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PERSONAL
AIR MAIL

Vancouver, B. C.
August 4, 1942.

F. J. Mead,
Assistant Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your personal letter to our Chairman under date of August 1st, particularly the first paragraph wherein you ask for any comments on copy of letter enclosed, directed to the O/C, "E" Division, R. C. M. P., Vancouver, touching upon release of internees who have refused to comply with the orders of this Commission.

The Chairman, Mr. Eastwood and I have carefully considered the suggestion submitted and we are all in accord that we do not think this an opportune time to release internees as such a move, in our opinion, would show a sign of weakness.

I refer back to yours and Dr. Hodgins return from Ottawa when we had a full assembly conference and the policy of the Department and the future plans were set forth regarding the reuniting of the Japanese families, and meeting with the wishes of the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group, and the formulating of plans relating to the building program.

Further, I refer to the meeting we had on the 1st of July last when the representatives of the Japanese were present when the new policy of the Department regarding the reuniting of families was explained. There were subsequent conferences in this connection with the representatives of the Nisei group. It appeared then from these conferences that all differences had been settled and that the Nisei group, which had caused considerable trouble resulting in about 600 of them being interned for disobeying orders of the Commission, would cooperate to the fullest extent henceforth.

The defaulter question was raised by the Japanese at the meeting on July 1st and it was agreed upon that there would be no further action taken in this connection and that the police would be completely withdrawn as we were reasonably convinced at that time, in view of the policy decided upon by the Department in regard to the families, that there would be no further trouble or refusal of any Japanese to obey any order issued by the Commission.

The question was also raised by the Japanese at the same meeting regarding the 158 Japanese who were interned at the Immigration Shed awaiting transportation to internment camp. After some discussion it was decided upon that these Japanese must proceed with the usual course of being escorted to the internment camp.

I can recall, and I stressed the question very strongly, that, providing the Japanese cooperated with the Commission to the fullest extent and the evacuation was about completed, a representation would be made by the Commission to Ottawa to have the internees released and reunited with their families. On this point you submitted the condition that this would only apply to those Japanese of whom there was no evidence of subversive character and I immediately concurred.

This matter has given me considerable thought, particularly after talking with Mr. Mellor, Executive Assistant to the B. C. Security Commission. Mr. Mellor reminds me that immediately after the 158 left Vancouver for the internment camp and before you left Vancouver you asked Mr. Mellor to write Mr. MacNamara, suggesting

that these Japanese be released providing they were willing to cooperate and comply with the Commission's orders. I refer you to Mr. Mellor's letter of July 20th and in consequence of this letter copy of which we have on file, a letter which you wrote under date of July 24th to Mr. MacNamara following up this suggestion of release.

In view of all the circumstances and knowing your line of thought I would be fully in accord providing the Japanese do fulfill their promise, that is, cooperating with this Commission. My reason for not supporting your suggestion as submitted is the fact that the Japanese have not lived up to their promise. They have not cooperated to the full extent with this Commission and this has been borne out by their conduct or the conduct of various groups. They have made use of several trivial excuses and made use of numerous petty differences to evade cooperation. For instance at Sandon last week a group complained of the wage scale which apparently had been overlooked by the Treasury Department. Further, there still appears to be a propaganda program circulated against the endeavors and policy of this Commission. A certain group have endeavored to spread certain rumours against the Hope Ranch project to the effect that it was a slave work camp and this has had the effect of frightening the women and children with the result that we are meeting with resistance in connection with this project.

The Japanese have shown and are today taking a very dictatorial attitude. In my opinion, our sympathy and consideration has been taken by the Japanese as a sign of weakness and by their general conduct throughout satisfy me that the time has come when we must take a firm stand and make these people realize that our very nation is in peril and their implicit obedience to the Commission's orders must be maintained to the letter.

The Japanese only understand one way in connection with any order or law, and that is hold them to that point and enforce it without the slightest deviation; otherwise they will encroach and bring about a situation which will result in any order being disobeyed. I am somewhat of the opinion that our position today has been brought about through too much consideration and instead of their recognizing the law they even dictate terms of compliance with any order and go so far as to demand internment, which is nothing else than contempt against the State and which makes them as martyrs in the eyes of their own people and country.

The Commission's position today, in my opinion, regarding evacuation of about 10000 in and around Vancouver is most critical and will require the utmost care adherence to the general policy in a situation which could prove very serious and costly.

