

4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver 8 B.C.  
February 24th. 1956

Miss Susan Crhistine Wright  
15 Lakeview Terrace  
Ottawa 1  
Ontario

My dear Susan,

The mail to-day has just advised that your expected arrival at Ottawa has materialized. Being our Capital city, you doubtless received a welcome from the Prime Minister and other dignitaries, but chiefest of all from Grandma and Grand Dad.

Your entering into Canada in November last was looked upon with great favour, and while your experience previous to your coming was not sufficient to acquaint you of the fact that selecting Churchill as a port of entry might not be considered the choiest location, we are glad that after so short a period you have decided to change your habitat to a more popular centre. However, may we with modesty mention that while the location of your residence is now much improved, it is apparent that the choiest of localities has not yet been drawn to your attention, so that there is in front of you a vista of beauty awaiting in Vancouver when fresh places call to you as you crawl around the legs of dining room tables and other places of great adventure.

During the past few days however it must be said that a "most unusual" fall of snow has detracted from the pleasure of pedestrian and automotive travel. Still the beauty of snow capped mountains, viewed in a clear crisp atmosphere of 30 degrees above zero, is an enchantment to behold.

We have not yet heard whom you favour in personal appearance, but with such a galaxy of ancestors and the attractive features of your immediate progenitors, we are sure you will be a thing of beauty and a joy forever. I would suggest however that it would be to your advantage to 'favour' your mother in this regard. Perhaps your father might consider you a "spitting image" of him, if and when he endeavours to feed you with pabulum.

In connection with feeding appliances will you please accept the small set which accompanies this letter. In due course you will be delighted with the intricacies of balancing things on the knife,



and if the performance of such operations is pointed out to you with some disfavour, you might look your parents in the eye and say that in some philosophic circles, the theory of "reversion to type" is still firmly held.

Please give our best wishes to Mum and Dad. Tell your Dad that we congratulate him on the position to which he has been called and that we feel sure that it is an evidence of merit and ability which he has, and that we wish him every success. To be associated with such a department as 'Atomic Research' is somewhat breath taking for such as us who were born and lived in an age when the explosive power of gunpowder was looked upon with wonder. We confidently hope that in the new age in which you will be educated and grow up, it will be recognized that the dynamic power of "things of the spirit" is still the force which in the final analysis can control human behaviour and give to life its eternal value.

Remember us to your Uncle David; we are glad to know he is getting on so well in his studies and his activities also indicate that he is well on the way to a useful and full life.

The writers of this letter would appreciate being considered your Uncle and Aunt as a courtesy title. Your Aunt Mabel, having given her elbow quite a knock, finds using that arm quite painful and it appears to be one of the aches and pains that take quite a while to get rid of. However we have much to be thankful for. We do hope that your Grandparents are now keeping quite well. It will be a real thrill and enjoyment for you to be living near them. "With them" for a bit will be wonderful but in the long run "near them" is best of all. Ha! Ha! Ha! We know! Eleven grandchildren and one more expected by Frances is a real experience and we are most favoured in the proximity in which they all reside.

Give our especial greeting to your mother, no matter how good you are, she will have a full time job. We do not know her relatives but they will be thrilled at your coming so altogether at the present time you are among the V.I.P's and we are sure will remain so throughout a long, happy and useful life.

And so, best wishes to you and to all your kith and kin,

Sincerely yours,

Aunt Mabel.

Uncle Frank



Thursday,  
8<sup>th</sup> March, 1956

Aunt Mabel  
and Uncle Frank:

Seeing that I am still a little young  
for such goings-on, I am letting Mamma  
write this letter while I dictate to her  
through the bars on my crib. She is  
always under the impression that a  
crib is meant only for sleeping but  
I am doing my best to show her  
otherwise!

I do want to thank you both  
so very much for the letter and lovely  
present that came with it. Haven't  
quite gotten around to such utensils  
as yet but I'm counting on some steaks  
when the 'choppers' start appearing. For  
the present though, Pablum isn't such  
bad stuff and while I don't get too  
many opportunities with Pop (he's a bottle  
man), it's great fun to see Mamma  
have to clean herself up after a meal  
with me!

I'll let you in on a secret —  
I'm kinda proud of having been born



in Fort Churchill. After all, ANYBODY  
could be born in Ottawa, Toronto or  
even Vancouver but only a select few  
have the honour of being born in  
the north. Besides I'll probably be  
hearing about it from Mamma and Pop  
for years and I'd like to have a  
talking point too!

Boy, this kind of work makes a  
gal hungry. I think I'll take a  
breather and time out for a coke.

Hours later!

The service around here is a little  
slow so now it's bedtime (so Mamma  
says) and I'll have to say 'bye for  
now. Everyone at #15 Lakeview sends  
their very best regards and so do  
Mamma and Pop.

Love & stuff  
Cynthia Mabel and  
Duke Frank.

Susan



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September 2, 1953.

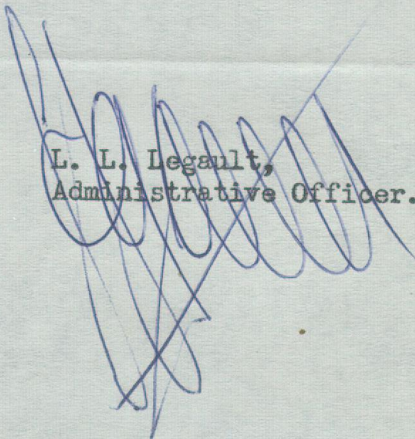
Mr. F. G. Shears,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia.

Dear Mr. Shears,

Re: Tasoji Umakoshi

I have your letter of the 20th instant  
in connection with the above named person for which I  
thank you.

Yours very truly,

  
L. L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.



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~~VANCOUVER, B. C.~~

4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver B.C.  
August 29th 1953

R.J. McMaster Esq.,  
Campbell Brazier McMaster  
675 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver.

Haney Box Company

Dear Mr McMaster,

Further to our telephone conversation I am  
enclosing P.S. Ross' Report on Winding-up dated 9th July 1948  
and also their final Report on Winding-up dated 30th April 1951.

I am not sure whether these will be of service  
to you concerning the Income Tax enquiry. Kindly return them  
to me in due course,

Yours very truly,

*F.G. Shears*  
F.G. Shears



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4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver B.C.  
August 28th 1953

L.L. Legault Esq.,  
Administrative Officer  
Office of the Custodian  
Ottawa.

Re Tasoji Umakoshi- File X 1 530

Dear Mr Legault,

With reference to your letter of the 17th inst regarding the payment of the sum of \$1.41 to the Co-operative Committee of Japanese Canadians. I do not know the present address of this organization but I would suggest that you issue a cheque in their favour and mail it to Mr Brewin of Cameron Weldon Brewin & McCallum, Barristers, whose address I presume would still be Sterling Tower, Toronto 1. Mr Brewin acted for Japanese claimants and for this Committee.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears



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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, August 17th, 1953.

Japanese Evacuation

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F. G. Shears, Esquire,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

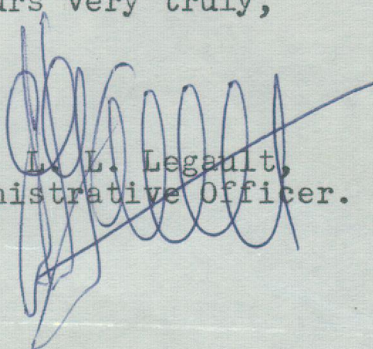
Re: Tasoji Umakoshi

I acknowledge receipt of your letter  
dated August 3rd, 1953, with enclosures as stated.

