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506 Royal Bank Building,
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Mr. Kunio Hidaka,
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Dear Sir:

Re: T. Maikawa Stores Limited

Your letter of January 6, addressed to Mr. Watson, Secretary of the Japanese Property Claims Commission, has been handed by him to me for reply.

Mr. Tokio Maikawa filed a claim relating to real property which was owned by the limited company. This was, of course, improper as the claim would have had to be filed on behalf of the limited company. Further, when the records were examined, it was ascertained that the holders of the majority of shares were in Japan as of July 18, 1947. Under the terms of reference no claim may be made on behalf of a limited company unless the holders of the majority of shares are resident in Canada on or before that date. In the case of this company the majority of the shares were registered in the name of Tomekichi Maikawa, a resident of Japan.

This matter came up before the Commissioner on September 23, 1948, and was adjourned for further evidence. On September 30, 1948, I filed an affidavit of Mr. Frederick Field in which he swore to the facts stated above. At that time the Commissioner remarked, "Mr. McMaster, that seems to shut out this claim in view of the terms of Reference to me." Mr. McMaster then stated that he would like to have the privilege of ascertaining whether or not there was any possibility that these shares were held in trust by Tomekichi Maikawa or whether they had been transferred but the transfer unregistered on the books of the company.

Mr. Kunio Hidaka.

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I am advised by Mr. McMaster that he wrote to this effect to his principals in Toronto but that no reply has been received.

That is the total information which I am able to give you.

Yours sincerely,

John W. G. Hunter

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Government Counsel.

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