We have a tremendous building program in progress which requires all the available skilled Japanese workmen to carry out and winter is fast approaching. Any delay or interruption by the Japanese will place us and themselves in a very serious position. There is scarcely a day passes but there are some little differences with the Japanese to be ironed out which satisfies me that these Japanese are not appreciative. They do not realize the importance of this work.

To further support my views and show how far the Japanese are cooperating with our endeavors in connection with the policy of reuniting their families, last week 17 Japanese at Hastings Park refused to work and demanded to be interned just in the same manner as previous groups acted and who are now interned, and these are the people that you are now suggesting be released.

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I fully understand and appreciate your views. At the same time I do not think that your suggestion should be put into effect until such time as the evacuation is about completed. Then I agree with you 100 per cent in the policy of releasing internees that are worthy of such consideration. Further, I am satisfied that if such a move was put into effect at the present time there would be great resentment from the public through the press as they are now pressing for the evacuation to be completed at the earliest possible moment.

The Japanese are a very cunning and intelligent race and from their actions (at least some of them) they are taking a very passive stubborn stand and making it very difficult for the Commission and the views of the Press and general public are not helping the situation.

Further, I question whether we are getting the fullest cooperation from your Force here. The reason I am not prepared to say but there is a lack of cooperation and I mentioned this to Colonel Hill last night. It may be that this lack of cooperation by your Force is due to the fact that when we overlooked the defaulters and asked your Force to be withdrawn your Force felt that they were let down, that their prestige and morale insofar as the Japanese were concerned, was affected by our actions and I agree up to a certain point that this was not in the best interests of the general evacuation. It is evident to me that through such actions we have lost a certain amount of prestige ourselves as far as the Japanese are concerned.

With regard to the expenses of Tanaka and Nishio travelling east with a view to visiting the internment camps I must point out that I do not feel our policy should require any explanation and my patience is exhausted. We have considered the Japanese in every possible way and have endeavored to carry out the evacuation in a very humane manner. Again I point out any evidence of weakness on our part will have serious consequences.

I enclose Mr. Eastwood's views in this connection.

This letter has been handed to the Chairman and he concurs in every detail.

Yours very truly,

J. Shirras, Commissioner,
B. C. Security Commission.

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Date August 3rd, 1942

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COMMR. SHIRRAS

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I have read with interest the memorandum dated August 1st to the Officer Commdg. R.C.M. Police, Vancouver, from Asst. Commr. F.J. Mead and also Asst. Commr. Mead's personal letter to Mr. Taylor in respect to the problem of Internment.

My personal views on this matter of releasing Internees are as follows: I am not in favour of releasing the Internees at the Internment Camps or those who are now in Vancouver in the Immigration Shed awaiting to go forward to Internment Camps, until such time as the complete Evacuation Program has been completed. Any suggestion on our part that this step might be taken would most certainly weaken our position and will make it just that much harder to keep the balance of the not evacuated people in hand. The Japanese mind does not look on this forgiving spirit in the same light as we do. The Japanese look upon it as weakness and we lose actually two counts by so doing. First, we lose the respect of the Japanese. Secondly, it makes it just a little harder to make them work into our program. In talking with the Committee group of Nishio, Nishiguchi and Tanaka, the other day I mentioned the point to them of how can we get the balance of men out of Vancouver and Tanaka came back with the remark, "Well, You have removed the fear of Internment and you have no teeth in your evacuation procedure."

I would like to give up all thought of releasing from Internment camps until we have all of the Japanese settled down in their new locations and then the point might be raised as to the wisdom of releasing these internees. If we release them now we have no place for them to go. They would no doubt be taking the place of a healthy man already in Vancouver. As far as the expense is concerned, this is merely a bookkeeping entry as far as the Government is concerned and it matters little whether it is charged to the Commission or whether it is handled through some other Departmnt of the Federal Government. Finally, if Mr. DesBrisay and his evacuation Officers are to operate smoothly and complete the objective which we h ave set for ourselves, we must have the power and fear of the Mounted Police back of us and make a few examples of internment to get the best results.

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W.A. Eastwood, General Mgr.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
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AIR MAIL

OTTAWA, August 1, 1942.
CANADA

Dear Austin: ✓

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have to-day written to Hill having to do with those Japanese now in internment for refusing to obey the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission. It is self-explanatory. If you or John have any comments to make, will you please send them to me by air mail.

It is my opinion that the expenses should be paid from the Commission funds, but if you have any objections to this being done, please let me know, if not, would you telephone Hill and tell him that the Commission will defray the necessary cost.