In order to comply with the request of  
the above named person to pay the sum of \$1.41 to  
the Co-Operative Committee of Japanese Canadians,  
would you kindly advise in whose name our cheque  
should be made payable to.

I would also appreciate being advised  
of the postal address of this Association.

Yours very truly,

  
L. L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.

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1164 Railway Ave.,  
R. R. No. 1,  
Steveson, B.C.

5 Feb 54

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
4615 West 9th Ave.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

About a year ago I wrote you regarding a  
tax refund for a Mr. Morino and you very kindly wrote  
regarding the matter to Ottawa.

I have just finished writing again to the  
Treasury Branch about the matter and I would like to  
tell you that I appreciate very much the promptness  
with which you dealt with my enquiry. The Treasury  
Office received the money on May 25th 1949 but so  
far it has not yet been received by Mr. Morino.

With many thanks for your help, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*G. A. Broomfield*



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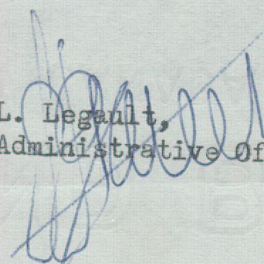
Dear Sir,

Re: I. S. Uegama.

I acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter addressed to Canadian Legion, West Summerland, British Columbia with reference to the above named person.

Upon receipt of our form of release from Mr. Uegama, this matter will be given special attention.

Yours very truly,

  
L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver 8,  
British Columbia.



February 13, 1947

To: Mr. Shears

From: F. Matheson

Re: ASHES - CREMATION

In the front of the un-numbered file "Ashes Cremation", which I am handing back to you, I have placed an alphabetical list of the ashes of which we have a record. Disposition is shown where our records contain such information.

On this file are a number of lists. These I have checked carefully.

The first list on the file is a copy of the inventory of urns left in the Hompa Buddhist Temple. The original inventory was supplied by some of the temple officials, and is on File 12938. This inventory lists 224 items, numbered 1 to 223 (there are two No.191's). At least 82 of these 224 urns are unaccounted for in our records, as far as I have been able to discover. It is noted however, that on the original inventory handed to the Custodian Nos. 65, 79, 194 and 195 are crossed out and the word "Taken" written beside the name. It is quite probable that other urns were taken from the Temple between the time the inventory was handed to this office and the time the urns were left in the care of the Custodian.

The inventory supplied by the Temple officials I have used as a foundation for the alphabetical list. The numbers appearing under the heading "Temple List" are those given in the Temple inventory.

It would appear that no inventory was taken by this office before March 20, 1945, when Mr. Spain and the Spanish Consul examined the urns which were in the Temple at that time and listed these. The names appearing on this inventory were taken, I understand, from the Crematorium labels on the urns. It is possible that the spelling of names on these labels may differ from those shown on the Temple list for the same urns. Where the same name appears on each list, I have listed it once. Where a slight difference appears I have taken it to be the same, but have shown the different spelling beside the number given to the urn on Mr. Spain's inventory. In some cases names that are quite different on each list have been identified as the same urns; identification in these cases was made by the ministers at the time of shipment. Where there is a possibility that urns listed separately may be the same, I have noted this. There is, of course, no certainty that my combining of the two lists has been correct in all cases, and there may be more urns unaccounted for than the list shows. K10 unaccounted for

It is evident that some time before March 20, 1945, urns from the Steveston Buddhist Temple were moved to the Hompa Buddhist Temple. I have not been able to find any inventory of these. The Rev. Mr. Toshio KATATSU, formerly of the Steveston Temple, has stated that there were between 40 to 50 urns at Steveston. All, he said, were labelled in English.

It is probable that urns were removed from other out-of-town temples and stored at the Hompa Buddhist Temple. At least two urns were found among chattels at 992 Powell and placed in the "ash room" at the Temple.

It is therefore impossible to find out how many urns there were in the Temple during the time the building was under the control of the Custodian.



February 13, 1947

On the March 20, 1945 inventory there are at least 116 sets of ashes that cannot be identified, even as a remote possibility, with those appearing on the Temple List. It would appear that at least that many sets of ashes were brought into the Temple either by Japanese after the Temple List was made up or by Custodian agents.

Ashes Released from the Temple

A NUMBER OF

It will be seen that quite often the unaccounted for urns carry the same family name. It might be assumed from this that relatives had claimed the ashes of the dead, and that these were shipped or handed out at the Temple without any record being kept. In a very few cases the copy of the March 20, 1945 inventory carries, opposite the name of the deceased, a pencilled notation that shipment had been made on a certain date. Where a file number is given the files have confirmed shipment. It may be that further evidence of shipments may be found in our files. It is feared, however, that in most cases no record of any kind has been kept.

For example, the file of the Rev. Mr. Yutetsu KAWAMURA, File 5163, reveals that, according to his letter of July 9, 1945, he had received the ashes of one "YOKOHAMA, Ichimatsu" instead of the ashes of "TANIGUCHI, George", which he had apparently requested. The file does not show the request nor indicate that any such shipment had been made. If the correct set of ashes had been sent, we would have nothing to show that a shipment had been made. Incidentally, we wrote Mr. KAWAMURA on July 30, 1945, stating that "We note you are sending the ashes back to us. Just as soon as they come to hand, we will be pleased to exchange them." (Custodian's motto "Satisfaction guaranteed - ashes cheerfully exchanged") There is nothing on file to show that the ashes were returned. Nothing to show that any further shipments of ashes were made to KAWAMURA. The ashes of George TANI-  
GUCHI were received by the Rev. R. Hirahara, according to the receipt he has signed, although our list of February 19, 1946 of ashes delivered to the Department of Labour, does not include this name. The ashes of "YOKOHAMA, Ichimatsu" do not appear on the inventory of March 20, 1945. We do not know where these came from nor do we know what their ultimate fate was.

On December 19, 1945, we received from the Department of Labour, a list sent to them by the Rev. R. Hirahara, of Slocan, with a request that the ashes listed be sent to him. The list is the same as the inventory of March 20, 1945. A list dated February 19, 1946, shows a list of ashes delivered to the Department of Labour, apparently in response to this request. On June 17, 1946, this list was returned to us, each page being signed by the Rev. R. Hirahara. On the list returned to us HIRAHARA has written the names of some previously unidentified urns, he has noted that in some cases the cases carried different names to those appearing on the urns (in some cases we have no record of ashes under the names appearing on the cases and just how this mix-up occurred is not clear), he has added six names to the list of February 19, 1946, and eliminated three. This particular shipment appears to have contained six items over-shipped and three items short-shipped.



February 13, 1947

There is a pencilled list of ashes shipped to Tashme, Greenwood and Lemon Creek, and signed for by Consolidated Trucks. A typewritten copy of this list is dated February 17, 1946. In letter of January 25, 1947, the Department of Labour have confirmed that shipment was made of 9 urns to Tashme, 7 urns to Lemon Creek and 3 urns to Greenwood, which agrees with the list of February 17, 1946.

After these shipments had been made, there remained on hand ten urns as shown on the pencilled list made by Mr. Wills. These had been removed in a damaged condition from Steveston Temple. According to File 1061, these were shipped from the Crematorium (where the damage had been repaired) by the Department of Labour on July 2, 1946, apparently to the Rev. Toshio KATATSU, File 1061, at Lemon Creek. Mr. KATATSU had formerly been in the Steveston Temple. Letter sent to the Department of Labour, copy to us on July 12, 1946, indicates that he was not satisfied that all Steveston ashes had been accounted for, but he has not supplied us with a list of the ashes left in the Steveston Temple.

