

67 Ross Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario,

September 12, 1950.

The Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Our attention has been drawn to the form marked "RELEASE" which is to be sent to persons of Japanese ancestry who did not receive the fair market price for their property and who are to receive an award in the amount recommended by the Royal Commission.

After giving careful study to the content of the "RELEASE" we are of the opinion that, in order to receive payment, it is not compulsory for property owners to agree to make no further claims, nor are they required to sign the "RELEASE" in its present form.

As it now reads, it appears that the purpose of the "RELEASE" is to secure from the property owner, in return for the payment, an agreement to make no further claims. Should you make such an agreement a condition of payment, we protest in the strongest way against your attempt to secure the agreement by payment of monies which are long over-due and which are rightfully owed to us.

In order to remove the objectionable part of the "RELEASE" we request that the form be revised to serve only as a receipt, and that the paragraph beginning "NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH" be revised by deleting all words after "witnesseth" and by substituting the words "that the above stated sum has been received."

Furthermore, will you please inform us of your position, in the event that a property owner should refuse to sign the "RELEASE" as it now reads but makes his own revision according to the above request.

Yours very truly,

TORONTO CLAIMANTS COMMITTEE,

Per:
S. Takashima, Chairman.