japanese Alberta, dated June 21st last, a copy of which was forwarded you on the 3rd ultimo, please be informed that we also provided a copy of this report to the Commissioner of Immigration drawing his attention to paragraphs 9,10 and 11 thereof.

2. As of possible interest to you I am attaching a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner of Immigration in reply.

A. W. Parsons
(A. W. Parsons), S/Insp.
For Officer i/c Special Section.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES.

IMMIGRATION BRANCH.

CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, July 30th, 1946.

The Commissioner, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Ottawa.

Attention: S/Insp. A. W. Parsons.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 4th under file No. D 915-1-H-4 (5) with report from your Special Section at Lethbridge, Alberta, concerning the conditions among Japanese in that Province and making particular comment concerning Buddhist Priests.

For your information I might say that representations from a number of sources were presented to the Department on behalf of Rev. Shinjo Ikuta and it was finally decided to extend the permit covering his temporary residence to July 22nd, 1947. There are four other Buddhist Priests in Western Canada whose temporary residence is not being authorized further and they are being given the opportunity to make their own arrangements for departure from Canada, failing which it will become necessary to effect deportation.

(sgd) C. E. S. Smith,
Commissioner.

C O P Y.

OTTAWA: 2.8.46.

- ① Y. Kawamura, Pictou Butte
- ② F. Asaka, Sloan
- ③ T. Katatsue, ? ~~for 4978~~
- ④ J. Hukazawa, ?
- ⑤ E. Mitsubayashi ?

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Department of Mines and Resources

IMMIGRATION BRANCH

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
No. A 66589

DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION


OTTAWA, July 30th, 1946.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ont.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Parnett.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 13th with copy of a letter from Mr. D.C. Archibald, your Placement Officer in Alberta.

It is noted Mr. Archibald denies the allegations made in a letter submitted to this Department to the effect that he had expressed the personal opinion that Rev. Shinjo Ikuta should be allowed to remain in Canada.


A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

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To: _____ BRANCH

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Ottawa, 22nd July, 1946.

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Dear Mr. MacNamara:

There has been discussion with officers of your Department concerning the case of the Reverend Shinjo Ikuta, Buddhist Priest of Raymond, Alberta. As your records will show this alien did not voluntarily leave Canada with the Japanese repatriated on June 16th. Strong representations were submitted to this Department that to effect the removal of this Buddhist Priest at this time would not be in the best interests of the country in view of his favourable influence among the Japanese working in Alberta.

The Minister, after a careful examination of the matter, decided to extend the Reverend Ikuta's Immigration Permit for a further period of one year, valid to July 22nd, 1947. The case will again be reviewed prior to that date.

Yours very truly,

A.L. Jolliffe
A.L. Jolliffe
Director.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
Ottawa - ONT.

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
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H.T. Pammett.

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Ottawa, July 13, 1946.

Mr. A.L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Bldg.,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:

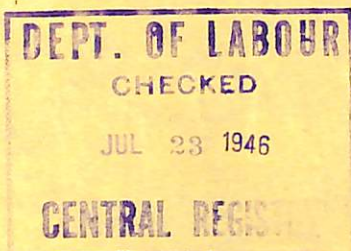
Some weeks ago I was advised by telephone that a charge had been made that our Alberta Placement Officer, Mr. Archibald, allegedly made statements against the deportation of Rev. S. Ikuta.

We have now received a letter on this matter from the Commissioner of Japanese Placement, in which Mr. Archibald denies making such statements, and I am enclosing a copy for your information.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

Encl.
HTP/BC



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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

10th July 1946

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

With further reference to my memorandum on the above-mentioned subject dated 4th July, we are enclosing copy of memorandum which has just been received from Mr. Archibald. This memorandum is self-explanatory and confirms our opinion that Mr. Archibald is much too sensible to have made such a public statement.

T.B. Pickersgill
T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

2/14/7/46

C O P Y.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - Japanese Division,

Box 145, LETHBRIDGE, Alberta.

July 8, 1946.

CONFIDENTIAL.

Dept. of Labour, Japanese Division,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Attention: Mr. T.B. Pickersgill.

Re: BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

I am in receipt of your confidential letter of the 4th inst. and note the contents.

In reply I wish to say emphatically I did not make the statements I am claimed to have made, or any others.

A great deal of pressure was brought to bear upon me as the local representative of the Japanese Division, Department of Labour, by employers of Japanese and by those who were vitally interested in the results of work done by the Japanese in this district. Endeavouring to get me to use any influence I might have to have arrangements made permitting Rev. S. IKUTA to remain here, letters were written to me which I ignored, and deputations and individuals interviewed me personally. To all of those I gave the same answer, viz., that as an official of the Department, I had no views in the matter and positively refused to discuss the matter or interfere in any way whatsoever.

All I can say is that whoever reported that I had stated publically that "IKUTA was a valuable asset to the Japanese community and that he should not be deported" is, to put it mildly, very much mistaken. As I have already said, I expressed no opinion in the matter whatsoever and refused to discuss it.

I trust this explanation will be satisfactory.

"D.C. ARCHIBALD."

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

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AIRMAIL.

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: X BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

I received your memorandum of June 21st
with reference to Rev. S. IKUTA of Raymond, Alberta.

I doubt very much that Mr. Archibald made
the statement which he is reported to have made. I think
he has too much good sense to make a public statement of this
kind which would be in conflict with Government policy. I
will however, write him a confidential memorandum and obtain
his comments.

7/22/46

T.B. Pickersgill
T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

[Signature]

Department of Labour
JUL 6 1946
To: _____
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4th July 1946

MEMORANDUM
Minister of Justice

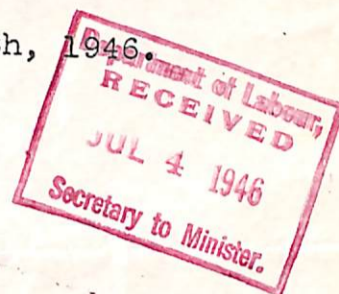
Ottawa,.....**July 3, 1946.**.....

Referred to: George G. Greene, Esq.,
Private Secretary.

Unacknowledged.


Private Secretary.

May 25th, 1946.



Hon. L. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.

Honourable Sir:

Under unavoidable family reasons, we, the Canadian-Born of British subject, have applied to arrange and effect our going to Japan. However, we find it is our necessity and desire to retain our rights and status of Canadian-born.

Formerly, we had submitted a petition from this Slocan Valley concerning this matter, including the request for an issuance of a passport or a certification of re-entrance into Canada within a reasonable time.

We further request that this application be considered and granted immediately.

Respectfully yours,

Masumi Matsuba Reg. #16562
B.C. #4492
Nahoru Matsuba Reg. #17441
B.C. #11919
Takeshi Matsuba Reg. #15937
Mikiyo Matsuba BIRTH #26497
TAKUMI MATSUBA
BIRTH #D.131532

W. H. Hilde
Witness

Kamejiro Matsuba
Guardian

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, June 21, 1946

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

Re: Buddhist Priests

The Immigration Branch desires to know whether any of the Buddhist Priests who were strongly advised by that Branch to repatriate voluntarily actually went on either of the first two ships. Would you please advise on this.

Commissioner Smith also states that in one of the recent protests on the proposed deportation of Rev. S. Ikuta of Raymond, Alberta, the charge was made that Mr. Archibald had stated publicly that Ikuta was a valuable asset in the Japanese community to keep the people at work and that he should not be deported. He asks that we advise on this matter in view of the different report which we gave him, based on your letter of May 27. It is felt that, if this is correct, Mr. Archibald should be reminded that this matter involved another Department and that he should have refrained from a public statement concerning it.

An Appeal Board will probably be set up shortly by the Immigration Branch to study the cases of those Buddhist priests who were in Canada on temporary permits which have expired, if they do not repatriate voluntarily.

Yours very truly,

HTP/LM

A. MacNanara.

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Room:

A. MacNamara

From:

Room:

Remarks: There is quite a file
 regarding this chap; will you
 let me have it please.



Tuesday

Dear Mr. McNamara.
Here is the memorandum
prepared by a Cambridge
lawyer. We first
took the case up with
Mr.

Sincerely
W. J. Buchanan

FACTS FOR THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION
RESPECTING PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN ALBERTA
OF JAPANESE ORIGIN AND IN PARTICULAR THEIR MINISTER
OF RELIGION REV. SHINJO IKUTA.

1. At the present time residents of the district in and near the Town of Raymond in the Province of Alberta of Japanese origin (other than those temporarily brought there from British Columbia) number about 2,000 souls.
2. Practically all, including men, women and children except those of tender years, are engaged in agriculture of one form or another.
3. Most of them are intensive farmers raising such crops as sugar beets, potatoes, vegetables and other hoe crops although some raise quantities of grain. They also produce a considerable number of live stock.
4. At the present time many of these residents of Japanese origin are working sugar beets for other farmers and are regarded as essential labourers in view of the present shortage of agricultural labour.
5. It would seem important to encourage these people to continue to produce the largest possible quantity of food stuffs in view of the present serious shortage, particularly such food stuffs as sugar beets, canning vegetables etc.
6. Rev. Shinjo Ikuta is a Buddhist Minister or Priest who came to this country from Japan in the year 1935 for the purpose of carrying on such ministry.
7. He was allowed to come to Canada under a special permit under the Immigration Act which was for one year only but

this permit was renewed from year to year and the last permit expired on the 30th day of January, 1946.

8. Rev. Shinjo Ikuta has a family of children all under the age of 21 and the three oldest are attending high school at Raymond. Any action affecting the father will of course affect the mother and all these children.
9. Whatever may be our views toward religion it would appear to be safe to say that freedom of worship is one of the essentials of the Canadian structure.
10. During his ten years stay in Canada Rev. Shinjo Ikuta has endeared himself to the entire Japanese population and has contributed substantially toward their full co-operation before and during the war and at the present time.
11. The Japanese population in the Raymond district have been singularly free from disaffection or law-breaking of any kind and no doubt this is in part due to the influence of the Minister.
12. Some time before the end of 1945 Rev. Shinjo Ikuta applied in the ordinary way for renewal of his permit and wrote letters of December 24th and February 12th.
13. On February 22nd he was advised by the Commissioner of Immigration under file No. 610988 as follows:

"Referring to your letters of December 24 and February 12 asking for an extension of the permit on behalf of Rev. Shinjo Ikuta and family, I am sorry that there has been so much delay in this case. However, we are not yet in a position to advise you of our decision."

14. No further word was received until June 1st, 1946. when he received the following letter:

"Your case has recently been under consideration in view of the fact that you are in Canada under temporary status and the decision reached is that no further extension will be granted. You should, therefore, arrange to take your departure from Canada with the party of persons being repatriated to Japan by a vessel sailing from Vancouver on June 9th. Should you fail to do so it will be necessary to take further action under the Immigration Regulations."

15. It will be observed that this letter could not have been received until on or about June 4th or 5th and yet he was called upon to leave with his family by a vessel sailing from Vancouver on June 9th.

16. A telegram was sent by a representative of the Japanese Church Committee to the Prime Minister (who unfortunately was in England at the time). The following letter was received from the Private Secretary of the Prime Minister:

"On behalf of the Prime Minister I wish to acknowledge your telegram of June 4th, sent by the Japanese Church Committee, in which you request the government to renew the permit of the Reverend Shinjo Ikuta to remain in Canada.

On direction I took this matter up with the department concerned and I regret very much to say that it was pointed out to me that every consideration has been given this application by both the Minister and the departmental officials. However, it would seem that under present regulations the permit cannot be extended any further."

17. Enquiries have been made and nothing prejudicial to Rev. Shinjo Ikuta in the way of his activities can be

discovered. In fact, as far as we know, the R.C.M.P. were never consulted as to the character of this Minister or his standing in the community. We understand that the whole community of persons of the white race as well as of Japanese origin would be pleased to have this man remain and given freedom of religion.

18. It is suggested that the proposed action be re-considered on the ground that it is an unnecessary blow to the productive morale of approximately 1,500 or more producers of food stuffs and also on the ground that it is an unnecessary hardship inflicted not merely on the man himself but on his wife and family of growing children.
19. Some largely signed petitions will be presented a little later on as it is impossible to get these petitions ready on a moment's notice in view of the short time involved.
20. Any consideration granted will be gratefully appreciated, not only by those of Japanese origin but by at least the majority of the people of the white race in the Raymond district.
21. All of which is respectively submitted.

DATED this 11th day of June, A.D.1946.

(Sgd.) A. G. Virtue
VIRTUE & RUSSELL, Counsel for the
numerous persons of Japanese race
and others interested.

O t t a w a,
June 21, 1946.

Dear Senator Buchanan:

Thank you very much for sending me the statement in regard to the Buddhist Priest, Reverend Shinjo Ikuta. I have discussed the matter further with the Immigration Department and while it is true, we believe, that Ikuta has since the defeat of Japan changed his views and also exercises his influence in the direction of co-operating with the authorities, there is also R.C.M.P. evidence to show that the Buddhist Association was strongly Japanese Nationalist during the War. For example, they actively opposed recruitment of Canadian-born Japanese into the Canadian Army and attempted to persuade some of these who did enlist in Alberta to desert from the Army. The police report that they are at present raising money to have a shrine erected in Tokyo to Japanese soldiers killed in China.

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Mr. George Collins who, as you will recall, was our Administrator at Vancouver, has said to me on several occasions that all the Buddhist Priests in Canada should be deported because he was convinced that they were agents of the Japanese Government.