It is unfortunate that our records are incomplete. We probably will have trouble over this. The other day Mr. C.W.Fisher, of the Department of Labour, came to the office with a request from a woman who was requesting that the ashes of her father, her sister, and her baby brother be traced. The family name is "INOUE". There are at least six urns with this name unaccounted for.

/FM

References: Hompa Buddhist Temple, File 12938  
Rev. Takashi TSUJI, (Hompa Buddhist Temple) File 13045  
Rev. Rinsin TATIBANA, File 10991  
Rev. Ryuchi HIRAHARA (Fairview) File 10989  
Rev. Toshio KATATSU (Steveston) File 1061  
Rev. Yutetsu KAWAMURA (Maple Ridge) File 5163



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Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver 8, B.C.

*5A-8271  
A.C. Christie*

Dear Mr. Shears,

Re: Easterly one-half of Lot 15,  
Block 20, D.L.200A, Plan 197

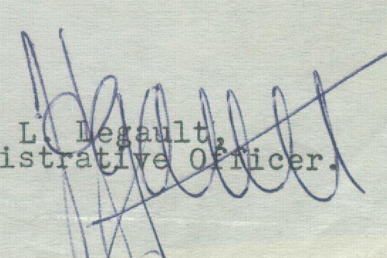
I have for acknowledgment your letter  
dated June 19th, 1953.

I have examined microfilm No. 37 in  
connection with the above described property  
formerly owned by Miyoji SONE.

According to a memorandum dated August  
19th, 1946, the certificate of title No. 115200-L  
was delivered to and receipt acknowledged by A.C.  
Christie on February 15th, 1945.

The reading of microfilms is facilitated  
by the use of a Kodak Library Reader acquired by this  
Office a year ago.

Yours very truly,

  
L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.



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To Association Executives,  
Extension Committees, etc.

Dear Co-Workers:

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The Building and Property Committee passes on these recommendations for the careful attention of Association Executives, Extension Committees, etc., concerned with the purchase of new sites.

In purchasing sites to be held for future use, however, consideration must also be given to the cost of taxes for three or more years before the property comes into use as a Church.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

"T. W. Pue"

Chairman  
Building and Property Committee.

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Brussels, October 30, 1947.

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Director,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Frank:

I have your letter of July 19th which arrived some time ago but now that the future is more clear I thought I would drop you a line.

We are sailing from Liverpool on December 10th and intend to proceed direct from Halifax to Winnipeg for Christmas. I think that Mercia will go on to Revelstoke with the children after Christmas and I will return to Ottawa to discuss the future.

After a year and a half of negotiations I think we have hammered out an international agreement between custodians and I hope it will be presented to the Assembly by the end of next week. While there will still be some administrative problems for the Custodian with respect to accounting to IARA, the Custodian's major interest in Brussels will have been settled. The agreement itself is extremely involved but I think represents a fair compromise and Ottawa has accepted my recommendation that Canada should sign.

The work in Germany is practically complete with the exception of following up information being supplied through IARA but enquiries from Custodians about information in Germany can now, under a new procedure, be channelled through the Secretariat so the need for a Custodian man in Germany has disappeared.

It is my present intention to resign as Canadian Delegate to IARA immediately upon my return to Ottawa in January and I do not know whether or not any special appointment will be made to fill the position or whether a junior member of this Embassy will merely represent Canada, as we never have anything to say in any event, on Industrial Plant and Equipment deliveries which we are not taking.



Insofar as the Experts Committee is concerned, this is an independent group appointed by the Assembly and it may be that I will be asked to remain on this committee even though I leave the Canadian Government Service but whether that will fit in with my personal plans remains to be seen.

At the present time I would expect to leave the Custodian's staff, at least on retiring leave, shortly after the New Year as I see no future there for me. My experience abroad indicates that a person who wants to clean up the Custodian's Office as quickly as possible is not really popular throughout the entire Custodian's organization.

Officially I have been kept completely in the dark about anything that has been going on with respect to the Japanese although this is a matter very close to my heart. While both you and Dr. Coleman have told me that the Custodian came out with a clean sheet, somebody sent me the terms of reference to the Commissioner and if they are correct, the terms of reference themselves damn the Custodian's administration which I think is most unfortunate.

I certainly agree with your remarks about the Soldier Settlement deal and you will remember the long discussions we had with Mr. Barnet, and that I subsequently had with Mr. Murchison, trying to convince them the deal had to be good enough to be justified before a Royal Commission. You have also recalled, as your statement to the Parliamentary Committee indicates, that we were always suspicious of the original valuation being made by a prospective purchaser and that we had spot valuations made on the instructions of the Judge's committee to try to arrive at a percentage increase.

*I see now  
Huntley has  
been appointed*

Insofar as the Japanese are concerned, I think the pictures which we had taken will be very useful for a commissioner. If I return to Ottawa and go into law, as is my present intention, I would find it extremely interesting, and also remunerative, to act for the Custodian on this enquiry but I have the feeling that this will not come about. Experience over here where I have tried to do a job, and apparently should have slept soundly, has confirmed in my mind that it was a mistake, and my old friend Guy Hoult was right when he said I should not have left the Custodian's Office in 1945 because when you are away from Ottawa it is very easy to become the goat.

I note the suggestion in your letter that my planning and forewarning about a possible Royal Commission may be of considerable assistance to you in the enquiry but you are the only one who has ever suggested that my work in Vancouver was even satisfactory.

I am hopeful that I can get to Vancouver in the not too



distant future or that you get to Ottawa as I would like to have a long chat with you. If by any chance you know anyone who wants a broken-down Government man to run any organization in British Columbia you can drop me a line as I may find Ottawa not too receptive to my establishing myself there.

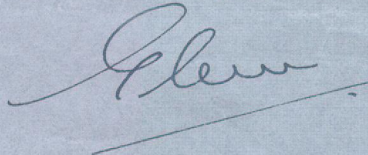
The year that Mercia and Florence Carroll have had in Europe has, I think, been well worth their time and they have seen a great deal of country. Florence is returning to Ottawa with us and her future is just as uncertain as my own.

Insofar as External is concerned I at least have the satisfaction that my activities in Brussels have brought complaints from two governments, both complaints entirely unfounded and in the words of Shakespeare "methinks they protest too much".

You will note that this letter is marked "Personal" and I hope you will treat it as such.

Please remember me to all the staff, particularly Mrs. MacArthur, and say "hello" to Mrs. Shears, your family and to Field & Co.

Yours very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Glen", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

GWMcP/FC.



August 27th. 1954

K.W.Wright Esq., Q.C.  
Chief Counsel  
Office of the Custodian  
Victoria Building  
Ottawa 4

re Shuichiro SHOJI (Enemy File 1402)

Dear Mr Wright,

With reference to your letter of July 21st. Thank you for enclosing copy of my letter of Nov. 8th 1951 in which I recommended that the balance on hand at that time, viz. \$647.79 might be paid to K.Iwashita on account of his claim for \$3,000.

