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December 29, 1954.

Mr. L. Legault,
Administrative Officer,
Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Reizo Shigei,
Shimotaketa, Hijikai-son,
Kibi-gun, Okayama-ken, Japan.
Your File 33854 Vol. 2.

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 24, 1954,
with respect to the above-named person.

I have consulted expert opinion on this matter and am advised
that in the circumstances the assets of Mr. Shigei would not be subject
to Article 14 of the Peace Treaty with Japan. This opinion was substantially
in accord, also, with the discussions which took place before the Commission
of Inquiry appointed under the provisions of Section 19 of the Canadian
Citizenship Act at its hearings on September 15, 1954, when the chairman,
Judge Lane, stated that a subsequent revocation of Mr. Shigei's Canadian
citizenship would not adversely affect his status with respect to assets
held by the Custodian. This question of assets had a material bearing on
the recommendation arrived at by the Commission as would be indicated also
by newspaper reports of the proceedings of September 14, 1954.

On behalf of Mr. Shigei, I request that this matter be reconsidered
by the Custodian and I shall be pleased to receive your reply at your con-
venience.

Yours very truly,

Kunio Hidaka.