Maybe on the general theory that we have enough religions in Canada we should get rid of these chaps. However, the immediate problem of not disturbing the sugar beet workers seems to me to be taken care of because Ikuta has not gone voluntarily and I believe the next step the Immigration Department will take is to set up an Appeal Board and have all of these cases of Buddhist Priests reviewed. I think you might close the matter on this assumption for the present.

Yours very truly,

AM/LV

A. MacNamara

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

OTTAWA, June 20, 1946

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TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

P.A.

B.F.

Ottawa, June 15, 1946.

Mr. H. W. Herriage, M.P.,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Herriage:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 12th enclosing a telegram you have received from Toronto in connection with the deportation of two Buddhist Priests.

This is a matter which concerns the Department of Immigration and not this Department.

My information is that both men were in this country on temporary permits, which would have been cancelled at an earlier date except for the intervention of the war, and that the Department of Immigration is making use of the transportation which is available on the repatriate ships to return the men to Japan.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

answer

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Ottawa, June 15, 1946.

Honourable W.A. Buchanan,
LETHBRIDGE, Alta.

THANKS FOR WIRE REGARDING IKUTA stop DECISION IS ONE FOR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HOWEVER AS I UNDERSTAND SITUATION ALL THAT IS SUGGESTED AT PRESENT TIME IS THAT HE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SHIP MOVEMENT AND GO ON VOLUNTARY BASIS stop THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT UNLESS HE GOES ON VOLUNTARY BASIS WILL REQUIRE TO DEPORT HIM AND DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS WILL TAKE SOME MONTHS

Humphrey Mitchell
Minister of Labour

(chge. Dept. of Labour)

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MINISTER OF LABOUR OTTAWA

CONFIDENTIAL IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS DECISION NOT TO EXTEND PERMIT
OF BUDDHIST PRIEST IKUTA NOW SERVING WITH JAPANESE BEET WORKERS
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STAGE MAY UPSET LABOUR SITUATION STOP CAN YOU MAKE REPRESENTATIONS
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ACTION AT ANY RATE BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER SUGAR BEETS HARVESTED
W A BUCHANAN

O t t a w a,
June 14, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching a Petition which has been received
by the Minister from the Buddhists of Slocan Area asking that Rev.
R. Hirahara and Rev. S. Ikuta be permitted to remain in Canada.

The Petition has been acknowledged, and they have
been advised that the deportation of these men is a matter which con-
cerns the Immigration Branch.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:MS

*re Deportation of
Japs*

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(C o p y)

TO THE HONOURABLE HUMPHREY MITCHELL,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

THE PETITION OF:

The Slocan Buddhist Mission
The W. B. A.
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DATED the 10th day of June, 1946

AND YOUR PETITIONERS WILL EVER PRAY

THE SLOCAN BUDDHIST MISSION
THE W. B. A.
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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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June 13, 1946.

The Secretary,
Lemon Creek Buddhist Association,
Lemon Creek, B.C. (via Slocan City)

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INFORMATION IS THAT IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT INFORMED THEM TEMPORARY PERMITS
HAD EXPIRED AND REQUESTED THEM TO GO THIS MONTH WITH VOLUNTARY REPATRIATES
OTHERWISE DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE INSTITUTED

A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister of Labour

HTP:MS

Charge to: Department of Labour
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MEMORANDUM
Minister of Justice

Ottawa, June 13, 1946.

Referred to: George G. Greene, Esq.,
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J. M. Bennett
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TO THE HONOURABLE L. ST. LAURENT,
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Q. Shiosaki 08561

T~~F~~. Tamura 08943

H. Tamura 08946

H. Tateishi 09215

T. Tateishi

i. mariai 11219

A. mariai

M. Kaji 11092

K. Kaji 11091

J. Eto 08866

K. Eto 14245

H. Eto 12858

M. Sakamoto 12798

P. Fukushima 02484

J. Fukushima 00139

K. Fukushima 04039

H. Nakahada 08774

S. Nakahara 08789

Y. Fukushima 06793

S. Fukushima 00923

M. Fukushima 11041

00225 K. Kawaguchi
 07322 M. Murakami
 02421 T. Bando.
 10967 Yokichi Takabayashi
 13929 M. Odamura
 04211 M. Takeda
 09239 N. Harada
 13989 S. Yoshikawa
 01535 F. Kambara
 05963 K. Kawai
 00593 M. Kitamura
 02791 T. Teranishi
 10185 Y. Sekine
 0976 S. Murakami
 08840 T. Ozaki
 14668 H. Anzawa
 05679 K. Koyama
 02032 T. Uyeda
 05411 J. Kitagawa

K. Rikimaru	11002
S. Homma	10998
K. Rikimaru	11001
T. Kamada	03511
M. Kamada	15818
M. Kamada	12487
T. Watanabe.	09930
T. Nakano	04168
S. Hayashida	08389
T. Kobayakawa	06597
R. Kinoshita	02493
S. Kinoshita	02492
S. Hatanaka	07282
T. Yamagata	11046
N. Niinaka	07036
N. Odamura	13618
K. Watanabe	05886
Z. Terokura	05586

Rikimatsu Nagano 08888

Michiko Nagano 08904

Nantaro Nagano 08988

Fujiko Nagano 17134

Hara Kabayashi 06256

Yuriko Zukukara 02824

Gataro Karaka 07180

Ima Kōsaka 15837

Isune Tsuka 16969

Irisa Kasaka 07181

Tsuru Namaoka 04329

Mitsuru Namaoka 15675

Takeji Oka 05917

Hanako Oka 10886

Sasaki Katsugawa 11213

Masayoshi Shioni #03149

Shigeko Shioni #02751

Fusae Hara #13540

Kimiko Shigishi 02981

Toshiko Shigishi 15926

Yukiko Shigishi 16876

Kiyoko Tachara 13578

Tomoko Tachara 11532

Osui Kawabata 00672

Osada Kawabata 16996

Komo Nantaro 06467

Yoshino 06468

I. Saicho	02716
J. Tokohara	07349
N. Samekoma	02040
F. Ayukawa	18179
P. Nakamura	11207
K. Kioshita	07752
S. Mori	13527
H. Nakanishi	01942
B. Furukori	01576
M. Okuno	02522
Y. Shimasaki	11170
K. Matsukura	13069
S. Furusawa	01782
T. Sato	00377
T. Uchida	01083
L. Eto	09746
Z. Kobayashi	12679
S. Koda	00919
S. Sugawara	12060
F. Hama	12064
S. Yomada	14818
M. Kitagawa	01304

R. Maeda 07346

T. Ikeda 07479

Y. Takahashi 09413

Z. Nishimura 01652

H. Kataoka 06599

H. Shirakawa 09458

J. Homma 05129

K. Furugori 10756

J. Isobone 13638

K. Ichikawa 00369

K. Masaki 09497

R. Morimoto 10750

S. Iwamoto 05969

H. Ichikawa 00318

I. Morimoto 10751

M. Kikuta 07069

Y. Ozaki 03131

E. Kame 08136

K. Hashimoto 03581

Y. Tsukayama 09806

F. Omatani 00578

S. Kawaguchi 06462

Y. Ohata 07230

Y. Yonemura 06122

K. Matsumoto 0189

M. Hara 05895

S. Nishikawa 05593

T. Tomoto 00783

K. Tachiyama 14217

T. Kishiyama 14218

K. Kabayashi 06879

K. Nakagawa 00618

J. Kitamura 07661

R. Matsumoto 06330

S. Sano 01157

J. Teramura 00581

T. Abe 05933

T. Hamanishi 02248

K. Iwaki 10292

R. Yonemura 07657

T. Onda 00650

T. Uemura 09086

Y. Azaki 04871

E. Tanaka 11788

T. Takahashi 09413

J. Yanada 04824

S. Ikeda 0321

N. Shitami	10936
M. Izumi	00280
J. Izumi	00167
M. Hanksawa	10815
U. Hanksawa	10995
M. Shiraki	00083
K. Shiraki	09731
O. Tsuji	09810
F. Tsuji	02760
S. Edamura	02640
J. Yamamoto	04787
H. Sakai	11988
Y. Yokota	02695
H. Setoguchi	07289
M. Hayawara	00541
J. Ikenoue	00831
S. Kageura	09522
B. Eto	12820
H. Shinoda	02196
Y. Shinoda	02193
K. Shrinaga	02507
A. Fujiwara	04016
	01943

S. Takamatsu	11051
K. Takamatsu	09229
K. Ishii	03772
Ono Jiuhe	11050
Rito Ono	11064
Okuno Kariisu	10995
Takeshi Kuriisu	17043
Hanako Kuriisu	11005
T. Esumura	01957
M. Kawasaki	05436
Y. Ito	08065
T. Fujiwara	12497
S. Fujiwara	12498
I. Matsumiya	00187
C. Matsumiya	00191
H. Jinde	16780
S. Jinde	02990
J. Jinde	02921
C. Jinde	02010
J. Jinde	02088
H. Kuroda	07090
G. Kuroda	07287
N. Tanabe	00815
K. Nakada	00561

K. Nagasawa	08777
K. Tanaka	05058
J. Chiba	00653
J. Kobori	62210
S. Ishikawa	11039
T. Ura	13615
M. Kayami	13854
T. Inouye	00502
T. Harada	08473
S. Watanabe	01510
Y. Iwase	13974

M. Tsukamoto	01679
H. Abe	06248
M. Kina	00489

M. Ikegami	10915
S. Maikara	10912
S. Imakeppu	10965
S. Uyeda	06424
Y. Kado	00213

Gosoya Ito

Tadashi Doi 06496

Jitsuka Doi 06887

George Y Shoji 23385

~~Yasuni~~
J Sato 04905

00409

T. Maeda 05521

Y. Maeda 05531

H. Maeki 00184

H. Maeki 15056

I. Shiraishi 02670

K. Atagi 06718

Bunshiro Inoue 08378

Saeaki, Iwasaki 04241

Matsuyoshi Makino 14459

T. Arai 04316

G. Sonoda 02433

S. Matsumaga 06968

Kanzo Mori 14388

T. Uyeyama 08002

A. UYEHAMA 07875

M. Tanada 09728

H. Hirokida 04601

Y. Takahashi 03710

H. Shintani 09862

T. Maeda 05970

Ichiji Matsusaki 09512

M. Tanio	08592
Goshim. Tan Sumi	03663
Shin Nakamura	01025
F. Nakagawa.	03370
Katentaro Abo	12795
I. Nagai	15376
E. Nishimura	12042
H. Akada	08553
K. Omoto	00549
H. Okamoto	09412
H. Haruto	01820
S. Obukuro	10547
S. Nakahara	13512
K. Nishimoto	12884

Matasju	Saito	10881
Moto	Saito	10880
Sobei	Kitagawa	15124
Kadzuse	Kitagawa	16076
Shizuko	Yamauchi	10145
Nasu	Yamauchi	09873
Sato	Yuzens	07084
Kenichi	Dor.	06195
Sumiko	Dor.	06194
Johci	Ota	00910
Shizuse	Sohaguchi	01766
Kawade	Kaku	02690.
Yokao	Handa	01454.

T. Akiyama

M. Akiyama

S. Akiyama

M. Nagashi

H. Akagi

K. Akagi

M. Yano

K. Yano

09185

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10447

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05888

18944

08985

H. Baba	08687
N. Ideta	01145
K. IMADA	01015
m. Imada	00627
K. Takahashi	04596
M. Takahashi	04597
H. Iijino	00239
H. Iijino	00836
K. Inoue	11488
J. Inoue	11462

K. Yoshida	04135
Kin Yoshida	04145
M. Fukakusa	001 01990.
K. Fukakusa	00100.
K. Uyesugi	11385
U. Uyesugi	04798
J. Eguchi	08689
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D. Eguchi	
R. Nishi	06960
I. Tezuka	00829
M. Sato	08661.
	12762.
T. Sato	
T. Ido	09743
K. Sawata	00722
H. Sawata	00889

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Noboru
Matsuba (M.), born October 13,
1929 M. or F.

1929 registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 17441, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Noboru Matsuba

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

K. Matsuba

Reg. No. 03082

Mikiyo Matsuba
Children

Yakumi Matsuba

[Signature]
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, MASAE

Ukitsu (T-), born MAR. 21 1923
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 07867, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Masae Ukitsu

glocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, *Taichi*

Ukitsu (*M*), born *Aug 26 1918*
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) *11273*, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Taichi Ukitsu

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Isami Whelan

Reg. No. 11273

Isami Whelan

Children

K. Elueyiki

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Unokichi Tanaka

Reg. No.

Uchida
Witness

Children	BIRTH CERTIFICATE
<u>CHIEKO TANAKA</u>	# 43915
<u>REIKO</u> "	# D. 107146
<u>YUTAKA</u> "	# D. 121356

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Iyo Sawa
Reg. No.

06235
Children

MASAKO

KAZUO

Aiko

K. Elucijani
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Masami Nishimura
Reg. No.

04770

Children

MASAMI NISHIMURA

BIRTH CERTIFICATE
Q. A. 382

[Signature]
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

SADAKI ASAO (M), born AUGUST 13, 1907
M. or F.

B. C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 06894, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

S. Asao

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

S. Asao
Reg. No.

06894
Children

CHARLES SATORU ASAO

NANCY RURIKO "

MARION YOKO "

EDWARD TORU "

Witness
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Tadao Yamazaki

Reg. No.

08695

Children

SADAKO YAMAZAKI # D. 75274
BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Hehika
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, TADAO
YAMAZAKI (M.), born CANADA
M. or F.
STEVESON registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 08695, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,
Tadao Yamazaki

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Teruko
Wakabayashi (T), born Apr. 12 1929
M. or F.
VAN. B.C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 17138, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Teruko Wakabayashi
17138

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Shunroku Wakabayashi
Reg. No. 00003

Shunroku Wakabayashi
Witness

Tadato Wakabayashi
Children

TAKAO "

MASAFU "

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

(F)

, born

TERUKO SAKANARI
Canada

M. or F.

B.C

registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 01057, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Teruko Sakanari

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Yoshiro Tamaki

Reg. No.