I feel that it is useless to keep these people locked up if they are willing to abide by any orders issued by the Commission governing their conduct in future. It costs approximately $500.00 per man per annum to keep each individual interned, and if they are willing to go to work and cause us no more trouble, then it is in our interest to help them get a job. If, on the other hand, they refuse to accept our terms, then we cannot be accused of keeping men locked up who have committed no offence against the state. I have my eye especially on the report of Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Maag.

Naturally I shall give Tanaka and Nishio correct instructions before they are sent to the camp to talk to these people.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. Mead

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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August 1, 1942.

AIR MAIL

MEMORANDUM:

The Officer Commanding,
"E" Division, R.C.M.Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Internment of Persons of the Japanese Race

The Department of Justice has brought up the matter of those persons of the Japanese race now under detention for failing to comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission to leave the protected area.

It is considered here that many of those in detention, if given the opportunity, would comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission if they were made aware of the Government's policy in re-uniting families, and it has been considered that the best way to convey this fact to those under detention would be to utilize the services of Messrs. Tanaka and Nishio in the same way as when the Commission allowed these two men to visit the Japanese work camps.

Will you please have Messrs. Tanaka and Nishio interviewed and ask them if they would be prepared to come to Ottawa and see me, then go to the camp where the Japanese are interned, explain the situation and return to Ottawa. If you could spare Special Constable Upton to accompany them to Ottawa and to the internment camp, it would be more satisfactory from our point of view. He would not be required to take any part in the proceedings except to be present when they speak with the Japanese interned. His knowledge of the language and the fact that he was present would make the plan more acceptable to the internment authorities, who are very strict in regard to outside persons entering internment camps.

We expect that the Consul General for Spain will shortly inspect the internment camp in which these Japanese are kept, and we would like to have on record that we offered those persons who are incarcerated under the Commission's orders their liberty under conditions to be laid down by the Commission before he makes the inspection. When Mr. Pipher, the Commission's representative, and Sergeant Cook of the Mounted Police visited some of these interned

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AIR MAIL

July 31, 1942.

Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead,
c/o R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Jack:

Having closed the Immigration Shed and not having picked up the remaining defaulters in this area has proven to be a serious folly. The result is that the Japanese are dictating terms to us. The situation is becoming intolerable.

Our desire to cooperate and to make conditions more agreeable and pleasant for the Japanese has resulted in them taking this dictatorial attitude. They feel that we are spineless, gutless and generally incompetent to dictate a policy and carry it out.

Evidence of this was shown this week when we brought down 176 from Coikie and Découigne camps. There were approximately 30 single men ordered to go to the east end of the Hope-Princeton Highway and they refused. To solve an embarrassing problem they were sent to Slocan as carpenters, etc.

Accordingly I have issued instructions today that anyone disobeying an order of this Commission is to be interned immediately. Therefore I request that the Immigration quarters be reopened and provision made for the internment of all those necessary. If this is not done and enforced strictly it will only be a question of time before you have all the Japanese behind barbed wire.

I enclose an editorial appearing in the Sun newspaper last night which is certainly not helpful to the Commission.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

P.S. The peace officer policy might be satisfactory providing we were dealing with half a dozen Japanese but when it takes in twenty-four thousand it is a different matter.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
Headquarters

Ottawa, July 24, 1942.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd. instant, to which was attached a memorandum from Mr. Mellor of the British Columbia Security Commission, outlining the views of the Commission in regard to those persons of the Japanese race now interned for failing to comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission to leave the protected area, I am in agreement with the suggestions made in the first paragraph on page two of Mr. Mellor's letter, i.e., that an official of your Department or the R. C. M. Police should visit the internment camp in which these people are located and advise those Japanese who have disobeyed the orders of the Commission that if they are now willing to obey the orders given them in the future, they can apply for release to the Minister of Justice and that there would be no objection from the Security Commission.

There are a number of factors which should be borne in mind before this is done, and I should like to outline my views to you personally in regard to them.

Full file returned herewith.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. J. Mead,
Commissioner,
British Columbia Security Commission.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

Encl.
FJM/MB

Mem - MacNamara
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AIR MAIL

July 20, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

The train bearing 158 Japanese left Vancouver on Friday night last bound for the Japanese internment camp in the East, making a total of 653 now interned in Canada.

See file 53-A

On the writer's desk are 71 letters similar to the sample one attached and also a petition which is sent to you for your information.