There is no doubt that had the Kelowna Growers Company Bond of \$40 been redeemed at that time, thereby increasing the credit balance to \$687.79, that we would have agreed to the release of this larger amount to Iwashita. I seem to recollect that we had been given to understand that the redemption of the Bond was doubtful or at least likely to be long delayed. The Custodian's policy was then to withdraw his control from the administration of the affairs of Japanese unless it was considered there was an enemy interest. I rather think my thought at that time I wrote the last couple of lines of my letter of November 8th 1951 was that as we were not interested in receiving the sum of \$40 for an enemy account, we should simply advise the Kelowna Growers Exchange that if and when the Bond was redeemed they could pay it to whom they would normally pay it, apart from any intervention of the Custodian

While we might not have agreed that Iwashita was entitled to the amount of his full claim of \$3,000 for the services he rendered, the payment of the sum of \$647 together with the extra \$40 could not very well be challenged. If the Bond is redeemed and paid to the Custodian as far as my recollection of the case, the Custodian would in turn consider that it could be paid to Iwashita. You may want to decide therefore whether it is necessary for the amount to come to you or whether your File could be closed after any necessary instructions had been given to the Kelowna Growers Exchange.

Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears



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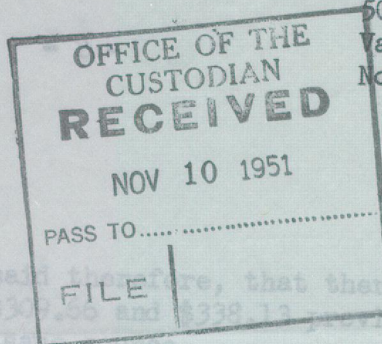
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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver (2), B.C.,  
November 8, 1951.

Nov. 8, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,  
Chief Counsel,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Victoria Building,  
7 O'Connor St.,  
Ottawa (4), Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Shuichiro SHOJI

On September 6th you wrote in connection with a communication you had received from Mr. Norris, and at the same time forwarded the above Custodian file.

I have had further correspondence and several interviews with Mr. Cumming who is with Mr. Norris's firm. As the ledger account shows, we have a credit of \$647.79. We have previously considered that \$309.66 of this amount was a balance remaining in connection with the sale and operation of the Shoji farm at Kelowna, and could be used in payment of Iwashita's claim for services rendered for the management of this property and that the balance, viz. \$338.13, which represented the redemption value of Kelowna Growers Exchange bonds registered in Shoji's name, be considered as enemy funds.

Mr. Cumming has now brought to my attention the circumstances under which these bonds were issued. The crops of the farm were sold through the Kelowna Growers Exchange, and redeemable bonds were issued in respect of certain crop deductions. The value of these bonds may therefore be considered as a part of the revenue from the crop operations. I have enquired from the Kelowna Growers Exchange, asking for the dates when these bonds were issued, and have received their reply as follows:

Bond # 602, \$100.00, issued Dec. 10, 1937  
" # 603, \$100.00, " Dec. 10, 1937  
" # 34, \$ 50.00, " Dec. 19, 1938  
" #1003, \$ 40.00, Still to be redeemed.

These bonds were therefore created during the period that Iwashita was operating the farm as Shoji returned to Japan in January, 1932, and subsequent operations were carried on by Iwashita under his Power of Attorney.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
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It may fairly be said therefore, that there is no essential difference between the sums of \$309.66 and \$338.13 previously mentioned, as both amounts spring from the same source.

The question then, arises as to the extent that Iwashita has any claim for services rendered as manager of the farm. His original claim was for services rendered over a period of 10 years up to the time of his evacuation on the basis of \$300.00 a year, viz. a total of \$3000.00. When the Custodian took over, operations of the farm were continued and \$300.00 was allowed for management services for 1942 when R. G. Rutherford & Co. were our agents.

Iwashita also contends that \$300.00 was the amount agreed upon between Shoji and himself in 1932, in addition to the fact that he held a general Power of Attorney to operate and manage the firm. Crop returns were not very satisfactory and no payments to Iwashita were made or charged against the farm operations. You may recall that the farm was finally sold by the Custodian for \$6000.00, a settlement being made with the unpaid vendor to whom a larger amount was still due.

If the bonds issued in Shoji's name during the years of operation are considered as farm revenue, as I now think it can fairly be maintained, the whole sum of \$647.79 would be available for payment of any legitimate claims in connection with the farm operations.

As already stated, Iwashita is claiming \$3000.00. I previously recommended that \$309.66 which was then considered as the available balance, should be paid on that account. Subject to your approval that the proceeds from bond redemption could be withdrawn from the category of enemy funds, I am now prepared to recommend that the full balance of \$647.79 should be paid to Iwashita and this account closed. These funds are now held at Ottawa and if this recommendation is implemented, cheque should be issued in favour of Kesahiro Iwashita and sent to this office, and we in turn would conclude the matter with Mr. T. G. Norris. ✓

It should be noted that there is still an outstanding bond of \$40.00 which may be called for redemption at some future time. I would suggest that in regard to this amount also, we should advise the Kelowna Growers Exchange that we are not further interested, and that any future payment

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
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July 21 Nov. 8, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.

need not be remitted to this office.

Re: Saigoh Shoji.

The file concerning Yours very truly, person  
discloses that he returned to Japan during the month of  
December, 1931. Prior to his departure he executed a general  
Power-of-Attorney to K. Iwashita.

*F. G. Shears*  
F. G. Shears,  
Director.

The funds derived from the sale of a fruit  
farm and certain shares of the Westbank Co-operative Growers  
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FGS/GN

Mr. K. Iwashita filed a claim for \$3,000.00  
for services rendered. Upon your recommendation, the afore-  
mentioned credit balance was paid to him on November 12, 1951  
in full settlement of his account.

According to the last paragraph of your air  
mail letter, dated November 8, 1951, copy enclosed for your  
convenience, there is an outstanding bond of \$40.00 which  
may be called for redemption at some future time. We are  
still in possession of this bond. Therefore, I would  
appreciate receiving any comments you would care to make as  
to why you advised the Kelowna Growers Exchange on November  
19, 1951 that we are no longer interested in this bond and  
any future payment need not be remitted to this office.

An early reply in this connection will be  
greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*K. W. Wright*  
K. W. Wright,  
Chairman, Kelowna Growers Exchange Board  
and Chief Grower.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
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FILE NO. LL/EMM

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7 O'Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

July 21, 1954.

Dear Mr. Shears,

Re: Shuichi Shoji.

The file concerning the above named person discloses that he returned to Japan during the month of December, 1931. Prior to his departure, he gave a general Power-of-Attorney to K. Iwashita.

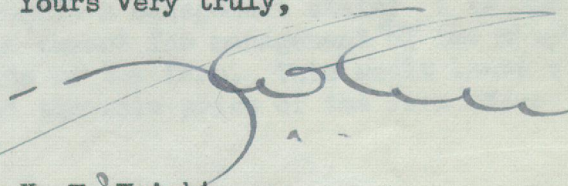
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An early reply in this connection will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,



K. W. Wright,  
Chairman, Administration Board  
and Chief Counsel.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
VANCOUVER,  
British Columbia.



October 3rd, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

FROM: MR. G. H. PEERS

RE: S. SHOJI FARM

From statements attached to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons' letter of September 25th last, it would appear that a profit of \$1,934.40, before payment of \$600.00, claimed by B. Matsumura for management of the property, was made from the time the property came under our control to the date of sale. Against this we have paid current and arrears of taxes and irrigation dues, amounting to \$823.50, leaving a net profit as follows:

	Gross Profit		\$ 1,934.40
Less	Taxes and Irrigation Dues	823.50	
	Matsumura Management Claim	<u>600.00</u>	<u>1,423.50</u>
	Net Profit		<u>\$ 510.90</u>

The allowance of Matsumura's claim of \$600.00, based on \$25.00 monthly, would open up the question of whether Iwashita could claim for management covering the years he operated the farm under a Power of Attorney from Shoji.