08542

Children

Tamaki BIRTH CERTIFICATE

ATSUSHI TANAKA # 27164

HATSUMI " D 54649

KENJI " D. 131533

Melika
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

S. Ito

Reg. No.

05527

Children

Midori Ito

[Signature]

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, IWAO

170 (17), born _____
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 05529, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Iwas Ito

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Kiyoshi

170 (M), born _____
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 16730, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Kiyoshi Sh.

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

M. H. Takumoto
Reg. No. 07308

[Signature]
Witness

Children
Kiyooshi Takumoto

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

Tsugio Fukumoto (Male), born 18 May 1919

M. or F.

Vancouver, B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 07308, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Tsugio Fukumoto

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, KENJI
MURAKI (M), born CANADA
M. or F.
BC registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO. 16887, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,
Kenji Muraki

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

J. M. E. Muraki ^{REC 03963}

Reg. No.

EIKO MURAKI # 03955

Children

MASAE MURAKI 15593

KIKUE " 16671

TOSHIO " ^{BIRTH CERTIFICATE}
24986

[Signature]
Witness

slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Ayako
YAMASAKI (F), born JUNE 26 1924
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 10068, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

A. Yamasaki 10068

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Yamasaki: 06728
Reg. No.

Kyoko Yamasaki
Children

Akira "

Junko "

[Signature]
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, TAKEO

YAMASAKI (M.), born APRIL 2, 1916
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 06728, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

T. Yamasaki. 06728

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, YASU

ASAO (F), born Feb 4 1916
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 07006, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Y. Asao

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Tsuneto

Asano (M.), born _____
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 07015, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

T. Asano

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

J. Asao

Reg. No.

07013

Children

Tomiko Asao

Hisashi Asao

Hehuru

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

S. Shigeo Hori

Reg. No.

10685

Children

RIYE Hori # D. 67089
IKIKO " " # D 52601

Witness

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Mitsuye
NAGANO (F), born Apr. 20th 1927
M. or F.
British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 16095, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Mitsuye Nagano

Key No.
16095

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Th. Nagano
Reg. No.

07439

Children

Nidoko

Takamiki

K. Ehsuzaki
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Kumakichi Yoshida
Reg. No.

Witness
Witness

REG. 09951
Children

KUMIKO YOSHIDA # C. 24540

MICHIKO " # D. 85240

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

SHIZUMI FUJINO (F), born JAN. 11, 1930
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 17561, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Shizumi Fujino

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

TSUTOMU SHINDE (M.), born _____
M. or F.

B.C. _____ registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 12225, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Tsutomu Shinde Reg. No.
12225

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

TERUKO OGAWA (F), born AUG 29, 1926.
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 15703, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Teruko Ogawa

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

YUKIYE OGAWA (F), born MARCH 1, 1919
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 02410, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Yukiye Ogawa

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, NOBUE
FUKUMOTO (F.), born APRIL 16
1926 VANCOUVER ^{M. or F.}
B.C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 15537, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Nobue Fukumoto.

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, TOSHIYE
FUKUMOTO (F), born DECEMBER 21
1929 VANCOUVER, B.C. M. or F.
registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 17562, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Toshiye Fukumoto.

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Iwami Ohara 10070

Reg. No.

IWAMI OHARA (14 yrs.)

Children BIRTH CERTIFICATE
No. 22249

MINORU OHARA (13 yrs.)

Birth Certificate No. 23936

K. Ebisuzaki

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

HIROSHI OHARA (M), born JUNE 27, 1926.

M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 15466, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Hiroshi Ohara.
15466

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

KAZUYO OHARA (F), born Nov. 27, 1929
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 17540, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Kazuyo Ohara
17540

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

MARIKO OHARA (F), born APRIL 4, 1928
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 16691, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Mariko Ohara
No. 16691

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Tokichi Fujino

Reg. No.

01286

Children

Yoshinari

Kideki

K. Elmigaki

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

HIROSHI FUJINO (M.), born _____
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 15839, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Hiroshi Fujino

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

BEN TSUTOMU FUJINO (M), born FEB. 26, 1928
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 16 550, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Ben Tsutomu Fujino

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Risoburo Shibata

Reg. No. 01648

Shibata
Witness

Yeiko Shibata 15 years
Children

Birth Certificate No 23839

Toshihiro Shibata 13 years
Birth Certificate No 32000

Kazuko Shibata 11 years
Birth Certificate No 042033

Yoshiaki Shibata 8 years
Birth Certificate No 057011

Yoko Dianne Shibata 3 years
Birth Certificate No 096291

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Kitamura Takeon.

Reg. No.

10879.

Children

Kitamura Kazuyo.

K. Ebisuzaki
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

Mitsuko Nishikawa F), born Nov. 22nd
M. or F.

1928 registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 16970, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Mitsuko Nishikawa

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Kyubei Nishikawa
Reg. No.

Uchitani
Witness

00986
Children
Hisakazu Nishikawa
Yumiko Nishikawa
Hisayo Nishikawa

slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

Sachie Shin (Female), born Nov. 7th
M. or F.

1929 registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 17519, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Sachie Shin 17519

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

S. Tashikawa
Reg. No.

W. J. P. P.
Witness

04654
Children

Mitsuru

Yoko

Yasuyuki

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Reg. No.

NO 12489

Children

RALKO

[Handwritten signature]

Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

M. Karamoto

Reg. No.

00047

Children

Michiko

Hiroko

Reish
Witness

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Sajiro Nose

Reg. No.

[Signature]
Witness

Children	BIRTH CERTIFICATE
<u>HIDEO NOSE</u>	# 17446
<u>YAEKO "</u>	120842
<u>KIYOSHIGE "</u>	D. 55158

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Eizo Nose
(17), born Canada
M. or F.
B.C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 17154, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Eizo Nose

slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

MITSURU YOSHIKUNI (M.), born _____
M. or F.

B. C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 06399, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

M. Mitsu Yoshikuni

Reg. A. 06399

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

MASATO MATSUMURA (M.), born NOVEMBER 28, 1927
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 00368, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Masato Matsumura Reg. 00368

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Katsu Wakabayashi

Reg. No. 09293

~~Katsu Wakabayashi~~

Children

W. H. H. H.

Witness

SUSANNE YURIKU WAKABAYASHI

GEORGE HARUMI

EMIKO

HELEN CHIYOKU

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I,

TAKAYUKI MATSUMURA M.), born NOVEMBER. 2, 1925
M. or F.

B.C. registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 07675, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Takayuki Matsumura
07675

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

S. Tanaka 02371
Reg. No.

Witness

Children	
MITSUGI	TANAKA
MASARU	"
TOMIKO	"
SANAE	"
HISASHI	"

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, TAKESHI
MATSUBA (M.), born CANADA
M. or F.
B.C. registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 15937, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Takeshi Matsuba
Reg. No. 15937

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Masumi
Matsuba (F), born March 10,
M. or F.
1928 registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 16562, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Masumi Matsuba

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In these circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Tanigo Kawai
Reg. No.

Pacheco
Witness

HIROSHI KAWAI 14 YEARS.
Children BIRTH CERTIFICATE NO 22646

REIKO KAWAI 12 YEARS.
BIRTH CERTIFICATE # 30156

TSUYAKO KAWAI 9 YEARS. # D 44662

ATSUKO KAWAI 7 YEARS # D 54646

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, MISAO
HATANAKA (F), born MAY 27 1919
M. or F.
British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 0 1117, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Misao Hatanaka #01117

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, Takeo
Tosa (M.), born April 25 1920
M. or F.
British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born
British Subject (J. R. No.) 11957, wish most
respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire
to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

Takeo Tosa REG 11957

glocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,

Department of Labour,

Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Upon my repatriation to Japan, I, MASAHARU

SHIN (M.), born Feb. 17 1913
M. or F.

British Columbia registered as a Canadian - born

British Subject (J. R. No.) 06583, wish most

respectfully to state that I find it my necessity and desire

to retain my rights and status of British Subjects.

Therefore I wish to renounce and abandon and revoke
any clause which I may have previously signed agreeing to
cancel my British nationality and to assume the status of a
national of Japan.

Respectfully yours,

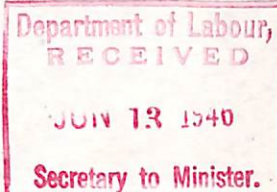
Masaharu Shin



House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, June 12, 1946.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.



Dear Mr. Mitchell;

For your information I enclose a copy of a telegramme received today from the Executive Secretary, Citizenship Defence Committee, Toronto. As the request made in this telegramme appears a very reasonable one, I would urge that you grant an extension of time to permit these people to settle their Church and other obligations.

Sincerely yours,

H. W. Herridge

H.W. Herridge,
Member for Kootenay West.

See this file
HWH/GH.
ENCL:

19/6/46
THE MINISTER WISHES TO
SIGN LETTER IN REPLY



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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

COPY

1946 JUN 12 AM 12 22 / 19

To: H.W. HERRIDGE MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS OTTAWA

WE ARE INFORMED THAT TWO BUDDHIST PRIESTS REV RYUCHT HIRAHARA AND
WIFE KAZU OF SLOCAN CITY REV SHINJO IKUTA RAYMOND ALBERTA IN CANADA
ON TEMPORARY VISAS WITH TIME EXPIRED ARE INFORMED NO RENEWALS WILL BE
GRANTED AND RECEIVED DEPORTATION ORDERS JUNE 10 TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 13
WE CONSIDER THREE DAYS NOTICE INSUFFICIENT AND REQUEST YOU APPROACH
RESPONSIBLE MINISTER FOR EXTENSION IN TIME TO ALLOW SETTLEMENT OF
CHURCH AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS. REV IKUTA DID NOT SIGN FOR REPATRIATION
HAS NON DEPORTABLE CANADIAN CHILDREN. THIS TELEGRAM ALSO SENT TO M.J.
COLDWELL MP.

KUNIO HIDAKA

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CITIZENSHIP DEFENSE
COMMITTEE 506 JARVIS, TORONTO

Sender's address or telephone number for reference.



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OTTAWA, June 12, 1946.

THE SECRETARY
OKANAGAN BUDDHIST SOCIETY ✓
KELOWNA B.C. ✓

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A MACNAMARA

CHGD. DEPT. LABOUR.
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:-

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THE COMMISSIONER,
R.C.M. POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

HEADQUARTERS

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE NO. 46 D 1066-4-Q-1.

OTTAWA, June 12, 1946.

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BY HAND

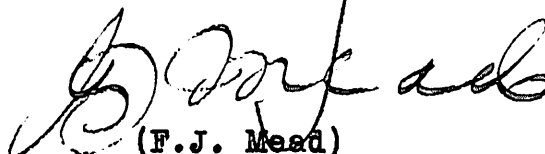
Attention: Japanese Division.

Further to our letter of April 15th last, bearing on Reverend Rensin Tatibana, Kelowna, B.C., and Reverend Shinjo Ikuta, Raymond, Alberta, Japanese Buddhist priests who entered Canada prior to the war on temporary permits issued by the Immigration Branch, I am in receipt of the following telegram dated the 9th instant, from T. Maruno, Box 7, Rosemary, Alberta, relative to the Reverend Ikuta:

"Sir from the government Reverend Shinjo Ikuta of Raymond Buddhist Church received notification stop board ship June ninth at Vancouver as far as Reverend Ikuta is concerned stop is ready to comply with notice however the members of the Church are deterring his departure if Reverend Ikuta does as the members want him to stay and it would be illegal and without him the members are unable to get along the members of the Church are today having a meeting concerning the above matter I believe at a busy time like this it is very unwise to have a big matter so taking this matter into your most deepest consideration and will you please do your very best."

2. I have replied to Mr. Maruno informing him that the contents of his message are being referred to the governmental departments concerned.

3. Since the notification addressed to the Reverend Ikuta advising him to board ship at Vancouver, no doubt emanated from the Immigration Branch, you may wish to relay this matter to that department, together with your own observations.



(F.J. Mead)

Deputy Commissioner.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A.

(Copy sent to: Mr. A.L. Jolliffe - June 14/46)



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VIA
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LEMON CREEK BC JUNE 12/46

HON. HUMPHREY MITCHELL **1114**
MINISTER OF LABOUR, OTTAWA, ONT.

STANDARD TIME



THE NUMEROUS BUDDHIST FOLLOWERS REMAINING IN CANADA REQUEST YOU TO POSTPONE THE DEPORTATION ORDERS OF REVERENDS IKUTA AND HIRAHARA STOP DEPORTATION OF THE TWO MINISTERS WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS TO US FOLLOWERS AND WE CANNOT BEAR TO SEE THEM LEAVE US.

LEMON CREEK BUDDHIST ASSN.

1247AM-13

AM:MM

Ottawa, June 11, 1946

My dear Colleagues:

With reference to the case of Rev. R. Hirahara, and the attached wires which were sent to me by our Colleague, the Minister of Justice.

Insofar as the people who are going in the two groups to Japan are concerned they are going on a purely voluntary basis.

Insofar as Rev. Hirahara is concerned, I believe the situation is that your Department has told him that, because he is here illegally, he will be deported and that he should recognize such is the case and take advantage of the present arrangements to move groups to Japan. Furthermore, I believe he has been told that if he does not go voluntarily with the present group, deportation proceedings will be commenced against him, which proceedings will take some time.