These letters and the petition are signed by Nisei who have now seen the error of their ways. Since the new policy of reuniting the families of Japanese has been made public the attitude of the Nisei has completely changed and they are cooperating fully with this Commission.

The orders for internment, signed by the Minister of Justice, were already in the hands of the police before the new policy was fully understood by the Japanese so it is not deemed advisable to request cancellation of these orders although if we had realized the long delay in the arrival of the train in question we might possibly have done so.

It is desired to suggest that it would be good policy to cause the release of not only the cooperating Japanese included in the present train load but also those previously interned who will now probably desire to follow the example of their Nisei comrades and cooperate with the Government.

There would not seem to be any valid reason for holding these people in internment when their labor could be usefully employed elsewhere, always bearing in mind the fact that their internment was caused on account of their mistaken idea that non-cooperation with the authorities was the only way of showing their resentment of Governmental policies in connection with the Japanese.

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It is therefore respectfully suggested that an official either of your Department or else of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police should visit the internment camp and advise the Japanese therein that if they are willing to obey the orders given them in future they can apply for release to the Minister of Justice and that the B. C. Security Commission will have no objection to offer.

Many of these young men are unmarried and could probably be absorbed into industrial work in Ontario and the married men could be placed on farms in the same Province with their families joining them when they are located.

These suggestions only apply, of course, to the Canadian-born or naturalized. The nationals are a different proposition and many of them are deliverately choosing internment in order to make martyrs of themselves.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. L. Mellor,
Executive Assistant,
B. C. Security Commission.

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A MACNAMARA
DEPT OF LABOR OTTAWA

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June 1st, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assoc. Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

1. Referring to Mr. Taylor's telegram to you today which reads as follows:

" YOUR LETTER MAY TWENTY NINTH RE INTERNMENT
WE ARE NOW HOLDING HERE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY
WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THIS AREA AND
PARTICULARLY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FROM THE
IMMIGRATION BUILDING IMMEDIATELY IF POSSIBLE "

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2. On the 29th ultimo, I was speaking on the telephone with Mr. Rive of the Department of External Affairs regarding the proposed visit of the Spanish and International Red Cross representatives and advised him at the time, that the large number of Japanese we had detained in the Immigration building should be removed before these gentlemen came west to look into affairs of Japanese Nationals. I told him the matter had been referred to the Commissioner of the Mounted Police and yourself. He later wired me some information regarding the expected movements of the representative of the Protecting power and mentioned that he had communicated with the Department of National Defence and the Commissioner In Charge of Internment Operations and suggested that we telegraph the latter the number of persons for whom accommodation should be made available immediately.

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This was done by way of the following telegram:

"WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS JAPANESE RACE WHO HAVE REFUSED TO LEAVE PROTECTED AREA STOP ONE HUNDRED SIXTY PERSONS DETAINED IMMIGRATION BUILDING HERE THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED WITHOUT DELAY STOP WILL WIRE YOU LATER REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE"

On the 30th ultimo an additional telegram was forwarded as follows:

"IN ADDITION TO NUMBERS MENTIONED MY TELEGRAM TWENTY NINTH WOULD ADVISE THAT YOU GIVE IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION TO FINDING ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR SIX HUNDRED MORE MEN STOP THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE BUT ARE RESULT OF CLOSE ANALYSIS OF PRESENT SITUATION HERE NOT IMPROBABLE FIGURES MAY INCREASE CONSIDERABLY"

I have gone into this matter somewhat at length in order to keep the records straight. The Military have taken some extra precautions on account of the large number now interned and we naturally, would like to see them moving as soon as possible, in order to make room for others and to prevent a possible repetition of the occurrence which took place prior to the last group being moved east.

Yours very truly,

F.J. Mead, Commissioner,
B.C. Security Commission.

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May 30th, 1942.

De;inquents.. evacuated to Interment camp.

The undersigned has had only a few hours and therefore was unable to thoroughly survey the causes and possible remedies..of grievances which induce many to 'volunteer' for evacuation to Internment camps.

A few of the Japanese key men were called in to frankly discuss the matter, these including Sergt. Shoji, a veteran, Mr. Shinobu(Secretary to the veterans), Rev. Mr. Ono, chief Director for the boys of teen age, also Mr. Ono's assistant Mr. Yoshida, Mr. Sakamoto and another leader from the Japanese Committee at Hastings Park.