In the books of the Kelowna Business which Matsumura took over from Iwashita, there appears an account receivable called "Shoji Farm Operation Account". The balance of this account at December 31st, 1941, was shown on Iwashita's books as \$1,304.06, but the statement attached to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons' letter shows a balance at that date of \$1,465.80. This difference will have to be explained before any decisions as to settlement can be made. Matsumura now claims this Shoji Farm Operation Account shows a balance of \$2,180.08, made up as follows:

Balance December 31st, 1941	\$ 1,465.80	
Disbursements paid by Matsumura	<u>114.28</u>	
Matsumura's Management Claim	<u>600.00</u>	\$ 2,180.08

Messrs. R. G. Rutherford & Company are holding the sum of \$2,048.68, made up as follows:

Gross Profit	\$ 1,934.40	
Disbursements made by Matsumura	<u>114.28</u>	\$ 2,048.68

31. Upon receipt of a satisfactory explanation of the difference in the December, 1941 balance, should we authorize Messrs. R. G. Rutherford & Company to pay Matsumura the amount of his disbursements, reducing the Shoji Farm Operation Account to the balance owing at December 31, 1941, plus Matsumura's management claim? A settlement might then be arranged with Matsumura to accept an amount for management of the Shoji Farm Operation Account in line with the net profits of the farm. This would leave a balance in the Shoji Account with the Custodian of the sale price of the farm after deduction of the mortgage.

No fees have yet been charged by Messrs. R. G. Rutherford & Company in connection with this matter.

GHP/JF

G. H. PEERS



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4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver, B.C. 8  
May 10th 1954

Mr. L. Legault  
Administrative Officer  
Office of the Custodian,  
Ottawa.

Your File 12787 LL/EMM

Dear Mr Legault,

The following in reply to your letter of the 3rd instant. Your letter indicates that you have access to the File we had so that I am not sure whether I can add anything to what may be disclosed therein. However I have a general recollection of this particular matter and in the first place I would like to suggest that in a very positive manner Kagetsu should be informed that in regard to this particular property the Custodian was not involved in so far as any responsibility for administration was concerned. Kagetsu owned the land on which the Lynmore Sawmills erected buildings and this land was I believe leased by Kagetsu to Lynmore, before the war.

Prior to or at the time of evacuation Kagetsu appointed Mr Carl Stewart as his agent and gave him a general Power of Attorney. Our policy in such circumstances was not to interfere with any administration that had been arranged by the Japanese owner so long as either Japanese or White creditors were not prejudiced, but we required that we should be kept informed by the agent from time to time.

I believe that the lease which Kagetsu had made expired and the Lynmore people in order to protect their interest in the buildings they had erected, would either require a renewal of the lease or to purchase the land. Carl Stewart advised us that the Lynmore Sawmills had approached him with an offer to purchase. We merely advised him that a policy of liquidation of Japanese Real Property was now effective, so that it would be in order for Kagetsu to make any deal he wished. An Agreement for Sale was entered into and a Mortgage given for the balance owing. All of the documents which I feel sure have been signed by Kagetsu himself and not by the Custodian. A payment was received by us, which was credited to Kagetsu's account. In September 1947 we noticed in a Vancouver newspaper that a fire had completely destroyed the plant and lumber stocks. Mr Stewart was of course aware of this and we also wrote Kagetsu giving him this information.

As a result of the fire which destroyed the buildings, there remained very little security for the Mortgage and the person or persons who were operating under the name Lynmore sawmills had very little or no financial backing. I think I recollect that the Federal Government were having difficulty in collecting taxes and I think, but am not quite certain, that a Sheriff was put in



May 10th 1954.



by them and that the property was sold at a Tax sale, presumably to collect the Federal account and that nothing was left over to apply on the mortgage.

As mentioned above I think it would be well in a very positive way to say to Kagetsu, that he is aware of the facts concerning his own or his agents arrangements in regard to this property and that he was advised at the time of the fire, so that he could take any action he desired or give instructions regarding same.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears



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Victoria Building,  
7 O'Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

May 3, 1954.

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to a property, formerly owned by Eikichi Kagetsu, situated in North Vancouver and described as Lots 1 to 13 inclusive and Lots 18 to 21 inclusive, Block 3. This file discloses that these lots were sold to Lynmour Saw Mills Co. Limited for the sum of \$12,000.00.

The purchaser gave a cheque for \$2,250.00 as a cash payment and the balance of \$9,750.00 was secured by a mortgage between the Lynmour Saw Mills Co. Limited and E. Kagetsu.

According to our records on May 2, 1946, we collected the following amounts:

\$1,000.00 Principal  
\$ 490.17 Interest.

Mr. Kagetsu is anxious to know why we have failed to collect the remaining balance of the principal together with interest.

I would appreciate receiving any comments you care to make regarding this matter.

Yours very truly,

  
L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
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June 14th, 1954.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:


Re: Canada Mio Sonjinski

I have for acknowledgment your communication  
of 7th instant.

I now enclose herewith the Custodian's  
cheque in your favour in the amount of \$15.00 in payment  
for services rendered in connection with Canada Mio Sonjinski.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours very truly,



K. W. Wright,  
Chairman, Administration Board  
and Chief Counsel.

KWW/G  
Encl.



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Ottawa 4, Ontario.

June 3rd, 1954.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Canada Mio Sonjinski


Reference is made to your communication of  
10th ultimo.

The Board concurs with your suggestion that  
there is no valid reason why the Custodian should continue  
to hold the funds on hand (\$883.99), therefore the funds will  
be released subject to payment of your account for services  
rendered herein.

Will you be kind enough to send me a statement  
of your account in connection with this case in order that  
we may proceed to close the matter.

Thankin you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

  
K.W. Wright,  
Chairman, Administration Board  
and Chief Counsel.

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Your File 10697/1 Van. Ev.

4615 West 9th Avenue,  
Vancouver 8 B.C.  
June 7th 1954.

K.W.Wright Esq., Q.C.  
Chief Counsel  
Office of the Custodian,  
Victoria Building,  
Ottawa 4.

re Canada Mio Sonjinski

Dear Mr Wright,

Received your letter of the 3rd. instant and note that it is proposed to release the funds on hand subject to payment of my account for services rendered in connection with this matter.

It so happened that Mr Young rang me on the telephone and stated that he had not heard from you and he asked if I would mind writing you again. I was able to tell him therefore that I had just heard from you and that a decision had been reached to release the balance at present being held. I took this opportunity of saying that I expected there would be some deduction for administration due to the fact that this matter had not been settled while the Vancouver office was open, as it might have been had they provided the information asked for from time to time. I informed him this might be 2% in line with the amount provided in the Regulations. Mr Young indicated that there would be no objection raised in this regard.

This case involved the complete study of the File records over the past several years, two trips downtown for interviews with Mr A.H. Young at his office and correspondence with Ottawa regarding same including my recommendations in regard to the funds being held. I presume that there are no Ottawa charges to be made so that the 2% suggested above could be paid to me or an even sum of \$15 would be satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears



MEMORANDUM for MR. SHEARS

re Pacific Co-Operative Union

The following points and decisions have been arrived at as a result of our discussions on this file during the past few days.

1. Re Redemption of Redeemable Shares. You have advised that the P.C.U. have offered to redeem for cash all the evacuee redeemable shares on the basis of 90 cents on the dollar. In view of the fact that these shares are revolving shares and will be automatically redeemed in toto during the next three years, and also in view of the fact that they have paid interest ranging from 2 to 8% depending on the profits of the business, the Custodian is not prepared to accept the offer. He would be prepared to accept an offer of 100 cents on the dollar, providing the offer is for cash and is an offer for all the redeemable evacuee shares outstanding.

