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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET:

Claims by persons of Japanese race

The Cabinet Committee on Japanese Questions, having considered the problem of claims by persons of Japanese race resulting from their evacuation by the government from the protected areas of British Columbia, recommend:

(a) that a Commissioner be appointed to investigate the said claims of Japanese Evacuees and to make recommendations with respect thereto;

(b) that only those claims submitted by Japanese Evacuees resident in Canada on the date of the passing of the Order be considered; and,

(c) that the following two alternative terms of reference for a Commissioner be submitted for consideration by the Cabinet:

(1) to enquire into claims of any person of the Japanese race, who was resident in Canada on the day of this Order, that the amount received by him for real and personal property vested in the Custodian pursuant to the above mentioned Orders was less than the market value thereof at the time of the evacuation of the owner, but no enquiry shall be made into claims in respect of any property for any loss that arose while the property was under the custody, control or management of any person, other than the Custodian appointed by the owner thereof;

(2) to enquire into claims of any person of the Japanese race, who was resident in Canada on the day of this Order, that, by reason of the failure of the Custodian to exercise reasonable care in the management or disposition of the real and personal property vested in the Custodian pursuant to the above mentioned Orders, the amount received by him for such property was less than the market value thereof at the time of the evacuation of the owner, but no enquiry shall be made into claims in respect of any property for any loss that arose while the property was under the custody, control or management of any person, other than the Custodian, appointed by the owner thereof.

Raymond Ranger,
Secretary,
Cabinet Committee on
Japanese Questions.

Privy Council Office,
April 28th, 1947.