Name of Claimant OKANO, Koito

Case 310

Custodian File 9858

REAL PROPERTY											Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)			V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% there-of	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices:		
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount	

PERSONAL PROPERTY								
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear						
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column	

NETS						
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price	Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing	Percentage Total Award to Total Claim	Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing	Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price	

MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS								
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price	
179.05	48.55	14.56	27.12%	440.80	119.64			134.20

TOTAL RECOMMENDATION	134.20

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JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

(MRS) KOITO OKANO

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

Original

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"

PART 1, REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927, CHAPTER 99

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.M. COLQUHOUN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W.McINNES, Esq.,	appearing for the Dominion Government
A.E. COBUS, Esq.,	appearing for the Claimant

L.A. DODD, Esq.,	Secretary to Grand Forks Sub-Commission
G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,	Official Interpreter
G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,	Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, of Mrs. Koito Okano, which is No. 72 on the Secretary's list. That will be case 310, Mr. Secretary.

THE SECRETARY: Yes.

(MRS) KOITO OKANO, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend
10 the claim for personal property, which is the only claim being made, by amending the total value for household fixtures, equipment and chinaware from $700.00 to $620.85.

MR. McINNES: $620.85.

MR. COBUS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Amendment allowed.

MR. COBUS: And the credit now shown to the Custodian $50.55, leaving a net claim of $570.30.

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the personal chattels for which you are making claim. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare this statement and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: I notice in your statement that you have listed 11 items and then you speak of lists of chinaware and garden articles. I produce to you a list of articles which bears the head: "Chinaware and
30 Kitchen Utensils contained in cartons and water

tank," and a heading, "Garden Tools." are those the lists to which you make reference in your statement? A: That is correct.

Q: Are the statements contained in the statement itself and the lists attached thereto true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I ask leave to file the personal chattels statement with list attached as one exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT AND LIST MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: Referring to Exhibit 1, your honour, the claimant has listed a number of major items and has given the details as to the date of purchase and the condition when purchased, whether new or old or used, the price paid, and the condition when evacuated, and the final column shows the estimated value at the date of evacuation.

With respect to the storage of the goods, she says that the above goods were, with the exception of the four items left at T. Doi's house, No. 2 Road, Steveston, left in the Imperial Cannery warehouse, Steveston, and indicates that those marked with an "X" were left at T. Doi's house. She says that all of the chattels as listed above, with the exception of chinaware and garden tools which are listed on sheets attached to her statement, completes her total

claim for chattels. She adds that she has allowed for depreciation on all used articles and makes special comment about the Singer sewing machine which was sent to her by the Custodian. She says that that was an older machine belonging to her mother which she sent to her mother. She advised the Custodian that the machine was her mother's, and asked that her own be sent to her, but the Custodian never did so.

10 Referring to the list attached, your honour, that gives complete details as to the date of purchase, and so on, with respect to chinaware and kitchen utensils and garden tools.

I would ask my learned friend to produce the Analysis of Personal Property Claim.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: I have, produced from the Custodian's file, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, which I would ask to be filed on behalf of the Crown.

20 (ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: The only comment I would like to make with respect to Exhibit 2, the Analysis of Personal Property Claim, your honour, is the items in the Details of Claim column, No. 3, one bureau, which appears in the Custodian's Analysis under "No record at any time," and yet, looking down at the note below the details of claim with respect to the goods sold at auction, I find an indication that a bureau was sold for $9.25.

30 The same comment applies to the cabinet which is

iten No. 4.

MR. McINNES: The possible explanation of that is they weren't declared by the claimant, that is, in her J.P. form.

MR. COBUS: Well, your honour --

THE COMMISSIONER: There is a note in the "Remarks" column, "The bureau sold was found under name 'Okano' at Imperial Cannery."

MR. COBUS: Yes, your honour. But my friend is not correct when he says that would explain that. "No record at any time" means no record at any time.

MR. McINNES: Well, you are getting credit for the bureau, anyway.

MR. COBUS: That is true, and we are claiming against the bureau; but I am just pointing out I had difficulty in understanding that particular one. Usually we can reconcile the Analysis with our own information.

Your witness.

MR. McINNES: It will be submitted, your honour, that such of the goods as came into the custody of the Custodian were sold for their fair market value. The goods which are mentioned now as being at T. Doi's place were never found, never declared, and never came into our possession. It will be further submitted the sewing machine claimed for was shipped to the claimant.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNES:

Q: Witness, didn't you ask to have your sewing machine shipped to you at Midway?

A: I asked them to forward mine.