2. Re Unredeemable Shares. You have advised that the P.C.U. have offered 15 cents on the dollar for the unredeemable shares. It appears from the Auditors' Report and the Custodian's Investigator's Reports that in 1941 there was an undistributed surplus of \$67,300., of which the Japanese were interested in \$53,790., and that, instead of distributing this surplus, for reasons best known to the officers of the P.C.U. (it may be that the Co-Operative would have been taxable on this surplus profit) they passed an extraordinary resolution on December 18th, 1941, which was approved by the Registrar of Companies, whereby the undistributed equity was distributed by the issuing of unredeemable shares at that time, and a further issuing on February 28th, 1942 to cover this amount. While we agree that the Custodian is anxious to salvage the Japanese interest in this Co-Operative as quickly as possible, it would appear at first glance, and particularly with the knowledge we have of some of the officers of the P.C.U., that the offer is low, and you have indicated that it might be raised to 25 cents on the dollar.

You have also advised that, while you have not seen the charter or by-laws of the Co-Operative, nor has any legal opinion on the point been obtained, you believe that the Japanese consented to the setting up of these unredeemable shares and that there is no way for a holder of such a share to obtain his equity from the Company except in the event of liquidation. It has been agreed between us that it is advisable to have the charter and by-laws or extraordinary resolutions dealing with this matter examined by Counsel to ascertain whether or not there is any method whereby the Custodian can require the Company to redeem these shares. An opinion on this point may, of course, effect the following:

Assuming that the Japanese did consent, and that there is no way of insisting on a redemption of these shares at the value for which they were issued, then we have agreed that you should advise the P.C.U. that the Custodian is not prepared to consider their offer of 15 cents on the dollar, but might be prepared to submit what he would consider a more reasonable offer to the Japanese Shareholders for their acceptance or rejection by circularizing them, on the understanding that if more than 50% of the shareholders involved accept the offer, you will recommend to the Custodian at Ottawa that the offer be accepted for all of the outstanding shares.



You have suggested, and I appreciate the argument, that the Custodian desires to get out of this Co-Operative and that, from a business point of view, even 15 cents on the dollar for the unredeemable shares might be accepted at this time rather than await the possible liquidation in the distant future, which liquidation would under normal circumstances be based on the fact that the Co-Operative was bankrupt. However, in respect to this argument, I do not think the Custodian could be criticised for leaving this investment in the Co-Operative if there is no legal way whereby he can get out obtaining the full amount of the investment, particularly in view of the fact that the Japanese consented to the arrangement.

In discussing the question with the officers of the Union, I have no doubt you will keep in mind the fact that they are anxious to get rid of the Japanese taint and that, by your taking the position that the Custodian is not particularly concerned since he has control of the situation through a Supervisor, they may be influenced to increase their offer. You might even suggest unofficially that the Custodian would consider withdrawing the Supervisor if some reasonable settlement were made for the Japanese investment.

NOTE: All of the above is based on the assumption that the P.C.U. have the legal right to purchase their own stock, either redeemable or unredeemable, and I would point out that there is a distinction between a purchase of redeemable stock and the redemption of the stock in accordance with the by-laws of the Co-Operative.

3. Mr. Ure's position as Supervisor. It appears that the Custodian's policy of having a Supervisor in this Co-Operative during the past year was a wise one, and the Company has been highly successful in liquidating certain Japanese interests and obtaining funds from the Co-Operative for their account.

You have reported that the Custodian is now interested in the Co-Operative only to the extent of his shareholdings, and we have agreed that the time has now arrived for cancelling Mr. Ure's appointment, although you may wish to delay this as a lever in your negotiations concerning the shares referred to above. You may even consider it desirable, if an offer that you consider reasonable is made for the unredeemable shares, to agree to recommend to the Custodian the cancellation of Mr. Ure's appointment if the Co-Operative will immediately redeem the redeemable shares at 100 cents on the dollar.

I understand that you intend to continue using Mr. Ure in the Valley on matters relating to the chattels and that you have made the same arrangement with him as regards his automobile as existed with the other Valley workers. It is entirely left to your discretion as to when you will dispense with the services of Mr. Ure.

4. Expenses incidental to the Investigation and Supervision of the P.C.U. So far as Mr. Ure's salary is concerned, we have agreed that this should be considered as an administrative expense.

As regards the expenses of his automobile and the Investigator's fees, which total approximately \$1900., and such legal expenses as may be incurred in considering the question of the redemption of shares, we have discussed at considerable length whether this should be charged to the P.C.U. You have pointed out that, contrary to public opinion, P.C.U., while having a majority/



majority of Japanese Shareholders at the time of the evacuation, had a majority of non-Japanese members, and you also pointed out the extraordinary expenses imposed upon this Co-Operative as a result of orders given by Major Taylor, Chairman of the B.C. Security Commission, at the time to move certain trucks from Mission to Hastings Park, which trucks were subsequently returned, and which movement cost the P.C.U. approximately \$1600.

You have also pointed out that at the time of the evacuation the P.C.U., either on their own behalf or on behalf of Japanese members, retained the services of Mr. Campbell, a lawyer at Mission, to prepare various legal documents relating to the disposition of the Japanese farms. The information indicates that Mr. Campbell presented a bill of over \$5000. for this work and, when I was in Vancouver some time ago, the P.C.U. requested that the Custodian pay this bill and I flatly denied any responsibility, in so far as Mr. Campbell's services were concerned, unless it could be proved that the Japanese themselves undertook and were agreeable to pay Mr. Campbell's fees, in which case the matter would be given further consideration.

You now advise me that the P.C.U. have made a settlement of this account with Mr. Campbell for the sum of \$2000. which has been paid, and that they are now asking that the Custodian reimburse the Union. It appears to me that the services of Mr. Campbell were retained by Mr. Shimek primarily in the interests of the P.C.U., who were taking over, under the leases, the management of the farms so that they would be sure to obtain delivery of the crops from the new tenants, and that the work done by Mr. Campbell was done on their behalf and to their advantage.

Under the Regulations, and with particular reference to the inspection and supervision, it is provided that such costs and charges as are approved by the Secretary of State, if any, may be charged against the Company investigated, and this policy is generally followed throughout Canada in the Custodian's work, on the theory that the set-up of the Company and its connection with the enemy or evacuee has necessitated the inspection, and the inspection has revealed that the appointment of a supervisor is desirable. You will note that no provision is made for charging the costs of an inspection unless some further action is taken, such as the appointment of a Supervisor or Controller, because it might be that an inspection would be made and it would be found that there was no enemy or evacuee interest requiring further action on behalf of the Custodian.

In the case of P.C.U. the investigation indicated that there was a substantial evacuee interest and that the affairs of the P.C.U. itself were in a precarious position, both financially and from an administrative point of view and, as a result of the Custodian's investigation, certain definite services were rendered to the P.C.U. for which they have not yet been called upon to pay, and it could be truthfully said that Mr. Ure's services have been used by the P.C.U. on many occasions. I think the Custodian would be justified in insisting that the P.C.U. pay not only the cost of the inspection, but Mr. Ure's salary and disbursements.