Rev. Hirahara has the option of going voluntarily now or waiting until the actual order is issued.

Mr. Low M.P. made some representations to me. Mr. Low thinks quite highly of him.

I have no particular interest in the case and leave the matter for your decision.

Yours sincerely,

(SIGNED) HUMPHREY MITCHELL

Honourable J.A. Glen,
Minister of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a

Encl.

June 11,

46.

To: Honourable Mr. Mitchell

With reference to the attached I was quite right when I told you this morning that it was the Immigration Department which had determined that Rev. R. Hirahara is to be deported and not the Labour Department.

The Immigration Department has advised this man to go on the boat with the other volunteers. They have told him if he does not go as a volunteer they intend to start prosecution for deportation, which will take some little time.

The Immigration Department say that he is here illegally and that he is slightly pro-Japanese.

AM/LL

A. MacNamara.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

DEPUTY MINISTER'S OFFICE

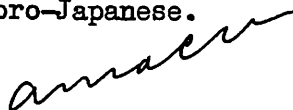
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KELOWNA BC JUNE 11/46....

HON. HUMPHREY MITCHELL **1056**
MINISTER OF LABOUR, OTTAWA, ONT.



WE THE OKANAGAN BUDDHIST SOCIETY WANT REVEREND IKUTA OF RAYMOND ALBERTA
TO REMAIN IN CANADA WHO IN THE PAST HAS CONDUCTED OUR CHURCH PREVIOUS
AND WANT HIS SERVICES IN THE FUTURE THEREFORE PLEASE CONSIDER HIS
DEPORTATION ORDER AND HAVE HIM REMAIN IN CANADA.

OKANAGAN BUDDHIST SOCIETY.

1113PM



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SLOCAN CITY BC JUNE 10/46

HON. HUMPHREY MITCHELL **654**
MINISTER OF LABOUR, OTTAWA, ONT.



SURPRISED AT WIRE FROM COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION C E S SMITH ESQ
ADVISING ME TO ARRANGE DEPARTURE JUNE FIFTEENTH PLEASE GIVE ME FURTHER
EXTENSION FOR STAY IN CANADA AS I WISH TO SEE OUR FOLLOWERS THROUGH
THEIR RESETTLEMENT YOUR KINDEST CONSIDERATION MOST APPRECIATED.

REV. R. HIRAHARA.

1151PM

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SLOCAN CITY BC JUNE 10/46

HON. HUMPHREY MITCHELL, **673**
MINISTER OF LABOR, OTTAWA ONT.



HONOURABLE SIR WITH REFERENCE TO THE TELEGRAM SENT BY THE COMMISSIONER OF IMMIGRATION TO REV R HIRAHARA WE PETITION THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO ALLOW REV R HIRAHARA AND WIFE OF SLOCAN CITY AND REV SHINKYO IKUTA OF RAYMOND FURTHER TEMPORARY RESIDENCE IN CANADA SHOULD THEY BE REPATRIATED TO JAPAN IMMEDIATELY AS ADVISED BY THE TELEGRAM WE THE FOLLOWERS OF BUDDHISM WOULD SUFFER MUCH MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FOR DURING THE PAST FOUR MOST TRYING YEARS THEIR TEACHINGS AND ADVICE GUIDED US TO BE GOOD CITIZENS WORTHY OF LIVING IN CANADA OUR RESETTLEMENT IS FAR FROM BEING COMPLETED AND THEIR GUIDANCE IS MORE THAN EVER NEEDED NOW THEREFORE WE HUMBLY PRAY THAT YOU WILL GIVE THIS PETITION YOUR MOST KINDEST AND SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND LEGALIZE THE STATUS OF REV R HIRAHARA AND HIS WIFE AND REV S ITUKA AS NON IMMIGRANTS IN CANADA FOR A FURTHER PERIOD DATED THE TENTH DAY OF JUNE 1946 AND YOUR PETITIONS WILL EVER PRAY PETITION WITH SIGNATURES FOLLOWING BY AIR MAIL.

THE SLOCAN BUDDHIST MISSION,

THE YMBA,

THE YWBA,

THE WBA.

1215AM-11

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT
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IMMIGRATION
BRANCH

Ottawa, June 8th, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa.

Attention - H.T. Pannett.

In reference to the question of repatriation of Buddhist
Priests I may say we have had the following wire from Reverend R. Hirahara
of Slocan City, B.C.,-

"Rev G. Ikuta has not signed for repatriation why must he leave
Would like to have arrangements made for us to stay here Please
reply".

A reply as follows has been despatched to Reverend Hirahara today,-

"Period for which temporary residence Canada Shinjo Ikuta yourself
and wife was authorized has expired and is not being extended
You should therefore arrange departure with party Japanese
repatriates leaving Vancouver June fifteenth otherwise deportation
proceedings will be instituted".

As you have been advised previously we are not in a position
to institute deportation proceedings in these cases at present but suitable
action will be taken if Reverend Shinjo Ikuta, Reverend R. Hirahara and his
wife do not leave Canada on the 15th.

Copy sent to: Mr. T.B. Pickersgill
June 11/46.

A.L. Jolliffe
A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

*ms Dept of Labour
J.B. Bennett
Buddhist priests*

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Ottawa, June 7, 1946.

Your File: 551550

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of June 5 concerning the ^{re}deportation of I. Kojima, alias M. Yoshida, of Toronto and I have asked Commissioner Pickersgill to arrange for accommodation on the second ship which is now scheduled to leave Vancouver on June 15.

** Make card (Yoshida see Kojima)*

Yours very truly,

HTP/RS

A. MacNamara.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, June 7, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from the Director of the Immigration Branch concerning Mr. I. Kojima of Toronto, whom he proposes to deport with our second shipment. You will note that the Immigration Branch will be responsible for getting this man to Vancouver before the ship leaves.

Yours very truly,

HTP/RS

A. MacNamara.

Encl.

O t t a w a,
June 6, 1946.

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Mr. Solon Low, M. P.,
House of Commons,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Low:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of the telegram sent to you by Mr. J. H. Walker of Raymond, Alberta, dated June 4, and protesting the deportation of Rev. Shingo Ikuta of Raymond.

Our information is that this man was in Canada on a temporary permit which expired early in the war, and that the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources on the basis of all evidence has decided to deport him at this time, taking advantage of accommodation available on one of the ships in which this Department is sending voluntary repatriates to Japan.

I am, however, sending a copy of the telegram from Mr. Walker to the Director of the Immigration Branch for his consideration.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:WBD

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O t t a w a,
June 6, 1946.

Honourable James A. MacKinnon, M.P.,
Minister of Trade & Commerce,
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Answer

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CANADA
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BRANCH

Ottawa, June 5th, 1946.

Dear Sir: Attention Mr. H.T. Pammett

It is desired to include with the party of Japanese repatriates leaving Vancouver on the 15th instant Inokichi Kojima, alias Mitsuo Yoshida, now in Toronto, whose deportation was ordered at Vancouver in May 1933.

Inokichi Kojima was born in Japan in 1899 and effected illegal entry to Canada in 1922 by deserting from the crew of a vessel, but did not come to the attention of the Department until eleven years later. In consideration of the fact that in 1929 he became married to a Canadian born girl and that the couple have two children born in this Dominion, the deportation order was not put into effect and he was allowed to remain in Canada without status. We are now informed that the B.C. Security Commission and the R.C.M.P. are urging deportation. It is stated that on April 5th, 1943, Kojima was convicted for failing to obey the orders of the Security Commission and was given a suspended sentence of one year. He is separated from his legal wife who, with her four children, have been a public charge in the camp at Tashme and is living with a woman in Toronto by whom he has one child. It is understood they have with them one of his legitimate children.

It is assumed that arrangements may be completed for Kojima to go forward with the party, leaving Vancouver on June 15th and instructions have been issued to have him available at our building in that city on the 14th.

Yours very truly,

A.L. Jolliffe
(A.L. Jolliffe)
Director.

Dr. A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

C. C. T. B. Pickersgill
June 7, 1946



MINISTER OF TRADE AND COMMERCE
CANADA

OTTAWA June 4, 1946.

Mr. A. Brown
Honourable Humphrey Mitchell, P.C., M.P.,
Minister of Labour,
O t t a w a.



My dear Colleague:

I am attaching ~~hereto~~ ⁴ telegram received
by me today from J. H. Walker, of Raymond, Alberta.

I have notified Mr. Walker that I am
turning this telegram over to you.

Yours sincerely,

Jas. A. MacKinnon

Encl.



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WIRE REPLY

J H WALKER

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13/6/46

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Ottawa, June 4, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 1, concerning the necessity of deporting five Buddhist Priests who are in Canada on temporary permits.

The three men R. Tatibana, S. Ikuta and S. Tashiro, were listed in Mr. Pickersgill's letter of May 27 (copy of which was sent to you) as undesirable from the point of view of this Department's relocation program, but in the final analysis a decision as to whether they should be deported rests with your Branch. In the cases of Y. Kawamura and R. Hirahara, Mr. Pickersgill's report above mentioned indicates that there is nothing special on their files.

His report does indicate, however, that any of these Buddhist Priests still remaining in our British Columbia settlements are a hindrance to our relocation programs inasmuch as they encourage the evacuees to refuse to move East of the Rockies. He suggested therefore that the deportation might be seriously considered of any Buddhist Priests on temporary permits who remain in British Columbia.

Other than the above, we have no recommendations for consideration when your Branch is deciding on action to be taken against the Buddhist Priests on temporary permits.

Incidentally, the latest word from Vancouver is that the second ship, the S.S. "General Meigs", will not leave Vancouver until approximately June 13 or June 15, due to the need of repairs.

Yours very truly,

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

IMMIGRATION
BRANCH
A 66589

Ottawa, June 1st, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pammett.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 29th with report from Commissioner Pickersgill in reference to five Buddhist Priests who, it is suggested, might be included with the party of Japanese repatriates leaving Vancouver on the 9th instant.

It is noted that while in your letter of April 6th it was stated that Rensin Tatibana and Shinjo Ikuta would not be returned to Japan compulsorily it is now your opinion that they should be deported and that similar action should be taken in regard to Sawaharu Tashiro. It is not clear, however, whether you have any definite objection to the continued residence in Canada of Yutetsu Kawamura and Ryuchi Hirahara and I would be glad if you would let me know if in your opinion these Priests should also be removed.

For your information I may say that none of the five Priests mentioned have been ordered deported from Canada and there are no means at our disposal, therefore, of forcing them to leave the country at present. We are, however, advising Rensin Tatibana, Shinjo Ikuta and Sawaharu Tashiro that we are not granting an extension of the period for which they were allowed temporary entry and are suggesting that they arrange to leave with the party on June 9th. If they fail to do so they will be required to make application for permanent entry to Canada and will be dealt with in accordance with the Immigration Regulations.


A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

Your File: A66589

O t t a w a,
May 29, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director, Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:-

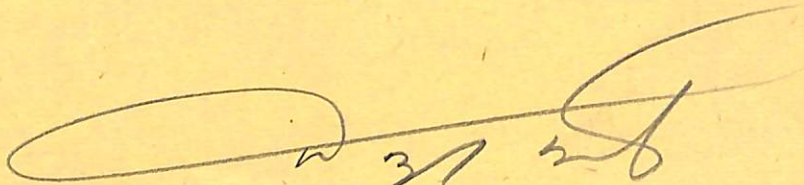
You wrote to us on May 23 requesting information and recommendations upon five Buddhist Priests who are being considered for deportation. I attach copy of a report received from Commissioner Pickersgill with whose views on this matter we concur.

The latest reports from Vancouver indicate that our first ship, "The SS Marine Angel", will leave Vancouver on May 31 and the second ship, "SS General Megs", will leave on June 9. If you desire to include any of these Priests whose names are not on the previous lists, would you please advise me as soon as possible and make arrangements to have them brought to the Vancouver Immigration Shed not later than June 8.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Ottawa, May 28, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Immigration Branch,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

You will be interested in the attached
correspondence.

I will be glad to have the benefit of
any comments you wish to make on this.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

A. H. Brown.

re deportation

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Ottawa, May 27, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Deportees

We have your letter of May 21st.

Since this Department is the responsible Department for the arrangements for shipping Japanese on the two boats and has undertaken to pay W.S.A. for the same, there is obviously only one way of handling this and that is to pay the one billing including the transportation of those deported by the Immigration Branch. Any other course of action would be impracticable.

We will be prepared to take up later with the Immigration Branch if it seems of sufficient importance the question of reimbursing this Department for the costs of transportation of the deportees. Since the cost involved will be payable by the Government in any event, we see little advantage in putting through a recovery charge. If, of course, the Department of Immigration have in mind in any way the matter of recovering this transportation from the transportation companies by whom the deportees were brought over, another issue would be involved.

A. H. Brown. *30/5/46*



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AIRMAIL.

21st May 1946

Attention: Mr. Brown.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: DEPORTEES.

The Treasury officials have raised the question about which department will be paying for the transportation of those being deported by the Immigration Branch? We are arranging that they will be included on the MARINE ANGEL or the GENERAL GORDON and just assumed that they would be included in the billing to our Department. It was suggested that the general practice is to have the transportation company that brought the deportees to Canada, pay for their return.

We shall be glad to have your advice.

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. Robertson, Treasury
Mr. Simmons



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To: *Mr. A. Brown*

27th May 1946

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AIRMAIL.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: DEPORTATION OF BUDDHIST PRIESTS.

We received your letter of May 25th to which you attached memorandum from Mr. Jolliffe, Director of the Immigration Branch.

