

CONTENT OF DRAFT LETTER TO CLAIMANTS

1. Out of claims totalling \$6 millions, payments of \$925,000 may be expected. Are you satisfied with this amount?
2. Outside of Special Cases, there is no compensation for Vancouver property, other than return of commission. Are you satisfied with this proposed settlement? There is the danger of leaving a record which would indicate unjustified claims on the part of claimants.
3. At one time you indicated acceptance of the Commissioner's offer, but if you are now unprepared to accept it, please state your reasons.
4. In the above matter, Toronto claimants voiced their dissatisfaction with the proposed settlement at a meeting held on January 15th. They decided to secure the attitudes and opinions of other claimants in Canada on this matter by using the machinery of the JCCA.
5. After 40 days of fruitless negotiations with the National JCCA, we must report that we were unable to gain their co-operation in this matter.
6. Finally after a joint conference of our three organizations, namely, the Co-operative Committee, the National JCCA, and the Claimants Committee, our committee has gained representation, as a committee, on the Co-operative Committee.
7. We would now like to know whether we have your support as a Claimants Committee in any representation we may make to the Co-operative Committee. Are we your authorized representatives and may we undertake work on your behalf?
8. Toronto claimants have endorsed the Claimants Committee's plan to conduct a public campaign in the following manner:
 - (a) To draw up a brief on evacuation losses with statement of claimants' position on the Commissioner's report.
 - (b) To publish a pamphlet for mass distribution describing all facts and circumstances of evacuation.
 - (c) To gain newspaper and periodical press support, and have them publish news stories and articles.
 - (d) To use radio time.
 - (e) To arrange delegation to interview Cabinet and M.P.'s.
 - (f) To enlist the support of organizations and ethnic groups, such as Ukrainian, Jewish, Civil Liberties, etc.
 - (g) To enlist the support of churches and religious organizations.
 - (h) To contact local Japanese Canadian organizations, have them wire and write their M.P.'s and the Government.
 - (i) To work through JCCA Chapters and have them contact mayors, municipal councils and other local officials, request that they wire and write their M.P.'s and the Government.

9. We are of the opinion that this is our last opportunity to present our case before the Canadian public. We must make full use of every possible means within our means to gain favourable support in this campaign.
10. Should you have additional suggestions, please advise us.
11. In order to facilitate communication between claimants, please make an effort to form Claimants Committees in your local areas, and advise us of the name and address of your chairman and secretary.
12. We estimate that \$5,000 will be required for the campaign. It has been proposed that the Claimants Committee, Toronto, be empowered to borrow this amount, and that payment be made later on a pro rata basis from final awards.
13. Because time is pressing, where there is additional information which shows that property had higher valuation than the selling price, please have claimants send this material to us at the earliest opportunity.