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MIYAGAWA/MORII ETSUJI LETTER

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PLEASE RETAIN
ORIGINAL ORDER

Recd by Mr. Miyagawa -
Nov 11 1942 -
to Sase + Mr. M's note on
the time.

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願申上所候

日本俱樂部主事御用事務處
二三十六街一號
御傳付此件事務處
事務處相應

狀申上所付在人立退之件付此件事務處
事務處相應

就上所付在留邦人立退之件付此件事務處
事務處相應



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一九四二年十一月二十日

Notes by
Mr.
Miyagawa
I think
written at
the time

この手紙があな人の手から私に渡された。
行こうみると、立派な大きなティーフルがありて、大せいいふと、暫くして奥から人が出て来られて
自發的に道路の道つけに行こうとして、
支度が出来たら、知道自己でロットたら、大人日に、
どこから、なん時に、汽車が来るかを知りすか、
準備が出来たら、知りせてほしい。
と云ふことであった。

すると、誰かが「食料は来るのか」と尋ねると
又誰かが「残るアミリー(家族)はどうするか、
と追突されると、道路キヤンバーで一時間二十五仙で、
衝突、月給の中から二十五円引き送りやう。
と云う返事であった。

又誰かが「食料は何ばかりか」と尋ねると、
今急に分らんと云う返事であった。

又「人を行こうと思うなら、年寄りや女は、このままで、
おがくとも、おも分らんから行こう」と云い、
之に協力して呉れたら、いくらかは融通をアシテー
が何としても、ヘツフオラニが出来ない者は、アシテー
と云う様子であつた。私は店をして、妻、子供
六、九、十一才の三人がいろので困つた。

一九四二年二月二十日

森 井 慎 治
(簽)

殿

拜啓 御承知の通り當加奈陀防備地
域より在留邦人立退きの件は愈々總
督令を以つて法文化され事態甚だ急
を告げ居り候

就いては右につき折入つて御相談申
上げたき儀之れあり候に付此の書狀
着次第市内アレキサンダー街三六二
日本俱樂部まで御足勞相煩はし度御
願申し上げ候

敬具

Date: February 20, 1942

Mori Etsuji (seal)

Dear _____:

As you are aware, the removal of Japanese residents (zairyu hojin) here from Canada's protected area was legislated by an order of the Governor-General, thus the situation has become very serious.

We would like to invite you to consult with us on matters relating to this current situation. As soon as you receive this letter we beg you to proceed to the Japanese Club at 362 Alexander Street.

Sincerely,

Notes by Mr. Miyagawa:

Someone gave me this letter.

When I visited, I found a large, good-look table and a number people were talking at the farther corner of the room, but I was unable to hear what they were talking about, so I waited for a while, then someone came from the corner and talked to me:

"We ask you to go voluntarily for road building work. When you are prepared to leave, let us know and we will let you know about the date, time and point of departure by train. So whenever you are ready, please report."

Someone attending asked: "Will foods be coming?"

The answer was: "Yes, foods will be coming, and you will also go along."

Another person raised a serious question: "What can we do about family members left behind?"

The answer was: "You work at a road camp for 25C an hour. From your monthly pay we deduct \$25 which will be remitted to them."

A person asked: "How much will we be charged for meals?"

The person answering said that he was unable to answer the question on the spot.

"They are afraid of persons of military age. Therefore, they may allow the aged and women to stay where they are if you all are willing to leave. So we urge you to go." "If you are co-operating with this, we will be able to ask the Mountie to be more flexible, but if you are not co-operating, we can not help you however the Mountie treats you. So please go." Such was their argument.

I was at a loss because I had a store to look after and a family of wife and three children, age 6, 9 and 11.

(end of Miyagawa's notes)