We have checked the files of the Buddhist priests referred to in Mr. Jolliffe's memorandum, and would offer the following comments on each.

1. KAWAMURA, Yutetsu, No. 11197, Picture Butte, Alberta.

This man signed the voluntary declaration for repatriation but apart from this document, there does not appear to be anything else on his file which would be concrete evidence as to his loyalties. We would therefore suggest that there would be no more reason to cancel his temporary permit allowing him to remain in Canada, than other Buddhist priests who also are here on temporary permits.

2. TASHIRO, Sawaharu, No. 05965, Tashme, B.C.

In addition to the signed form requesting repatriation, there are a number of censored letters on his file which indicate very definitely that this man's loyalty was to Japan during the war. As an illustration, the following comment appeared in one letter: "The war news on the Pacific is marvellously good but, as a precaution, allow me to omit the details." Also, the following is from a letter that he wrote on March 19th, 1942: "According to the news today, the continent of Asia's South-east portion is experiencing great changes; however, I would prefer to omit details for fear of a slip of the pen (indiscretion). Nevertheless, I feel like shouting "Victory"!"

We would certainly recommend the immediate deportation of this person.

3. HIRAHARA, Ryuchi, No. 02553, Slocan City, B.C.

This man signed the voluntary declaration for repatriation but apart from this, the same comments would apply to him as to No. 1.

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4. TATIBANA, Rensin, No. 02899, Tashme, B.C.

Apart from the signed declaration requesting repatriation to Japan, there is no other written evidence in this man's file to suggest where his allegiance really does lie. We do know however, that this man has been decidedly unpopular with the R.C.M.P. and his activities have not been helpful to us in encouraging relocation from Tashme. He has been requesting transfer to Kelowna but so far we have declined to grant his request.

We certainly would not be averse to seeing this man's temporary permit cancelled but, according to actual evidence on his file, there would be no more reason for doing this than for other Buddhist priests who also signed for repatriation.

5. IKUTA, Shinjo, No. 08490, Raymond, Alberta.

This man did not sign for repatriation, but the following paragraph is taken from an R.C.M.P. report on him. This report is dated April 4th, 1946:

"There is nothing on file directly against this man, but from the Secret reports that have come in from Alberta, under Japanese Conditions in Alberta, it shows that the Buddhist Association at Raymond, of which subject is the head, is very strong pro-Japanese. It will be noted in report from Alberta, dated 27.5.45, that the Buddhist Association tried to have a Canadian-born Japanese desert the Canadian Army, in order that he would not be fighting against Japan."

We feel sure that our relocation efforts would be assisted if these Buddhist priests were not in the settlements. We would like particularly to see, if possible, that the temporary permits of the Buddhist priests still in B.C. be cancelled and their deportation by the Immigration Branch effected, so that they might leave on our second boat.

Copy sent to Mr. A. L. Joffe

T.B. Pickersgill
T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner of
Japanese Placement.

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Your File 684366

Ottawa, May 27, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 21 concerning the deportation of Gengi Murata, theological student at Joliette, P.Q., I would advise that a report has been received from Commissioner Pickersgill as follows:

"Relet proposed deportation of Gengi Murata STOP Our record would suggest no more reason for deporting this man than other Buddhist Priests in Canada on temporary permits where apparently no action being taken at this time by Immigration Branch."

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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May 25th, 1946.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.



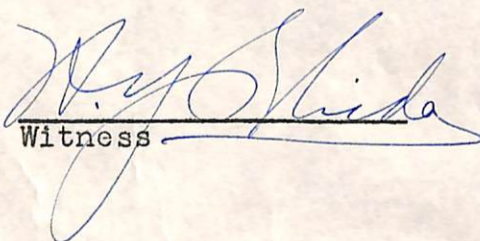
Honourable Sir:

Under unavoidable family reasons,
we, the Canadian-Born of British subject, have
applied to arrange and effect our going to Japan.
However, we find it is our necessity and
desire to retain our rights and status of Canadian-born.

Formerly, we had submitted a petition
from this Slocan Valley concerning this matter,
including the request for an issuance of a passport
or a certification of re-entrance into Canada
within a reasonable time.

We further request that this application
be considered and granted immediately.

Respectfully yours,


Witness

Masumi Matsuba Reg. #16562 B.C. # 4492
Noboru Matsuba Reg. #17441 B.C. # 11919
Takushi Matsuba Reg. #15937
Mikiyo Matsuba BIRTH # 26497
TAKUMI MATSUBA
BIRTH # D. 131532

Kamejiro Matsuba
Guardian # 03082

Slocan, B. C.,

June 12, 1946.

Hon. Humphrey Mitchell,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

In view of the fact that my family being repatriated to Japan, I wish most respectfully to state that my children who are returning with us and who have no one to clothe and feed them and look after their welfare generally in the event of their being separated from us, do not wish to lose their inalienable right as British subjects owing to their birth in Canada. They will, no doubt at some future time wish to return to the country of their birth and do not wish to be deprived of this right.

In those circumstances, on behalf of my children, I wish to revoke any clause which may have previously signed their Cancellation of their Canadian Born British Nationality.

Respectfully yours,

Jitsune Katanaka 01116.
Reg. No.

K. Elvinger
Witness

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H.T. Pammett.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, May 25, 1946

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

I am attaching copy of a letter received from Mr. A. L. Jolliffe of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, concerning ^{re} deportation of Buddhist Priests. Would you please consider the records of these three priests named in the first paragraph and advise me whether you consider that they should be permitted to remain in Canada under permit to continue their religious duties.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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A 66589

Ottawa, May 23rd, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pammett.

This will refer to my letter of March the 12th, 1946, concerning Japanese Buddhist Priests and other Japanese in Canada under temporary permit. Ten Buddhist Priests were named in that letter and it was indicated that six had applied for voluntary repatriation. We are now advised that three of the six have withdrawn their applications viz., Kawamura Yutetsu, Ryuchi Hirahara, Sawaharu Tasiro.

I would also refer to my letter of March 20th, 1946 concerning two other Buddhist Priests viz., Rensin Tatibana and Shinjo Ikuta who had withdrawn their applications for voluntary repatriation. In those cases it was decided that there would be valid ground for allowing them to remain in Canada under permit to continue their religious duties for the benefit of their respective communities, provided that the Mounted Police records were clear and further provided that your Department had no objection to such an arrangement.

It is considered that the cases of the three Buddhist Priests first named in this letter should be treated in the same way and it would be appreciated if you would kindly let me have your views on the matter.

*Copy sent to
J.B. Pickersfill
25-5-46*

A.L. Jolliffe
A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.



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Attention: Mr. Pammett.

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A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: DEPORTEES.

I have received your memorandum of May 17th attaching copy of memorandum from Mr. Jolliffe of the Immigration Branch.

We will see that accommodation is provided for the deportees listed in Mr. Jolliffe's memorandum on one of the two ships. They will likely travel on the GENERAL GORDON.

(Sailing about June 7)

T.B. Pickersgill

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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Attention: Mr. Pammett.

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A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: DEPORTEES.

I have your memorandum of May 21st
attaching letter of May 20th from Mr. Jolliffe of the
Immigration Branch.

We are not certain yet whether any
patients from the Essondale Mental Hospital can be
accommodated on either of the two ships. Mr. Stanford
of San Francisco is hoping that this may be possible and
will notify us just as soon as he can be sure. If patients
from Essondale can be included, we will see that accommo-
dation is provided for Kiyoji TAIJI.

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Commissioner.

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H.T. Pammett.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, May 23, 1946.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

I attach copy of self-explanatory letter from the Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, concerning G. Murata, No. 57300, who has been in Canada for six years on a temporary permit as a Theological student.

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Would you please send us a recommendation by return mail as to whether this man should be granted an extension of his permit to remain in Canada or should be compelled to return to Japan on one of the ships at the end of this month.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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OTTAWA, May 21st, 1946.

Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa, Ont.

Attention:- Mr. H.T. Pammatt.

In March, 1940 the Department authorized the temporary entry to Canada of one, Brother Gengi Murata, a Japanese national, destined to continue his studies as a Theological student. This man is now at the French St. Charles Scolasticat at Joliette, Quebec, and at the time of his arrival held Japanese passport No. 364333 issued at Hachire Arita, Japan on January 25th, 1940, valid for five years.

The above-named has been granted extensions from year to year and registered under Oriental Registration Certificate of Exemption No. R.57300 issued at Montreal on January 31st, 1942.

Brother Murata is requesting a further extension to enable him to continue his studies at the above-mentioned seminary. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have no objection to the renewal of his temporary stay in Canada, but suggest that this is a matter in which your Japanese Division would be interested. Will you please advise me your attitude towards the application for extension or possible return to Japan with one of your parties.


A.L. Holliffe,
Director.

Your File A 66589

Ottawa, May 21, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
OTTAWA.

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 20,
advising that it has been decided to ^{re}deport ^{alias of} Kiyoji
X Taiji with the group mentioned in your letter of
May 15, on one of the ships chartered by this
Department which are leaving at the end of this
month.

The Commissioner of Japanese Placement
will make sure that accommodation will be provided
for Taiji on one of the ships, and it is assumed
that you will make arrangements to have him brought
to the Vancouver Immigration Sheds before the ships
leave.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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AIR MAIL

Ottawa, May 21, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Further to my letter of May 17, concerning persons to be deported by the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, I am enclosing copy of a further report from that Branch on Kiyoji Taiji, a patient at the Essondale Mental Hospital, who is to be deported with the others. We have assured the Immigration Branch that Taiji will be accommodated on one of the ships if they look after arrangements to get him to the Vancouver Immigration Sheds on time.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

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Ottawa, May 20th, 1946.

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A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: H.T. Pamnett.

Further to my letter of May 15th in reference to Japanese nationals under order of deportation from Canada who will be included with parties of voluntary repatriates leaving Vancouver at the end of this month, I may say that it is now desired to include, if possible, Kiyoji Taiji, a patient at the Provincial Mental Hospital, Essondale, whose present condition is described in the following certificate dated April 27th, from the Deputy Medical Superintendent of that Institution:

"With reference to your letter of April 24th, 1946, concerning the above named Japanese, this man is still delusional and somewhat dull and apathetic.

He is in no way troublesome in so far as his behaviour is concerned. He is eating well and sleeping well and his general physical health is fairly good.

He is able to travel without any special precautions."

Kiyoji Taiji, single, was born in Japan in 1916 and made his first entry to this Dominion in 1929 when it was incorrectly represented that he had previously resided here between 1923 and 1927. He was brought to our attention in 1942 as a patient at Essondale and his deportation was ordered during that year for having entered Canada by misrepresentation and having become an inmate of a Hospital for the Insane and a public charge. As return to Japan at that time was impracticable it has been necessary to leave the deportation order in abeyance.

If you find it possible to arrange transportation for Kiyoji Taiji by one of the sailings next week it would be appreciated if in addition to advising this office advice might also be furnished direct

to our District Superintendent at Vancouver so that he may make the necessary arrangements to have the man placed on board ship.

A.L. Jolliffe.
A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

Ottawa, May 18, 1946

Mr. D. M. Allan,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Agriculture,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Allan:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15 enclosing copy of a letter received from Mr. A. D. Cavers of Saskatoon concerning the deportation of Akira (James) Takemura of Saskatoon.

I would advise that the deportation of this man and several others is being arranged entirely by the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources, and this Department is only co-operating to the extent of providing accommodation on one of the ships being used to repatriate Japanese at the end of this month.

You may be interested in the report on Takemura received recently from the Immigration Branch:

"Akira Takemura known as James Takemura, aged 47, entered Canada illegally in 1919 but did not come to our attention until 1941 when he was reported in connection with registration of Japanese. His deportation was ordered at Saskatoon, on November 19th, 1941, but could not, of course, be carried out at that time. He is married to a native of Winnipeg but has been separated from her for some years. He is now employed by the New Hollywood Studios 838 - 2nd Avenue South, Saskatoon. He has been advised that he may expect

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deportation to be effected shortly
and arrangements are being made for
his escort by an Officer of this
Department to Vancouver."

Yours sincerely,

George G. Greene,
Private Secretary.

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Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

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H.T. Pammett.

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Your File: A 66589

O t t a w a,
May 17, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director, Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 15 listing five or six Japanese whom you are prepared to deport to Japan on one of the ships which we have chartered for the end of May.

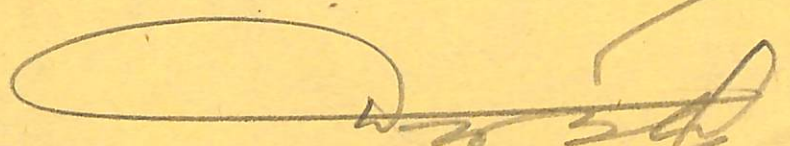
The Commissioner of Japanese Placement has been instructed to give your officers every co-operation in arranging passage of these men.

We will give you plenty of advance notice when a third shipment is planned so that you can make arrangements for the shipment of any other deportees whom you have under present investigation.

Yours very truly,

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A. MacNamara.



O t t a w a,
May 17, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching for your information a copy of a letter received from the Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, giving full particulars about the five or six Japanese men who are to be deported by that Branch on one of the ships which we have chartered for the end of May.

The Immigration Branch has made arrangements to get these men to the Immigration Shed at Vancouver in time, and I would be obliged if you would have someone see that they are allotted accommodation on one of the ships.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:MS



Ottawa, May 16, 1946.

AIRMAIL

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Deportees

u We have your letter of May 4th concerning
persons to be deported by the Immigration Branch of
the Department of Mines and Resources.

We see no particular reason why these
deportees should be given the repatriation grant
by the Canadian Government.

If you have any views to the contrary,
please advise.