In considering this matter on your return to Vancouver I would like you to give thought to the following suggestions:-

(a) The P.C.U. are asking the Custodian to pay Mr. Campbell's account and have indicated that they think the Custodian should pay the cost of moving the trucks to Vancouver and back. The Custodian had nothing whatever to do with this latter/



proposition and, in fact, facilitated the release of the trucks to the advantage of the P.C.U. These two claims, on the basis of the settlement made to Mr. Campbell, amount to approximately \$3600. As against this, the Custodian has a legal right to claim from the P.C.U. an amount of approximately \$5500. The question of how the Custodian absorbs this amount is of no concern to the P.C.U. and if the P.C.U. wish to argue that they are prepared to drop the claim for the trucks if we will pay Mr. Campbell's claim, you can suggest that you are prepared to drop the claim for Mr. Ure's salary and car if they will pay the inspection fees, which just about offset Mr. Campbell's claim. In so far as the Custodian's accounting records are concerned, I have undertaken to discuss the possibility of charging the inspection fee only against the individual evacuee shareholders with the Deputy Custodian and will advise you in due course.

5. Re Filing of Vesting Certificates against P.C.U. Property. I do not know whether this has been done, nor do I think you should mention it to any of the P.C.U. officers at this time, but if on your return to Vancouver and after discussing the matter with the officers of the P.C.U. you find that there can be no meeting of the minds on the redemption of the shares, but that Mr. Ure's appointment should be cancelled, I think you should then file vesting certificates against the property to protect the Japanese interest in the Company's assets. These vesting certificates should follow the new form under the new Regulations which have been prepared in this office, and which form, together with other new forms, will be forwarded to you during the course of the next week.

6. Re Maple Ridge Property. As regards leasing of the Maple Ridge property of the P.C.U. during the coming year, this will be determined by the results obtained from your attempt to sell the Maple Ridge property, which is referred to in the memorandum dealing with that file. If it develops that the property should be leased to P.C.U. for a further year, the same terms as last year appear satisfactory.

I discussed with Dr. Coleman this morning (Dec. 31/43) the settlement of the bills as between P.C.U. and the Custodian on the basis outlined above, and he agreed to settlement on these lines and also agreed that the investigator's bill should be allocated against the accounts of the individual Japanese shareholders.

G. W. McPherson  
Executive Assistant



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FILE NO. 16609 Vol.1.  
OJC/McD

Victoria Building,  
70 Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.  
December 2, 1954.

Re: Minami Trading Co.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I have been instructed by the Administration Board to write you in connection with a debt owing by the Ford Import Company of 2244 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C.

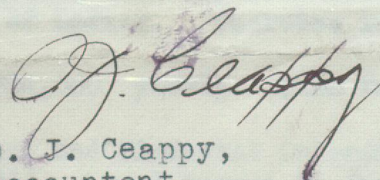
For sometime prior to December 7th, 1941, Ford Import Company purchased large quantities of goods from the Minami Trading Company of Japan. The Royal Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal, in Vancouver, reported that they held outstanding drafts drawn on the Ford Import Company in the amount of \$46,940.40. These drafts were all drawn by the Minami Trading Company.

When this office requested payment from the Ford Import Company, they stated they had a claim against the Minami Trading Company of \$39,642.04 for defective and unsuitable merchandise. This claim was allowed on the understanding that an adjustment might have to be made at the end of the war. Out of the \$7,298.36 which the Ford Import Company admitted owing, they have paid \$4,450.00 over a period of years, which leaves a balance outstanding of \$2,848.36. The last payment received from the Ford Import Company was on July 10th, 1952.

Unfortunately, no action was taken on our file since the last payment until I wrote them on November 24th last, requesting payment in full.

The Administration Board is of the opinion that we should now have a report on the financial position of this Company and I trust that you will be able to obtain this report for us. At the same time, you might let me have a report on the financial status of any members of the Ford family that operated this Company.

Yours very truly,

  
O. J. Ceappy,  
Accountant.

F.G. Shears, Esq.,  
4615 West 9th Ave.,  
Vancouver 8, B.C.



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Your File 16609 Vol 1

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4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver B.C.  
December 10th 1954

Mr O.J.Ceappy  
Office of the Custodian  
Victoria Building  
Ottawa.

re Minami Trading Co

Dear Mr Ceappy,

I received your letter of the 2nd. inst. and the following is the information I have obtained concerning the Ford concern to whom you make reference.

One of our Banks gave me this information which they obtained from some source for me. They had not had any dealings with the outfit themselves.

"Ford Wholesale is fully owned by Mr J. M. Ford and have been satisfactory customers of the bank for approximately 30 years. They deal mostly in broadloom and other floor carpets which are imported almost solely from Belgium. This past 3 years, sales have averaged Four to Five hundred thousand dollars annually, while operating surplus is notehally, until Ford owns two properties clear of incumbrance which are worth at least \$40,000. In addition to this, his house which is registered jointly with his wife, is valued at approximately \$50,000 on which there is a mortgage of approximately \$10,000. The joint value of Mr & Mrs Ford is \$125,000. Ford Wholesale enjoy credit facilities with us to a fairly substantial amount. We consider Mr Ford to be quite honest and our business dealings with him have been on a satidfactory basis"

I also called at Dun and Bradstreets' office and I copied this from their file,-

"Ford Wholesale. Joseph McConnell Ford -owner.

History,- Mr Ford age 54. married. At one time employed by Father in R.S. Ford & Co Ltd in 1925. That company was unsuccessful and assets purchased by J.M. Ford who continued as Ford Import Company until Feb 5 1934 when he transferred the name to his sister Margaret D. Ford. He then assisted his sister in that business until commencing the present enterprise in 1942 when present Trade style name was registered (Jan 1942) Business. A general line of rugs and small novelties. Sells to retailers in Western Provinces. Buying done almost entirely from British Isles against letters of credit and Bills of Lading. Operates in a two storey Frame building.

Payments slow. Sales upwards of \$300,000 yearly. Cash fairly low with debts somewhat heavy.

Feb. 25 1954 Ford deferred statement and Financial information at this time. Stock usually about \$30,000. A good amount in Receivables and slow in collection



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Understand Land and buildings encumbered on long term basis. Replacement value considered as \$25,000. Cash position fairly weak and liabilities somewhat heavy. Full Fire Insurance carried.

I am not sure from your letter whether you intended that I should make a personal approach to Mr Ford. I have not done so and you might advise if you think there would be any value in my so doing.

Apparently the Minami Trading Co dealings were with Ford Imports. As stated above there seem to have been some reorganizations and the present operations under the name of Ford Wholesale appears to have started in Jan 1942, just about a month after the commencement of war with Japan.

If there is anything further you think I can do please let me know and outline any course of action that you think might be pursued.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

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2244 West 10th Ave.

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They deal mostly in broadloom and other floor carpets which are imported almost soley from Belgium.

This past three (3) years, sales have averaged Four to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars annually, while operating surplus is <sup>? somewhat</sup> not small, Mr. Ford owns two properties clear of incumbrance which are worth at least \$40,000.00.

In addition to this, his house which is registered joint with his wife, is valued at approximately \$50,000.00, on which there is a mortgage of approximately \$10,000.00.

The joint value of Mr. & Mrs. Ford is \$125,000.00. Ford Wholesale enjoy credit facilities with us to a fairly substantial amount.

We consider Mr. Ford to be quite honest and our business dealings with him have been on a satisfactory basis.



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Victoria Building,  
7 O'Connor Street,  
Ottawa 4, Ontario.  
December 28th, 1954.

Re: Minami Trading Co.

Dear Mr. Shears:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant and thank you for the information given therein.

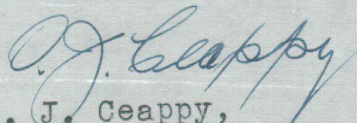
I think we should now have a report on Miss Margaret Ford's financial position. In my last letter I pointed out that there was a balance of \$2,848.36 owing by the Ford Import Company and that the Custodian might have a further claim against this Company of \$39,642.04 and I think it is absolutely necessary that we obtain all the information we can at this time.