Q: This is a letter from you, this is your letter here that I am now producing to you?

A; Yes.

MR. McINNES: This is a letter which the claimant admits writing on November 4, 1946 to the Custodian. "I, Koito Okano, Registered No. 03912, would like to have the following delivered to me if it is still in your possession: 1, one sewing machine; 2, two beds; 3, sofa; 4, carpet. I am in great need of these articles. Furthermore things are much expensive to procure inasmuch as they are scarce. Yours truly, K. Okano."

Q: Did you get the sewing machine at all?

A: No.

Q: No sewing machine at all? A: I receive my mother's machine.

Q: You did receive a sewing machine.

A: I received one but mine was still at the Custodian's.

Q: What did you do with the one you received?

A: I have still got it in my possession.

Q: So you have a sewing machine although it is not your own? A: I have my mother's, and my own machine is at the Custodian's.

MR. McINNES: I don't want to submit this as evidence, of course, but for my friend's information, there is a bill of lading in the Custodian's file dated

the 11th of May, '43 in which is set out there was shipped to this claimant one crated sewing machine, weight 130 pounds.

Q: Now, how did you have this china, which you have set out here on the list attached to exhibit 1, packed? A: I put it in a big box with paper in between so that it shouldn't break.

Q: Well, all these goods listed on the list which forms part of Exhibit 1, were in one carton,

10 weren't they? A: I put them in a large water tank.

Q: Well, were they all in one parcel, whether it be a tank or a carton or whatever it was?

A: The chinaware I put in the tank.

Q: You were living in Steveston, were you?

A: Yes.

Q: Were you working or running a store?

A: I was working at the cannery.

Q: Did you have a husband? A: A fisherman.

20 Q: Well, he could still be your husband and be a fisherman. Why would you want to have 36 cocktail glasses? A: I was going to have a party on the 10th of December and so I bought them and the war came along.

Q: The 10th of December of what year?

A: '41.

Q: What was the occasion of the party?

A: It was a birthday party.

Q: Whose birthday?

30 THE INTERPRETER: No, I was wrong in the last answer.

A: It is customary in Japan on the 3rd anniversary of a death to give a party.

MR. McINNES: Q: The third anniversary of whose death? A: My father-in-law.

Q: And you were laying in all these pieces of china for that purpose? A: Yes.

Q: And you had never used any of it?

A: I have noted the items that have been used.

Q: Was your husband a wealthy man?

10 A: He didn't have a lot of money, but he had enough to keep us comfortably.

MR. McINNES: All right, thank you.

MR. COBUS: Your honour, my learned friend has raised a question in my mind.

RE-DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, what kind of cocktail sets were these?

THE COMMISSIONER: I think there is too much curiosity about the cocktail glasses altogether; I am not

20 interested.

MR. COBUS: I won't pursue it, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

Gordon Hambleton
G. Hambleton
Official Reporter.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evi-
30 dence adduced before me.

M.M. Colquhoun
M.M. Colquhoun
Sub-Commissioner

Amended returned to Vet claim of $570.20 MWO

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IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

ACKNOWLEDGED

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Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME OKANO, Koito (MRS) (RCMP) Reg. No. ~~03192~~ 03912
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address Steveston, B.C.

(3) Present Address Midway, B.C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) _____ City or Municipality, _____ Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.) _____

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

(i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business _____
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe) _____

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) _____

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(ii) Buildings - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $ _____

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - $ _____

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - $ ~~37.15~~

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - $ _____

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation Part of articles left at house owned by T. Doi and remainder at Imperial Cannery House

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.) House

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation Chinawares packed but other left as is

(over)

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(d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care") .....

In care of Custodian

(e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1.	Household fixtures and equipment, Chinaware	Estimated Value $
2.	Total Value	Estimated Value $ 700.00
3.	RECEIVED FROM CUSTODIAN	Estimated Value $ 37.15
4.		Estimated Value $ 662.85
5.	(Separate list of articles attached)	Estimated Value $
6.		Estimated Value $
7.		Estimated Value $
8.		Estimated Value $
9.		Estimated Value $
10.		Estimated Value $

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS $ 662.85

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

CHEQUE FOR $37.15 SENT FROM CUSTODIAN BUT RETURNED SAME MAY 16/47

(f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e) - $ 662.85

(6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard. (Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)

Greenwood preferred; Nelson, if necessary

(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no .....

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA)
Province of B. C.)
TO WIT:)

I, Koito Okano of the town
of Midway in the Province of British Columbia

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of 'The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the City)
of Greenwood)
in the Province of B. C.) Koito Okano
this 21st day of November)
A.D. 1947. L. A. Dodds) ~~A Commissioner~~ &c.