A. MacNamara.

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A 66589

Ottawa, May 15th, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: H.T. Pammett.

I am in receipt of your letter of May 13th, concerning Japanese nationals under order of deportation from Canada whom it is proposed to include with parties of voluntary repatriates leaving Vancouver, May 28th and a few days later.

At this time we are in a position to make definite arrangements for deportation of five persons and a possible sixth. As requested details of these cases are furnished hereunder.

Shogo Kim or Yoshida, single, born at Sanjimen, Kainan Gun, Benranando, Korea, Nov. 3rd, 1898, entered Canada by deserting from the crew of a vessel at Montreal in 1923 and was brought to our attention in 1941 by the R.C.M.P. in connection with the registration of Japanese. His deportation was ordered at Montreal on February 5th, 1942 for having entered Canada by eluding examination but proceedings were suspended on account of the impossibility of arranging transportation. Shogo Kim who is now unemployed and living at 1164 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, recently called on our Officer in that city stating that he is anxious to return to Korea. Arrangements are being made to have him escorted by an Officer of this Department to our Building at Vancouver where he will arrive not later than May 27th.

Kyuchi Mito, born in Hiroshima Ken, Japan, May 14th, 1894, single, entered Canada by deserting from the crew of a vessel in 1920 and came to our attention through registration of Japanese in 1941. His deportation was ordered at Toronto in April 1942 for having entered illegally but owing to war conditions it was necessary to suspend proceedings. He is now employed as cook with the Abitibi Power and Paper Company at Regan, Ontario, and we are arranging for his escort to Vancouver to be delivered at our Building there by May 27th.

Eizo Hatamaka, also known as Rioge Hashimoto aged 47, whose wife and children reside in Japan came to our attention through the registration of Japanese in 1941 and upon inquiry it was found that he had entered Canada in 1926 as a non-immigrant for some supposed inspectional work of saw-mills. His deportation was ordered at Vancouver, September 24th, 1941, on the grounds that he entered Canada as a non-immigrant and upon ceasing to be such failed to report for examination but we were unable to put the order into effect on account of war conditions. The man is now at Sinclair Mills, B.C., and officials of the B. C. Security Commission have informed our District Superintendent at Vancouver that they will bring him under escort to Vancouver to be placed on board one of the vessels carrying repatriates.

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(Sgd.) A. L. Jolliffe,
Director.



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
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A 66589

Ottawa, May 15th, 1946.

A. MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: H.T. Pammett.

I am in receipt of your letter of May 13th, concerning Japanese nationals under order of deportation from Canada whom it is ~~supposed~~ to include with parties of voluntary repatriates leaving Vancouver, May 28th and a few days later.

At this time we are in a position to make definite arrangements for deportation of five persons and a possible sixth. As requested details of these cases are furnished hereunder.

Shogo Kim or Yoshida, single, born at Sanjimen, Kainan Gun, Benranando, Korea, Nov. 3rd, 1898, entered Canada by deserting from the crew of a vessel at Montreal in 1923 and was brought to our attention in 1941 by the R.C.M.P. in connection with the registration of Japanese. His deportation was ordered at Montreal on February 5th, 1942 for having entered Canada by eluding examination but proceedings were suspended on account of the impossibility of arranging transportation. Shogo Kim who is now unemployed and living at 1164 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal, recently called on our Officer in that city stating that he is anxious to return to Korea. Arrangements are being made to have him escorted by an Officer of this Department to our Building at Vancouver where he will arrive not later than May 27th.

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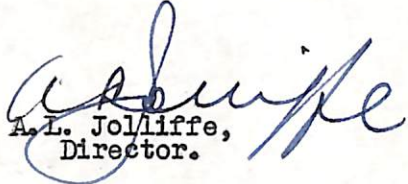
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A.L. Jolliffe,
Director.

copy sent to Mr. Pickersgill - May 17/46

J. Pannett



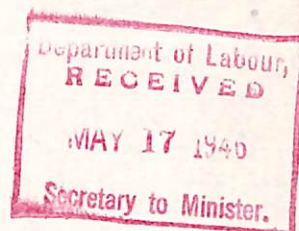
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MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

O t t a w a,
May 15, 1946.

George Greene, Esq.,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Labour,
O T T A W A.



Dear Mr. Greene:

I am enclosing copy of a
letter which I have received from Mr. A.
D. Cavers, of the Georgia Investment Company
of Saskatoon, and would appreciate it if you
would advise what might be stated in reply.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. Allan

D. M. Allan,
Private Secretary.

C O P Y

Saskatoon, Sask.
May 8th, 1946.

Mr. D. M. Allan,
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Agriculture,
O T T A W A.

Dear Don:

There is a Japanese by the name
of Takemura and he has been ordered deported.

On making enquiries I find he served
in the Japanese Army in the last war and came to
Canada on a tramp steamer in 1919 and it would
appear that he entered the country illegally.
He has since married and has established himself
in the photography business.

I am not asking you to intercede on
behalf of this man but I am wondering if you would
make enquiries from the Resources Dept. under which
Department I believe this Japanese matter is handled,
if it would be possible for this chap to re-instate
himself. It is likely that he would have to do that
before he made application to stay in the country.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. D. Cavers

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INTERNMENT OPERATIONS

PRISONER OF WAR BUSINESS LETTER

M.F.M. 445
FORM I.O. 19
10M-2-45 (6629)
H.Q. 1772-39-2329

SHEET.....OF.....

FROM No. 487,	TO: The Minister of Labor,
NAME MITSUBAYASHI, Eon,	O t t a w a ,
CAMP 101,	Canada.
Angler, Ontario,	
DATE May 14, 1946.	

Honourable Sir:

Re: p/w #487 - MITSUBAYASHI, Eon.

I hereby wish to state that I am now willing to engage in sugar beets farming in Coaldale, Alberta.

Therefore, I am respectfully appealing to your Excellency to give me your most favourable consideration and decision for my release to Coaldale, Alberta.

Yours respectfully,

Rev. E. Mitsubayashi
Eon MITSUBAYASHI, #487.

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Geo E. Samuel
Capt.

8 COMMANDANT OF INTERNMENT CAMP NO. 101

REMARKS

18 May 46

Forwarded, please.

Engt. Paul

Major
for DIRECTOR, PRISONERS OF WAR

O t t a w a,
May 17, 1946.

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am attaching for your information a copy of a letter received from the Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, giving full particulars about the five or six Japanese men who are to be deported by that Branch on one of the ships which we have chartered for the end of May.

The Immigration Branch has made arrangements to get these men to the Immigration Shed at Vancouver in time, and I would be obliged if you would have someone see that they are allotted accommodation on one of the ships.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HJP:MS

O t t a w a,
May 13, 1946.

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 3 (File A 66589) concerning the repatriation of Buddhist priests in Canada under permit and other persons who have been ordered deported to Japan. You intimated that final decision in some of these cases was being delayed pending further inquiry.

I would advise that this Department is sending two shiploads of Japanese to Japan, the first leaving Vancouver May 28 and the second a few days later. These are all voluntary repatriates, and it is possible that some of the persons on your lists will be going in that category.

If you wish any of the other potential deportees repatriated on one of these ships, this Department should be notified immediately giving full particulars about the persons involved, numbers in families, their present addresses, and your arrangements to get them to Vancouver before the ships sail at the end of May.

I may add that we may possibly be sending a third shipload of voluntary repatriates later in the summer if enough persons volunteer in the meantime to warrant this action.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:ME

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, May 8, 1946.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner, Japanese Division,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of letter received from the Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources in connection with the deportation of Buddhist priests. He has been informed that we hope to send the first shipment of voluntary repatriates May 23-31, and is expediting final decision on these cases in order that they may if possible be sent with the voluntary repatriates at that time. I will advise you as soon as I hear from him again on this subject.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNanara

HTP/VM
Encls.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Department of Labour

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To: *Mr. MacNamara*

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AIR MAIL

4th May 1946

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: Deportees

We are attaching hereto for your information list of five Japanese, of whom it is anticipated four will be sent back to Japan by the Immigration Department along with the Japanese who are going under authority of Order-in-Council P.C. 7355. It would be appreciated if you could advise as to whether or not these Japanese should be given the repatriation grant.

It is also expected that Motoichi IKEDA, #16188, will be sent on the first ship. This man was a prisoner-of-war and in accordance with your letter of February 22nd to Major E. H. J. Barber, Directorate of Prisoners of War, the repatriation grant is not being issued in his case.

T. B. Pickersgill
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T. B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

DEPORTEES

12358	TAIJI, Kiyoji	Essondale Mental Hospital
11322	HASHIMOTO, Rioge	Sinclair Mills, B. C.
06066	TATSU, Rev. Takefumi	Chatham, Ont.
15311	KURABA, Tadao & Tamoto	Vernon, B. C.
05965	TASHIRO, Sawaharu	Tashme, B. C.

These persons are listed for return on the first boat, with the exception of #12358 - TAIJI, Kiyoji - with regard to whom final decision has not yet been made.

OFFICE OF THE
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MAY 4 1946

A 66539

Ottawa, May 3rd, 1946.

The Deputy Minister, Department of Labour, Ottawa.

Attention: Mr. H.T. Pammett.

I am in receipt of your letter of April 30th advising that you are arranging for a shipment of voluntary repatriates to Japan within the present month and are prepared to include a number of Japanese Buddhist priests in Canada under permit and other persons who have been ordered deported to that country.

On checking the cases of those persons under order of deportation who were mentioned in my letter of March 12th we have been informed that Sadaski Kano is detained at the Angler Internment Camp and presumably you are dealing with the question of his release.

We are securing a report from the Mental Hospital at Essondale in reference to Kyoji Taiji and when this is available will let you know whether he is in fit condition to travel at this time.

Takebumi Tatsu is reported to be now at Chatham, Ontario, and it is necessary to conduct further inquiry concerning his circumstances before a decision may be reached as to whether we will proceed with deportation in this case.

The case of Yoshio Ono is under investigation at Montreal and a decision regarding final disposal is not yet available.

Eizo Hatanaka alias Rioge Hashimoto of Sinclair Mills; Tadao Kuraba, alias Tamoto of Vernon, B.C., and Akira Takemura of Saskatoon have been notified that their deportation will be effected as soon as it is possible to complete arrangements.

There are two additional cases which it is desired to add to the list viz., Kyuichi Mito now at Regan, Ontario, whose deportation was ordered in 1942 and Shogo Kim or Yoshida of Montreal who was ordered deport-

ed in 1942. The latter was in touch with our Officer in Montreal recently and stated he was most anxious to return to his home in Korea.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me as soon as it is possible to do so the probable date of sailing for the above mentioned persons and the port of embarkation to which they should be delivered. You will note they are located in various sections of the country and we will require adequate advance notification to enable us to complete arrangements for their escort to the port.

A.L. Jolliffe
A.L. Jolliffe
Director.

*Copy Mr.
I.B. Pickersgill
May 8, 1946*

INTERNMENT OPERATIONS

PRISONER OF WAR BUSINESS LETTER

SHEET.....OF.....

FROM No. 487.
NAME MITSUBAYASHI, Eon, Rev.,
CAMP 101,
Angler, Ontario.
DATE May 2, 1946.

TO: The Minister of Labor,
O t t a w a ,
Canada.

Honourable Sir:

Re: MITSUBAYASHI, Eon, #A-487.

been

On the eighth of December, 1941, I have been arrested by the authority of Canadian Government, and have been confined in internment camp ever since. During this period, I have requested to the proper authority that I may be released from the camp to join my family at ghost town--Tashme, B. C. In reply to my requests, I have informed that I may be released only if I take residence in some points east of Rockies. Having this in mind I have contacted various persons, hoping all the while to locate and acquire such position best suited to my profession.

As result, with the establishment of Buddhist Church at Coaldale, Alberta, I have got in touch with my fellow churchman, who in his reply, expressed utmost desire in having me there. Consequently, I have asked through corporal Lambie of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to wire to the authority at Ottawa to have me released at once to this place. Having all the confidence and faith in you, I have immediately set about to pack up my belongings and get myself ready to leave here in a moment's notice. However, to my great disappointment, for no special reason, I have been told that my request has not been granted. It is needless to say that I was very much confused and bewildered.

At this point, may I remind you sir, that, as result of thoughtful consideration of my fellow brethren, ten acres of land have been allotted to me; and with the coming of the "beet season", I am sure they are impatiently awaiting my arrival.

I understand that "freedom of religion" is one of the fundamental principle of democracy. Let me assure you that I am fully aware of this principle and furthermore I am anxiously awaiting such opportunity so that I may carry on with my religious preachings.

Having thoroughly understood the unhappy predicament I am in, I hope you will reconsider my most urgent request and let me know your considerate decision in earliest possible date.

Respectfully yours,

Rev. E. Mitsubayashi
Eon MITSUBAYASHI, #487.

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Rev. E. Mitsubayashi
Eon

COMMANDANT OF INTERNMENT CAMP No. 101

REMARKS

7 May 46

Forwarded, please.

[Signature]
Major

for DIRECTOR, PRISONERS OF WAR

Ottawa, April 30, 1946

Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

Since January last we have had considerable correspondence concerning a number of Japanese Buddhist priests and other Japanese in Canada under temporary permit or otherwise eligible for deportation to Japan.

We are arranging for a shipment of voluntary repatriates to Japan within the next month, and would be willing to accept for shipment any of the above-mentioned persons for whom your Branch desires to issue Orders of Deportation at this time.

