

June 30, 1952.

Mr. H. Nagatakiya,  
18 East 37th Street,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Nagatakiya:

At your request, during the past year I have been doing considerable work in an effort to have funds now held by the Custodian released to Ayako Kubodera.

I have had the records of the Immigration Branch traced to establish whether she was at any time eligible to travel on a Canadian passport, and I have also made investigations at the Canadian Citizenship Registration Branch, both for Ayako and her father, in an attempt to establish whether it was in any way possible to claim Canadian citizenship or the status of a British subject for her. These investigations have been as detailed and exhaustive as I could make them and have entailed a considerable amount of correspondence with government departments and checking with outside sources.

After these investigations I am now of the opinion that Ayako is not able to establish the status of a British subject or a Canadian citizen and for this reason it would be difficult for her to obtain a ready release of the funds now held by the Custodian. After a very careful study of the case and the laws which govern the situation, I outlined the circumstances to the Administration Board of the Office of the Custodian and asked for their ruling. A recent reply from the Office of the Custodian states, in part, as follows: "This is one of the most baffling problems so far presented among a host of intriguingly difficult cases." From this reply I am therefore inclined to believe that although the case is admittedly difficult it still has possibilities. In my letter I asked that in the event that the funds could not be released under existing laws that a special order-in-council be passed.

Please find enclosed my bill in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) which I consider as a retainer. In matters of this type I have placed my fee on a basis of a retainer plus a percentage of the amounts recovered from the Custodian. In this instance I would suggest that the percentage not exceed 12 per cent, which would be in keeping with fees charged for properties sold by the Custodian, but should there be little further work involved the percentage asked would be reduced accordingly. In the event of outright rejection, neither you nor Ayako would be under further obligation.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

June 30

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r. H. Nagatakiya

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To Services Rendered:

Re: Ayako Kubodera

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