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Tashme, B. C.,  
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Mr. Reginald Symes,  
2810 S. W. Marine Dr.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Symes:

I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks for the Xmas gift which you had kindly sent. The children enjoyed it very much. I regret that I am unable to return the sentiment.

As I have mentioned to you previously, I wish to discuss this question of repatriation. The reason I had signed was due to the fact that, at the time of registration, I had no alternative as it was either sign the declaration or go east of the Rockies. At that time, there was no guarantee of employment or housing.

As you are aware, it is the Government's resolve to send all Nationals, regardless of having requested cancellation, to Japan. In this regard, could you suggest to me any means whereby this deportation may be eluded.

It has been suggested that the "last-ditch" stand is Hsbes Corpus proceedings. Can you inform personally how effective this procedure is and what chance there is for a National which is my status although I have lived in Canada for the past forty-two years.

I had sent in a cancellation more on the strength of appeal. Is this sufficient or must I use a stronger term, i.e. I revoke my declaration...? If you can suggest a body for this cancellation, will you kindly draft one for me and send me same.

I trust that you will kindly write to me, giving me your opinion and suggestion with regard to the above problem.

Yours very truly,

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Jack Wakabayashi