N.B. — THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

Notary Public in & for the Province of British Columbia, Canada.

ARTICLES LEFT AT HOUSE OF T. DOI, STEVESTON, B.C.

1 sofa

1 carpet
1 bureau

1 buffet

ARTICLES LEFT AT IMPERIAL CANNERY HOUSE

1 Singer sewing machine

2 Beds (complete, 1 double and 1 three-quarter)

7 Boxes Festival Dolls

18 Chairs

1 Set Child's table and chairs (1 table, 2 chairs)

3 Tables

1 Tricycle, C.C.M.

1 Wagon

1 Water tank full of new chinawares

7 Gardening tools

2 Cartons chinawares

TOTAL VALUE FOR ABOVE $700.00

Mrs K Okano
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

-03912-
Reg. No.

EXHIBIT No. 310-1
DATE 3 June 1948
FILLED BY Claimant

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
1 Singer sewing machine (electric)	1937	new	115.00	good	85.00
9 ~~[illegible]~~ parlour chairs	1941	new	18.00	good as new	13.50
1 double steel bed (complete)	1939	new	30.00	good	20.00
3/4 steel bed (complete)	1938	new	27.00	good	17.50
1 bed sofa	Nov 1941	new	96.80	good as new	85.00
X 1 linoleum for 1 room 16×20	Dec 1941	new	35.00	good as new	30.00
X 1 Bureau with mirror	1940	new	36.00	very good	27.50
X 1 Buffet (cabinet)	1939	new	27.00	" "	20.00
7 Boxes Jap dolls (90 dolls)	diff times	new	270.00	" "	135.00
1 child's table & 2 chairs	1939	new	2.00	" "	2.00
3 tables	1938	new	(1) 7.00 (2) 5.00	good	8.10

Description of Storage of Goods:

The above goods (with the exception of the 4 items left at T Doi's house II 2 Road Steveston) were left in the Imperial Cannery warehouse, Steveston. — X = left at T Doi's house

General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:

all chattels claimed are listed above with the exception of chinaware and gardening tools which are listed on sheets to be attached. — chinaware — values $170.10
gardening — " $ 6.75
Total claim $ 620.85

Additional Comments, if any:

I have allowed for depreciation on all used articles. The Singer sewing machine sent to me by the Custodian was an electric machine belonging to my mother which I sent later after I got it. I advised the Custodian that it was my mother's and asked for mine to be sent but he never did so.

K. Okano
SIGNATURE

OKANO, Koito.
(Claimant's Name)

PERSONAL CHATTELS

03912
Reg. No.

chinaware (& kitchen utensils) - contained in cartons & water tanks

Description of Major Items (and particularly of goods lost, stolen or destroyed)	Approximate Date Purchase	New or Used When Purchased	Price Paid	Condition when Evacuated	Estimated value at Date of Evacuation
Tea Set	1941	New	$15.00	Unused	$15.00
Silver Fruit Bowl	1940	New	10.00	"	10.00
Tea Set	1935	"	7.00	New	4.00
Plates (18 pieces)	1941	"	5.40	Unused	5.40
Plates (6 pieces)	1936	"	1.50	New	1.00
Saucers (40 pieces)	1941	New	10.00	Unused	10.00
Saucers (10 pieces)	1936	New	2.50	New	2.00
Saucers (80 pieces)	1941	"	12.00	Unused	12.00
Saucers (20 pieces)	1938	"	3.00	New	2.50
Tea Cups (48 pieces)	1941	"	6.00	Unused	6.00
Tea Cups (18 pieces)	1935	"	2.25	New	1.25
Cocktail Sets(with 36 glasses)	1941	"	10.60	Unused	10.60
Glass Cups(Tumblers)(48)	1941	"	4.80	Unused	4.80
Glass Bowls (12 pieces)	1941	"	1.20	Unused	1.20
Custard Cups(36 pieces)	1941	"	3.60	Unused	3.60
Japanese Bowls (4 pieces)	1937	"	7.00	New	5.00
Japanese Service Plates(3 p.)	1940	"	10.00	Unused	10.00
Tea Set with Case	1940	"	15.00	Unused	15.00
Smoker with Ash tray and case	1941	"	13.00	Unused	13.00
Description of Storage of Goods:					
Oval Plates (6 pieces)	1938	"	9.00	Unused	9.00
Dinner Set (2 sets) plates	1938	"	7.00	Unused	37.00
Plate (very large) 1 piece	1939		2.50	Unused	2.50
Flower Vase	1941	"	4.00	Unused	4.00
Pot (3 pieces)	1941	"	5.00	"	5.00
Pot (2 pieces)	1939	"	3.00	New	2.00
Fry Pans(3 pieces)	1941	"	5.30	Unused	5.30
Basket of Bamboo (3 pieces)	1940	"	3.50	New	3.00
General Statement as to Chattels not Described above:					
Gardening tools					
Hoe (3)	1941	"	3.75	Unused	3.75
Rake (1)	1941	"	1.50	"	1.50
Shovel (1)	1941	"	1.50	"	1.50
~~Tricycle~~	~~1937~~	~~"~~	~~17.00~~	~~New~~	~~10.00~~
~~Wagon~~	~~1940~~	~~"~~	~~9.00~~	~~New~~	~~8.00~~