All seemed to agree that those present would have no influence in persuading the delinquents brought into camp.. to switch their views or decide to go a work camp. It was considered that if interviewed individually by one of the heads of the B.C. Security Commission with authority - it was likely some men would be converted.

The general view point of the above Japanese was that the 'Mass evacuation' movement ..which included 2000 or 3000 not already evacuated- was not a movement to intentionally cause trouble, but was based on certain grievances - as follows:

1. That those already gone to to work camps such as Schreiber have not yet had the priviledge of sending for their families..even when located in industries and able to support their families.

2. That Japanese Nationals were often allowed to remain at their jobs in B.C...while Canadian born and Naturalized Canadians were sent away. The Japanese understood from the Government as announced in the paper that there was to be a different policy. But actually there was no difference apparent. There was therefore no encouragement for Canadian born to act with any sense of responsibility.

3. That some Canadian born and Canadian naturalized resent Japanese Nationals having important jobs with the Commission. They feel any leadership and advice should come only from the Canadian born and Naturalized.

4. That some resentment is felt over the colour line, and that Germans and Italians are treated so much better than Japanese.

5. That there is a general feeling the Commission has not(in actual practice) lived up to promises made.

The above are what was told me in above conference when discussing the pros and cons. The chief trouble seems to be the question of having their families with them. It was the general opinion that if the first three matters were cleared up..the movement would dissolve*.

At this moment all I can recommend is that - the delinquents stay in [illegible]ldg for a few hours at least (be brought in during the morning when [illegible]other evacuation is planned) and left here until late afternoon..to allow me an opportunity to contact them individually; that meanwhile they be handled as smoothly as possible to avoid them posing as martyrs..to their own people, but to treat them as misguided youth pending their final disposal.

I think the qusetion of a difference in pay between work camps and the Interment camp should be worked out.

Wendell B Shaw

* Sergt Shoji later told me privately that in his own opinion..the organized movement would not dissolve if certain grievances were remedied.

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VANCOUVER B C MAY 29 1942

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNMENT OPERATIONS
OTTAWA ONTARIO

WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS JAPANESE RACE WHO HAVE REFUSED TO LEAVE PROTECTED AREA STOP ONE HUNDRED SIXTY PERSONS DETAINED IMMIGRATION BUILDING HERE THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED WITHOUT DELAY STOP WILL WIRE YOU LATER REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE

AUSTIN C TAYLOR CHAIRMAN
B C SECURITY COMMISSION

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JUNE 1 1942

A MACNAMARA
DEPT OF LABOR OTTAWA

YOUR LETTER MAY TWENTY NINTH RE INTERNMENT WE ARE NOW HOLDING HERE TWO HUNDRED FIFTY WHICH SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THIS AREA AND PARTICULARLY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FROM THE IMMIGRATION BUILDING IMMEDIATELY IF POSSIBLE

AUSTIN C TAYLOR

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

RECEIVED
1 JUN 1942

Ottawa, May 29, 1942

Via Air Mail

Dear Major Taylor:

Here is the situation in regard to internment. The authorities have had so many demands on them, including 4,000 prisoners of war, that they actually have no space.

They have promised to take the 46 or so that you have in the Immigration Hall within a week and within ten days or two weeks they will have space for additional men up to probably 200.

If the problem becomes any greater than that, they would like to know somewhat in advance. I realize we cannot make any predictions.

I cannot force the situation any more than we have, otherwise the internment officials will simply say we will have to provide our own detention facilities.

I think we will have to face up to holding these men in the Immigration Hall until we get up to 50 or 100 and then get the internment officials to clean them out.

I hope we will get the group of 46 away Monday or Tuesday.

If you care to give me any idea as to what numbers you might anticipate having to take care of, it might be helpful.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara.
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
1130 Marine Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(C. I. B.)

REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

. FILE No. 269 G.9-1
& 269 G.9-1-1

H. Q. FILE No.

Vancouver, B.C.
May 14, 1942.

The B.C.Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Commissioner F.J. Mead.

Dear Sir:

Re: Internment of Japanese.