It is possible that some of the individuals with whom you are concerned are arranging to go to Japan voluntarily at this time, but in the case of the Buddhist priests it is known that a number of the most pro-Japanese of these individuals desire to remain in Canada and continue their missionary work. One example is Rev. E. Mitsubayashi, now in Angler Internment Camp, who during the war was outspokenly pro-Japanese, and who now wishes release from internment to take up church duties at Coaldale, Alberta. We are not allowing his release for the above purpose at the present time.

Another special case which has come to our attention is a single male Japanese National confined to Essondale Mental Hospital in British Columbia who was declared fit to travel and was ordered deported by your Branch in 1942. It is felt that this individual should be deported at the present time, if still fit to travel, as the hospital authorities are pressing us to clear out as many as possible of the Japanese in that institution.

*See also 23-2-~~3~~ 17-21
(Crossindex)².....*

I would be obliged if you would advise us on this matter as soon as possible so that we may make provision re transportation for any or all of the individuals when you desire to order deported at this time.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LN

TO: CENTRAL REGISTRY,
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

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H.T. Pammett.

B.F.

P.A.

(I believe
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE
ADDRESSED:-

THE COMMISSIONER.

R. C. MOUNTED POLICE,
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

46 D 1066-4-Q-1

FILE NO. _____

OTTAWA,

CANADA

April 15, 1946.

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A. W. Parsons
(A. W. Parsons), S/Inspector,
for Officer i/c Special Section.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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OTTAWA, Ontario.

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Vancouver, B.C. April 5th,
1946.

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D.D. 23-4-46.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.P., OTTAWA, Canada.

Re: Rev. Rensin TATIBANA, Kelowna, B.C.
Rev. Shinjo IKUTA, Raymond, Alberta.

With reference to the memorandum from the Officer i/c. Special Section, dated March 26th, the following information has been obtained from our Japanese records:

2. Rensin TATIBANA - #02899: Subject is a Japanese National, born at Saga-ken, Japan, on July 11th, 1907. He entered Canada on October 20th, 1938, port of entry Vancouver, B.C., ex-s.s. "Hikawa Maru", Japanese Passport #353605. At time of subject's registration in March 1941 it was noted that time limit for stay in Canada expired September 20th, 1941. He is married. His wife is OKITE, #04332, Japanese National. He has four children under sixteen years of age. Subject was evacuated from the Protected Area on June 29th, 1942, to Sandon, B.C. From Sandon he was transferred back to Vancouver on September 5th, 1942, at which date he was moved to Tashme, B.C., where he is resident at the present time.

3. There is no indication that this subject has ever resided at Kelowna, B.C. The Rev. TATIBANA signed declaration requesting repatriation to Japan at Tashme, B.C., on April 13th, 1945, and his wife requested cancellation on January 18th, 1946.

4. On several occasions this man has approached members of this Force requesting information as to what procedure he might adopt so as to secure his continued residence in Canada. He also indicated the desire to be transferred to the Kelowna district.

Re: Rev. Rensin TATIBANA, Kelowna, B.C.
Rev. Shinjo IKUTA, Raymond, Alberta.

5. Shinjo IKUTA - #08490: Subject is a Japanese National, born at Tottori-ken, Japan, on June 5th, 1892. He entered Canada on October 19th, 1936, port of entry Vancouver, B.C., ex-s.s. "Heian Maru", Japanese Passport #0322284. He is married. His wife is MINO, #08393, Japanese National. He has three children under sixteen years of age, and two children over sixteen years of age. Subject was evacuated from the Protected Area on May 26th, 1942, to Lethbridge, Alberta. From Lethbridge he moved to Raymond, Alberta, where he is resident at the present time.

6. Neither IKUTA nor his wife has signed declaration requesting repatriation to Japan.

7. From reports received from "K" Division it is indicated that this subject has expressed strong pro-Japanese sentiments, and as the head of the Buddhist Association at Raymond has been far from co-operative in his attitude toward the authorities.

SGD.

(E.D. Fryett) Inspector,
For O.C. "E" Divn. (A.O.D.)

23-2-17-1

Your File A66589.

Ottawa, April 6, 1946.

Mr. A.L. Jolliffe,
Director Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines & Resources,
Cartier Bldg.,
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of March 20, concerning the Buddhist Priests ~~R.~~ Tatibana and S. Ikuta, I would advise that Commissioner Pickersgill has reported that the first mentioned and his wife signed for repatriation to Japan, while Ikuta and his wife had not done so. Otherwise, there is nothing of significance on either of their files.

It is proposed therefore that these two families be treated like any other Japanese for the time being, i.e., permitted to repatriate voluntarily if they wish to do so but not deported compulsorily pending the Privy Council decision on our Deportation Orders. At that time, the Rev. Tatibana could be considered in the same classification as other Japanese Nationals who have signed for repatriation but have requested revocation of their applications.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

*re Buddhist
Priests
Tatibana & Ikuta*

HPT/BC

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

Attention: Mr. Pamnett.

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A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

Re: REV. R. TATIBANA, No. 02899, and
REV. S. IKUTA, No. 08490.

I received your memorandum of March 21st to which you attached copy of letter to Mr. MacNamara from Mr. A.L. Jolliffe, Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

On checking the files, we find that Rev. Tatibana and his wife, who was born in Japan, signed for repatriation to Japan. Rev. Ikuta did not request repatriation, nor did his wife.

We have examined their files and find that there is nothing of significance which we consider would be of particular interest to the Loyalty Tribunal. We would suggest therefore that any compulsory deportation of these two men and their families should be delayed until after the Privy Council hearing. At that time, Rev. Tatibana could be considered in the same classification as other Japanese nationals who have signed for repatriation but have requested revocation of their applications for repatriation.

c.c. Corporal Davidson

8/4/46

T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

23-2-17-1.

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, March 21, 1946

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Commissioner Pickersgill:

Further to our letter of March 13,
concerning ~~Buddhist priests~~ in Canada, I am
attaching for your information a copy of a
further letter from the Immigration Branch
of the Department of Mines and Resources.
You will note that Mr. Jolliffe would like
our recommendation concerning the advisability
of allowing R. Tatibana and S. Ikuta to remain
in Canada in order to continue their religious
duties for their respective congregations.

I would appreciate your views on this
matter, with a report on the background of each
of these men.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

22/3/46

Ottawa, March 21, 1946

Inspector J. Leopold,
Special Section,
R.C.M. Police,
Justice Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Inspector Leopold:

The Immigration Branch of the Department of Mines and Resources is at present reviewing the cases of a number of Japanese Buddhist priests who were in Canada before the war on temporary permit, with a view to recommending the deportation of certain of them.

Petitions have been received requesting that Rev. Rensin Tatibana of Kelowna, B.C., and Rev. Shinjo Ikuta of Raymond, Alberta, be permitted to remain in Canada to continue their religious duties.

I would be obliged if you would have the records of these two men checked in order that we may submit a recommendation to the Director of Immigration on this subject.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

22/3/46

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



CANADA
DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

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IMMIGRATION
BRANCH

Ottawa, 20th March, 1946.

The Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa - ONT.

Attention - Mr. Pamnett.

With further reference to my letter of March 12th concerning Japanese in Canada under permit in which I refer to the cases of Rensin Tatibana and Shinjo Ikuta, after careful review of the matter it is considered that there would be valid grounds for continuing to allow these two Buddhist priests to remain in Canada under permit to continue their religious duties for the benefit of their respective communities, provided that the Mounted Police records are clear regarding each man and, further, provided your Department has no objection to such an arrangement.

We shall be glad to receive your further comment on the matter.


A.L. Jolliffe
Director.

*Copy sent to J.B. Pickersgill
(21-3-46)*

22/3/46



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Department of Labour

AIRMAIL.

20th March 1946.

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

I have received your memorandum of March 13th enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Jolliffe, Director of the Immigration Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

We note that Mr. Jolliffe intends to advise shortly the decision reached in the cases of Rev. Rensin TATIBANA at Tashme and Shinjo IKUTA at Raymond.

We have recently advised Reverend Tatibana at Tashme that we could not authorise his transfer to Kelowna in view of the fact that he was subject to deportation under the Immigration Act, and also had signed voluntarily a request for repatriation to Japan.

We presume from Mr. Jolliffe's letter that the Immigration Branch plans to take the necessary action to deport the people listed so that they may depart on an early shipment with those who are proceeding to Japan voluntarily rather than waiting until the Government has made a further decision as a result of the Privy Council hearing.

T.B. Pickersgill
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T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

23-2-17-1

AIR MAIL.

OTTAWA, March 13, 1946.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
560 Homer St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of a self-explanatory letter from the Director of Immigration, Department of Mines and Resources, concerning the ten Japanese Buddhist priests and other Japanese in Canada under temporary permit. I will advise you on the other cases as soon as I hear from Mr. Jolliffe.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:FD

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AIR MAIL.

OTTAWA, March 13, 1946.

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer St.,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing copy of a self-explanatory letter from the Director of Immigration, Department of Mines and Resources, concerning the ten Japanese Buddhist priests and other Japanese in Canada under temporary permit. I will advise you on the other cases as soon as I hear from Mr. Jolliffe.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP:FD

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



CANADA

DEPARTMENT
OF
MINES AND RESOURCES

IMMIGRATION
BRANCH

Ottawa, 12th March, 1946.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Attention - Mr. Pannett

Referring to your letter of January 15th relative to Japanese Buddhist priests and other Japanese in Canada under temporary permit, there are ten of these priests on our records and of this number we understand the following mentioned have applied for voluntary repatriation,-

Kawamura Yutetsu,
Hirahara Ryuchi,
Katatsu Toshio,
Tatibana Rensin,
Tasiro Sawaharu,
Hukazawa Zenkei,

Mitsubayashi Eon is, we understand, an internee, his registered number being 01589.

Takebumi Tatsu was ordered deported, having been found working in a sawmill; he resides at Tete Jaune, B.C.

Shinjo Ikuta is performing religious duties at Raymond, Alberta.

Thus action seems to be quite clear on eight of the ten cases, i.e., they can be returned to Japan.

A decision must be reached with regard to two cases, namely, Tatibana Rensin who applied for repatriation as mentioned above, but whose services are asked for as a priest at Kelowna, B.C., and Shinjo Ikuta of Raymond, Alberta. We shall advise you with regard to these two cases shortly.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa - ONT.

COPY SENT TO MR. PICKERSGILL MARCH 13, 1946.

The following mentioned have been ordered deported during the war and proceedings suspended until transportation becomes available to Japan,-

Kano Sadaaki, who, we understand, is now interned.

Hatanaka Rizo, residing at Sinclair Mills, B.C.

Kuraba Tadao, residing at Vernon, B.C.,

Taiji Kiyoti, residing at Essondale, B.C.

Takemura Akira, residing at Saskatoon.

It is presumed that your Department will be able to provide accommodation for these aliens when effecting the movement of Japanese to Japan.

Yours very truly,


A.L. Jolliffe
Director.

TO: **CENTRAL REGISTRY,**
Room 7, Conf. Bldg.

Please place attached on file

Same file as other corr.
on Buldhist H.F. Pammett.
(P.A.) priests B.F.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

File
23-2-17-1

AIRMAIL.

5th March 1946

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

We received letter to the Minister from
the Okanagan Buddhist Society, which was forwarded from
Ottawa.

We already have received a similar letter
from this Society, and we are enclosing copy of our reply.

*re repatriation of
Buddhist
priests*

T.B. Pickersgill
T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

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C O P Y.

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

2nd March 1946

Mr. S. Tomiye,

KELOWNA, B.C.

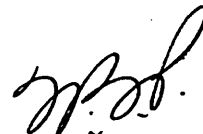
Dear Sir,

We have received a copy of petition submitted on behalf of the Okanagan Buddhist Society requesting that Reverend Tatibana be permitted to transfer from Tashme to Kelowna to serve as the Buddhist priest for that community.

As your name appears first on the list of those signing the petition, this reply is being sent to you and you can see that it is circulated to all others who signed the petition.

Reverend Tatibana is a Japanese national and requested repatriation by signing voluntarily the official declaration form for that purpose. In accordance with present Government policy, and as provided for by Order-in-Council P.C. 7355, all Japanese nationals who requested repatriation by signing the official form for that purpose may be deported. As Reverend Tatibana is a Japanese national he therefore is subject to deportation and for this reason we cannot authorise his transfer from Tashme to Kelowna.

Yours truly,



T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner of
Japanese Placement.

23-2-17-1

Ottawa, March 1, 1946

Mr. A.L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

I am enclosing copy of a petition
re Buddhist priests which has been received
from the Okanagan Buddhist Society, by the
Prime Minister and various other Ministers.
This petition has not been acknowledged.

I would be obliged if you would
advise us as soon as convenient concerning
decision on the deportation of the Buddhist
priests, which matter was discussed with you
several weeks ago.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.

HTP/LM

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MEMORANDUM
Minister of Justice

Ottawa, ...February 28, ...1946...

Referred to:

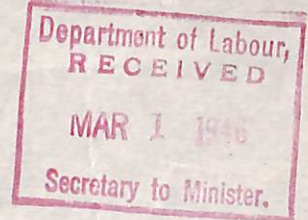
Mr. George Greene,
Private Secretary,
Minister of Labour,
OTTAWA

UNACKNOWLEDGED.

J. M. Bennett

Box 178,
Kelowna, B. C.
February 12, 1946.

Hon. L. S. St. Laurent,
Minister of Justice,
Ottawa, Canada.



Hon. sir,

Whereas, during the war, we had received periodical visits and services of Rev. Rensin Tatibana and although inadequate, we were able to meet our religious needs. Although we had desired to have a permanent resident priest, we had felt the undertaking and responsibility too great at that time and so had adhered to the above policy. Now, we in Kelowna and nearby centres have agreed upon to meet all obligations, financial and otherwise, with regards to having a permanent resident priest.