$ 170.10

$ 6.75

Additional Comments, if any:

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DATE 3 June 1948
FILLED BY Claimant

K. Okano
SIGNATURE

List of Chinaware &c
(Bizarden Coots

ANALYSIS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

FILE No 9858 EXHIBIT No.

NAME OKANO, Koita (Mrs. Hideo)

REG. No. 03912

DATE	INVENTORY	DETAILS OF CLAIM		SALES: AUCTION	SALES: TENDER &c	SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND
DECLARATION May 22/42	TAKEN BY						
EVACUATION June 5/42	DATE						
Located in Imperial Cannery's Warehouse, Steveston, B. C.:		Articles left at T.Doi					
		1. 1 Sofa					
		2. 1 Carpet					
		3. 1 Bureau					
		4. 1 Buffet					
2 Beds		Articles left at Imperial Cannery House					
1 Chest of Drawers		5. 1 Singer Sew.Machine					
1 Sofa		6. 18 Chairs					x
2 Carpets		7. 2 Beds complete					
7 Bx. Jap.festival dolls		8. 7 Bx. Festival Dolls		x			x
1 Bx. Kitchen Utensils		9. 1 Set Child's Table & 2 Chairs					x
9 Chairs		10. 3 Tables					
1 Singer Sew.Machine		11. 1 Tricycle, C.C.M.					
5 Tables		12. 1 Wagon					
1 Hose		13. 1 Water Tank full of New Chinawares		x			
Garden Tools		14. Gardening Tools		x			
1 Cupboard		15. 2 Ctns.Chinawares		x			
1 Large Box Chinaware & Pans		Total Value	700.00				
1 Clock							
All goods will be left in present location under the care of the Cannery watchman.							
		Goods sold at auction:					
		Tools	1.	1.80			
		Bureau		9.25			
		Cabinet		3.50			
		Chinaware & Utensils		28.45			
		Festival Dolls		7.55			
			700.00	50.55			

SUMMARY

As individual values of items listed are not given, it is not possible to know what the claimed value is in respect to the goods sold at auction for $50.55.

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EXHIBIT No.

CASE No.

VENUE

SALES		SOLD WITH REAL PROP.	DECL. NOT FOUND	NO RECORD AT ANYTIME	ABANDONED	NO ACCOUNT, THEFT &c	UNSOLD	REMARKS
	TENDER &c							
				x				Mrs. Okano reported no goods left anywhere except at Imperial Cannery warehouse.
				x				Claim does not identify "T.Doi"
				x				The bureau sold was found under name "Okano"
				x				at Imperial Cannery.
			x	x				1 Singer sew.machine found at Imperial Cannery shipped to Mrs.Hideo Okano,May 11/43. Only 9 Chairs declared. None found
x			x					Auction Nov.2/45 -festival goods.
			x					No chairs or tables found.
				x				No tricycle or wagon declared.None found.
				x				
x								See auctions Apr.14 & 28, June 2/44.
x								
x								
.80								In addition to the goods sold for which Mrs. Hideo Okano has received credit, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Tadashi Okano, has received credit from the sale of the following goods found at Imperial Cannery:
.25								
.50								
.45								
.55								
.55								1 Dresser & Mirror 3 Beds & Springs Miscellaneous small items Total proceeds: $39.45
								Both these women and their mother-in-law, Mrs. Mine Okano (deceased) had declared that their household goods would be left at Imperial Cannery. The accounts of Mrs. Hideo Okano and Mrs. Tadashi Okano have been credited with the proceeds of the sale of all goods found at Imperial Cannery under the name "Okano" and sold.

EXHIBIT No. 310-2
DATE 3 June 1948
FILLED BY Crawn

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April 9/48