You might also approach Mr. J.M. Ford and see if he is willing to make any arrangements to retire the indebtedness of the Ford Import Company.

It would also be interesting to know what happened to the assets of the Ford Import Company at the time of their reorganization in January 1942.

Your co-operation in this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
O. J. Ceappy,  
Accountant.

F.G. Shears, Esq.,  
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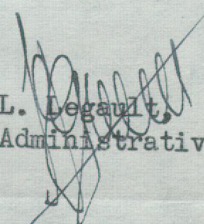
Dear Sir,

Re: Shuichiro Shoji  
(Enemy File 1402).

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of  
August 27, 1954, contents of which have been noted.

Your co-operation in this matter is  
greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

  
L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer.

Mr. F. G. Shears,  
4615 West 9th Avenue,  
VANCOUVER,  
British Columbia.



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a somewhat shorter view. It is his opinion too that a permanent Custodian's branch at Vancouver would be very desirable even after we have reduced to small proportions and Japanese hostilities are over, and there is some merit in this perhaps, as a lot of Custodian work might be handled locally without reference to Ottawa. He has indicated to me that when you come out this time, that he is hopeful you may have some "inside" information or at least a pretty good idea of what Ottawa may have in mind in the way of any long distance policy and whether or not he can figure on a position somewhere which has a degree of permanence as against the "temporary" position which has always been emphasized here.

I feel that while the prospects of a permanent position here would be very acceptable to him, he realises that for a government position, this is a great distance from the centre of affairs and that if a good opening were available in Ottawa which could be normally considered more permanent than this, he would not be averse to establishing himself and family there.

In my judgment Ken. is a man that your Department should endeavour to absorb into its scheme of affairs and who would be a great asset. This may all be a little vague but you will likely be discussing Vancouver affairs in general with the Minister and with Dr. Coleman before you leave, and you might possibly be able to arrive at some broad conclusions and then be in a position to discuss them with Wright and myself when you are here. By the way if you do not already know it would it be a good idea for you to be aware of the salary which Ken is receiving?

I am glad that you are coming out in the somewhat near future so that we can go over things on the ground and make whatever adjustments and changes are required. I hope that your own future prospects are becoming clarified in a way that you would wish. With kindest regards to your wife and yourself from Mabel and myself,

Yours sincerely,



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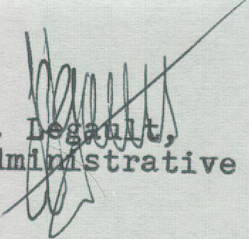
Dear Sir:

Re: Massa Shin

I acknowledge receipt of your  
letter of August 26, 1954, enclosing correspon-  
dence between you and Massa Shin.

Upon receipt of additional  
information from this person, this matter will  
receive special attention.

Yours very truly,

  
L. Legault,  
Administrative Officer



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VANCOUVER, B. C.

4615 West 9th Avenue  
Vancouver B.C.

August 26th 1954

Mr Massa Shin  
Port Edward, B.C.

Dear Sir,

The office of the Custodian in Vancouver has been closed for over two years but your letter has been forwarded to me as I was the Director of that office.

I am returning the Income Tax Assessment and Refundable Savings portion for \$38.50 which you enclosed and can only suggest that you write and forward this to

E. Arpin Esq.,  
Comptroller  
Office of the Custodian  
Victoria Building  
7 O'Connor Street  
OTTAWA 4

Did you have any correspondence with the Vancouver office and if so there would have been a File Number at the top of any letters and you should give that information to Ottawa.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears.



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August 26th 1954

K.W.Wright Esq., Q.C.  
Office of the Custodian  
Ottawa.

re Massa Shin

Dear Mr Wright

I enclose a letter received from Massa Shin.

I suppose he is a Japanese although frankly I am not quite sure.

The Tax Notice is Nov. 5 1946 and the refundable portion of the taxes paid by Shin is \$38.50 If we received this amount as the letter says and it was not paid out, it must have been forwarded to Ottawa. This amount however does not show up in any records I have.

In any case there is nothing to be done until you hear from Shin with any information he may be able to give you.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears



CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM (for office use only)

Re: Revised Regulations Respecting  
Trading with the Enemy (1943)

By Order in Council P.C. 8526, dated Saturday, November 13, 1943, the Consolidated Regulations were cancelled and the above revision brought into effect. There are practically no changes insofar as the order of and the numbering of the sections are concerned and, while there have been many minor changes, the following sections are specifically brought to your attention:

1. Regulation 1 (d)iv

The definition of "enemy" has been clarified insofar as companies incorporated in enemy or proscribed territory are concerned and under this amendment all such companies, regardless of share ownership or where their head offices may be located or transferred to, are enemies.

2. Regulation 1 (i)

The definition of "property" has been amended and a specific reference made to "patents, copyrights, trade marks, designs or any interest therein". The Custodian has always contended that the definition of property in the Consolidated Regulations did include such property but this amendment has been made to definitely settle the point so there can be no dispute that such property has vested under Regulation 21.

3. Regulation 7

The old Regulation 7 has been consolidated into Regulation 8 and the new Regulation 7 deals with the prohibition of actions.

4. Regulation 17

In drafting the Revision the necessary changes were made in Regulations 8 and 12 to take care of the provisions of Regulation 17 and there has been substituted for the previous Regulation 17, a new Regulation providing for the giving of notice to the Custodian where notice is required to be given to a person who has become an enemy.

5. Regulation 21

This Regulation has been amended and careful consideration should be given to the 3rd and 4th sections of this Regulation.

6. Regulation 23

This deals with real estate and has been clarified by specifically setting out a proper description of the Custodian in all matters relating to title and the same remarks apply to Regulation 24 dealing with patents, copyrights, trade marks or designs.



7. Regulation 27

This Regulation which deals with actions in the Exchequer Court has been amended to permit the Custodian taking action in any superior court of record and persons may now take action after ninety days against the Custodian in the Exchequer Court, provided such person is not an enemy.

8. Regulation 36

Has been amended to clarify the position of the Custodian with reference to the collection of monies due him.

9. Regulation 37

Has been amended to clarify the question of transferring securities into the name of the Custodian and the method of describing the Custodian is specifically set out.

10. Regulation 44

This Regulation deals with fees for services rendered and has been amended to clarify the Custodian's position with regard to such fees and in considering this Regulation you should also refer to Regulation 69 which prohibits any action to recover monies paid to or received or detained by the Custodian.

11. Regulation 51

Has been amended by the addition of a subsection expressly excepting life insurance policies and annuity contracts from the effect of the Regulation.

12. Regulation 68

Regulation 68 of the old Regulations has been omitted since it does not appear to be applicable at the present time and in its place a Regulation referring to the application of Regulations 21 and 44 of the Revision has been inserted.

The marginal notes have, of course, been revised and, as you know, such notes have no effect on the legal interpretation of the respective sections.

An index has been included in the pamphlet as has an appendix. It is felt that the appendix will be useful since it contains an alphabetical list of the countries to which the Regulations have been applied but this list is not necessarily complete since the Regulations automatically apply to any territory that is occupied by the enemy. In addition to this, copies of all Orders-in-Council affecting the application of the Regulations insofar as proscribed territories are concerned, are included.

Forms previously used are being revised in the light of the new Regulations and the revised forms will be supplied in due course. Pending receipt of these revised forms all forms must be approved by the undersigned.

December 2, 1943.

G. W. McPherson  
Executive Assistant