And whereas, if all the Buddhist priests in British Columbia are returned to Japan, we feel that it will be a detriment and a loss to the fulfilment of the Buddhist faith and a creation of an uneasiness of heart to all Buddhist believers.

And whereas, in the United States, when Buddhist priests enter the country, it is not on a yearly permit but as a permanent resident of the United States. Also, we have heard and led to believe that missionaries and ministers of the gospel go to Japan as a permanent resident without the necessity of yearly permits. We sincerely request that all Buddhist priests in Canada should be based upon the same conditions as pursued in the United States.

And whereas, from the standpoint of freedom of religious belief and practice, we request that we be permitted to have a resident priest in British Columbia.

And whereas, although Rev. Rensin Tatibana had made application to return to Japan, inasmuch as he has requested cancellation, we request that his cancellation be granted.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby petition and request of you, Sir, for your kind consideration to our appeal to have Rev. Rensin Tatibana remain in Canada and to reside permanently in Kelowna as our resident Buddhist priest to look after the welfare and interests of all those of the Buddhist faith both in our locality and British Columbia in general.

In the event that permanent residence cannot be granted for Rev. Rensin Tatibana, we request any favorable suggestions whereby he may be permitted to remain in Canada.

Your petitioners

A. Temiya	Kelowna	H. Nishi	Kelowna
J. Yamashita	Kelowna	S. Kaga	"
T. Chastri	Winkfield	K. Uemoto	Kelowna
Y. Taguchi	Kelowna	K. Nishi	Kelowna
K. Kitaura	Rittland	R. Ueyama	Rittland
M. Tanaka	"	T. Nishi	"
T. Terada	"	Y. Yokota	Kelowna
T. Yamaguchi	Kelowna	N. Yamashita	Rittland
S. Yamashita	Rittland	T. Kitaura	Rittland
K. Wakabayashi	"	T. Sakuchi	"
H. Budo	Kelowna	H. Aikawa	Kelowna

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A. Kakazano.	Kelowna	Yoshi Ueda	Kelowna B.C.
Imieyo Imieyo	Kelowna	T. Meiji	
J. Kobayashi		S. Terai	
Truyudo Nakayama	Kelowna B.C.	Shige Terai	
S. Ueda	Kelowna B.C.	S. Kawaguchi	
B. Ueda	Kelowna B.C.	D. Nakai	
T. Kono	Kelowna B.C.	M. Nakai	
M. Hatanaka	"	Y. Atagi	
K. Onodera	Kelowna B.C.	Y. Nishi	Kelowna
H. Naito		Fusa Nishi	Kelowna
S. Saguchi		Aya Nishi	Kelowna
H. Saguchi		K. Terada	
S. Matsuda		E. Ueyama	E. Kelowna
H. Yamashiro		T. Kariya	
M. Terai		S. Yamashiro	Kelowna B.C.
H. Terai		S. Iaterishi	"
S. Mori		S. Yamashiro	"
M. Murakami		S. Suzuki	
K. Nakano		M. Y. Sugita	
T. Ikebata		K. Terada	Rutland
		Shiro Yamashiro	

Kaga Terada
S. Nishidara
J. Yoshikawa
D. Banno
Y. Takata
K. Maeda
M. Tamaki

Rutland

K. Terada
M. Banno

Kelowna.

Cent. Registry

I believe other
material on
Buddhist priests
is on 23-2-17-1

Please put this
with it.

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CENTRAL REGISTRY DIVISION
MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mr H Sammett

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FROM:

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REMARKS:

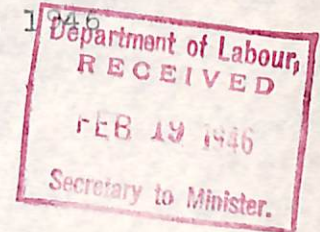
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23-2-17-1

402 Fourth Avenue
Tashme, B.C.
February 12, 1946



The Rt. Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King
Prime Minister of Canada and
The Minister of External Affairs
Ottawa, Canada

Re:	TATIBANA,	Rensin	Reg. No. 02899	(Reverend)
	"	Okite	Reg. No. 04332	(Wife)
	"	Noriko		(daughter)
	"	Reiko		(")
	"	Daijyu		(son)
	"	Tsuneaki		(")

Dear sir:

In April 1945, I signed the declaration requesting the Government of Canada to arrange and effect my "repatriation" to Japan.

I now request from the point of religious belief that I be allowed to remain in Canada. I have been entrusted to maintain and to carry on the Buddhist belief by signed requests from Rev. Hirahara, Rev. D. Katatsu and Rev. S. Asaka of Slocan, B.C. The Buddhist believers of British Columbia and especially those of Kelowna, entreat that I remain in Canada. I thoroughly feel that I am obligated to fulfill in the continuance and maintenance of the Buddhist faith in Canada.

The Kelowna Japanese have asked that I take charge of the church in their community and permission has already been obtained from the Kelowna City Council.

I trust that special consideration will be given so that I will be permitted to remain in Canada and fulfill my wishes and obligations.

*re request by Buddhist priests
to remain in
Canada*

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Rensin Tatibana (Rev.)
(Rev.) Rensin Tatibana

[Signature]
Okite Tatibana
Okite Tatibana

23-217-1

Ottawa, February 9, 1946

X
Mr. A. L. Jolliffe,
Director of Immigration,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Cartier Building,
O t t a w a.

Dear Sir:

^{pl} In connection with the question
of Buddhist Priests in Canada, on which you are
making a recommendation to your Minister, I am
enclosing a copy of a letter received from Rev.
Y. Kawamura of Picture Butte, Alberta.

Yours very truly,

HTP/LM

A. MacNamara.

re position
"Buddhist"
"priests"
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"priests in Can."

13/2/46

Picture Butte, Alberta.
Feb 7. 1946.

Honourable Humphrey Mitchell Esq.
Minister of Labour.
Ottawa.



Dear Sir;-

I (Yutetsu Kawamura, Buddhist Priest) have put an application for cancellation of repatriation on Oct 1, 1945. I had a letter from Mr. Pickersgill that he had recieved it and did not have any other matters written. Later on I wrote again but I had no answer.

I visited The Calgary Immigration office on Jan 15th 1946, and they told me that I have a special permit so I could remain in Canada.

I am thinking they are right in this case, so I do not wish to go to Japan.

Also I would like to know if you would let me know what they are going to do with the Buddhist Ministry in this case. Please let me know soon as possible.

Yours Truly,

copy

Rev. Y. Kawamura,
Buddhist Priest.

23-2-17-1

Ottawa, February 5, 1946.

AIR MAIL

Mr. T. B. Pickersgill, ✓
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 29 concerning deportation of certain Japanese Nationals in Canada without status, whose cases were raised by the Director of Immigration. I have discussed this matter further with Mr. Jolliffe, Director of Immigration, Department of Mines and Resources, on the basis of the individual records which you sent forward on these cases.

He is going to recommend to his Minister immediately that any permits held by any of these people be cancelled and deportation orders issued under their Regulations where possible. He realizes the necessity of speed in this matter if they are to be given medical immunization in time to go with our shipments.

This matter will be kept under review and I will advise you as soon as I hear from Mr. Jolliffe.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNanara.

NP 8/2/46

HTP/VM



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

AIRMAIL.

29th January 1946

Attention: Mr. Pammett.

A. MacNamara Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA.

pl
Re: DEPORTATION OF JAPANESE NATIONALS IN
CANADA WITHOUT STATUS.

Since receipt of your letter of January 15th, enclosing copy of letter to you from Mr. Jolliffe of January 13th, and your reply to Mr. Jolliffe of January 15th, we have received the enclosed information from the District Superintendent, Pacific District, Department of Mines and Resources, Vancouver.

These lists were submitted to us in four different groups, as attached. On receipt of these lists we determined all those who had voluntarily signed for repatriation. We found however, there were a number who had not signed for repatriation but, as you suggested in your letter to Mr. Jolliffe, these will likely have to be deported under the immigration regulations.

We suggest however, for all those who have signed for voluntary repatriation, that it will be easier to arrange for their deportation under P.C. 7355, rather than under the Immigration Act. You will note that there is a short memorandum covering each person listed, and on that memorandum is indicated whether or not the person signed for repatriation.

We suggest that after these have been studied, that Mr. Jolliffe be requested to arrange for the deportation of all those who have not signed, and to instruct his officers in Vancouver to work with us so that their departure may coincide with those going to Japan under P.C. 7355, and so that they may go on the same ships. We would suggest that this be arranged for just as soon as possible so that these people may be immunized for typhoid and vaccinated.

There are a number who have not requested repatriation who have wives and children who also have not requested repatriation. We presume that these wives and children cannot be deported under P.C. 7355, nor can they be deported under the Immigration Act, even though their husbands are deported. I suppose we will just have to find out whether they wish to go back or not.

Just as soon as the deportation orders are issued by the Immigration authorities for the deportation of those on the list who have not signed for repatriation, we could interview the wives and children sixteen years of age or over who also have not signed for repatriation, to see if they now wish to sign, in view of the fact that the husbands will be deported.

T.B. Pickersgill.
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T.B. PICKERSGILL,
Commissioner.

c.c. Mr. F.W. Taylor, District Superintendent
Immigration Branch, VANCOUVER
O.C. "E" DIVN., R.C.M.P., VANCOUVER

c.c. for Mr. T.B. Pickersgill

~~23-2-17-19~~
23-2-17-1

Ottawa, January 15, 1946

Mr. A.L. Jolliffe,
Director, Immigration Branch,
Department of Mines and Resources,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jolliffe:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January 14 with respect to certain Japanese Buddhist priests and other Japanese who were allowed to remain in Canada under temporary permit.

I note that your District Superintendent at Vancouver has been in touch with Mr. Pickersgill in this connection and is furnishing him with the particulars of each case. We are asking Mr. Pickersgill for a report on the matter and when this is received we will be glad to confer with you concerning these people.

Under Order in Council P.C. 7355 our Minister has authority to issue Deportation Orders for persons who voluntarily requested to go to Japan, together with other interned Japanese Nationals. It may be that some of the persons you mentioned will be in these groups, but it will probably be necessary to handle the others under your Immigration Regulations. We will, of course, be glad to cooperate by providing accommodation for any such persons on the ships transporting the larger groups of deportees to Japan.

I will get in touch with you as soon as I hear from Mr. Pickersgill on this matter.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

HTP/MML

16/1/46

Ottawa, January 15, 1946

AIR MAIL

Mr. T.B. Pickersgill,
Commissioner of Japanese Placement,
Department of Labour,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Pickersgill:

I enclose a self-explanatory exchange of correspondence with the Director of Immigration concerning certain Buddhist priests and others who are in Canada on temporary permits and who may be liable for deportation.

After consulting with the District Superintendent of Immigration, would you please send forward a recommendation on these cases, giving full particulars of the persons concerned.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

HTP/MML

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR



CANADA

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Department of Labour

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IMMIGRATION
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Ottawa, January 14 1945.

Dear Mr. MacNamara,

Re Japanese.

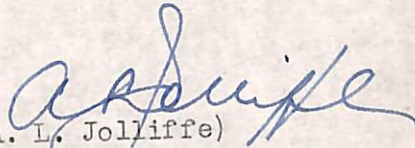
Further to my letter of January 10, I would like to bring to your attention the fact that at present we have 10 Buddhist priests and missionaries in Canada under temporary permit. Some permits expire within the next few weeks and the question now arises as to whether further extensions should be granted.

Our District Superintendent has been in touch with your Mr. Pickersgill in this connection and our official is furnishing particulars in each case.

In addition to this group of priests and missionaries, there are some 26 persons of Japanese origin who were examined by Boards of Inquiry in the past and allowed to remain in Canada without status for various reasons. A list of these individuals is also being furnished by our District Superintendent in Vancouver to Mr. Pickersgill.

It would be appreciated if you would advise me as to what action is contemplated in regard to these persons, that is, whether they will be dealt with under Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 of the 15th December 1945.

Yours very truly,


(A. L. Jolliffe)
Director.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa,
Ontario.

Immigration Branch
DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND RESOURCES

Ottawa, 10th January, 1946

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I duly received your letter of the 22nd ultimo advising of the decision to effect the deportation of persons of Japanese race under Order-in-Council P.C. 7355 and in accordance with your request, we have issued instructions to the District Superintendent of Immigration at Vancouver to render any assistance possible in the matter. Our Mr. Taylor will be in touch with Mr. T.B. Pickersgill, the Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

In the event of deportation being effected under the authority mentioned above, it is advisable that this Service be furnished with particulars of each case. We should like to be advised of the name, age, citizenship, particulars of entry to Canada or, if Canadian born, date and place of birth of the deportee, this so that should subsequent efforts be made to effect the re-entry to Canada of any deportee, the officials of the Department will have the necessary material available to deal with the case. This information is further required in order that we may include the figures relating to deportation in our Statistical Tables.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) A.L. Jolliffe
Director

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa - ONT.

*Original on
23-2-17-14*

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A H BROWN, ASST TO THE DEPUTY MINISTER=

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T B PICKERSGILL COMMISSIONER OF JAPANESE PLACEMENT. (

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*re repatriation
lawyer's visits to
camps*

[Signature]
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In Wild

There has been correspondence over the last 6 months with Immigration Branch & with Fickersill re Immigration Branch deporting certain Buddhist priests & others who entered Canada illegally. It has been put on 23-2-17-1, but I think it should have a separate file now.

Would you please set up
23-2-17-23 "Deportation of Japanese
by Immigration Branch, Dept of Mines
& Resources", & let me have it.

HP

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