I attach hereto for your information copy of an airmail communication of even date, sent to my Commissioner in Ottawa, in reply to a wire received from him, which is quoted hereunder:-

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE WILL ESCORT TO PETAWAWA FOR INTERNMENT GROUP OF JAPANESE NOW HELD IMMIGRATION SHEDS VANCOUVER LEAVING SATURDAY OR SUNDAY STOP INTERNMENT OPERATIONS REQUIRE MINISTERS ORDER BEFORE THEY WILL ACCEPT STOP RUSH IMMEDIATELY BY AIR MAIL COMPLETE LIST OF THESE JAPANESE SHOWING NATIONAL STATUS SO THAT MINISTERS ORDER MAY BE OBTAINED BEFORE THEY ARRIVE

?? minister? Justice's orders

So they didn't be detained by BCSC

Yours truly

J.K. Barnes Sergt

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Divisio

JKB/G
Encl.

Barnes - Mead May 14

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"E" DIVISION.

R.C.M.P.
C.I.B.

Vancouver, B.C.
May 14, 1942.

...ET

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& 2696.D-1-1

AIR MAIL.

*name? 80 who asked to be interned

The Commissioner,
R.C.M.Police,
OTTAWA, Ont.

Sir:

Re: Internment of Japanese.

In reply to your telegram of even date, listed hereunder are Japanese now held in the Immigration detention building here, who are to be escorted to Petawawa Internment Camp on Saturday or Sunday by the Military Authorities.

2. This list shows serial number, name, B.C. file reference and National status. In connection with the National status, the abbreviations and their meaning are as follows:

C.B. - Canadian Born
N.C. - Naturalized Canadian
J.N. - Japanese National

NAME	Serial No.	Status	File No.
ODA, Yoshihisa	06690	C.B.	42E.269-382
KIYONAGA, Kitaji	06470	C.B.	42E.269-383
KIYONAGA, Shoji	06564	C.B.	42E.269-384
YOSHIKUNI, Kazuo	06283	C.B.	42E.269-385
KIYONAGA, Jiro	06207	C.B.	42E.269-386
KIKUCO, Kaoro	06370	C.B.	42E.269-387
TADAYUKI, Masago	04194	C.B.	42E.269-388
KIMOTO, Michio	06105	C.B.	42E.269-389
YOSHIZUMI, Kazumi	06288	C.B.	42E.269-390
MASAGO, Yukio	00469	C.B.	42E.269-391
KUNIBARA, Tamio	11168	C.B.	42E.269-392
NAKISAKA, Yasuo	00946	C.B.	42E.269-393
KUNIBARA, Shigeru	11175	C.B.	42E.269-394
KOBAYASHI, Toyojiro	00758	C.B.	42E.269-396
KOBAYASHI, Seitaro	10030	C.B.	42E.269-397
SAWAI, Masamitsu	04070	C.B.	42E.269-398
HIKIDA, Yoshimasu	09714	C.B.	42E.269-399
YAMASHITA, Kiniehi	11063	C.B.	42E.269-400
HAYASHI, Hachijiro	00663	C.B.	42E.269-401
TANAKA, Sanyu	01470	C.B.	42E.269-402
KONDO, Tetsuji	00112	C.B.	42E.269-403
NISHIZUKA, Yoshinori	01425	C.B.	42E.269-404
YAMADA, Eiichi	10151	C.B.	42E.269-405
TABATA, Tatsuzo	04830	C.B.	42E.269-406
MIYAUCHI, Shozo	05578	N.C.	42E.269-407
UYESUGI, Yukio	02286	C.B.	42E.269-408
IKARI, Minoru	10741	C.B.	42E.269-409
KOBAYASHI, Kiyoshi	02282	C.B.	42E.269-410
NAKAGAWA, Shuichiro	07554	C.B.	42E.269-411
TSUNAISHI, Masami	08364	C.B.	42E.269-412
TSUJIARA, Seiichiro	10181	C.B.	42E.269-414
UYESUGI, Fumio	02283	C.B.	42E.269-415

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Re: Internment of Japanese.

NAME	Serial No.	Status	File No.
KONDO, Risao	05988	C.B.	42E.269-416
TSUJARA, Shiro	02089	C.B.	42E.269-417
TANIZAWA, Yahiye	01078	C.B.	42E.269-418
NISHIKAWA, Shoichiro	00548	C.B.	42E.269-419
KOYANAGI, Tadatoshi	03909	C.B.	42E.269-420
TSUJARA, Gentaro	01981	C.B.	42E.269-421
HIROTA, Gihei	02426	N.C.	42E.269-422
NAKAMURA, Masao	07932	C.B.	42E.269-423
ICHIKEN, Seichi	07934	C.B.	42E.269-424
YAMADA, Jinji	03552	C.B.	42E.269-425
MORI, Tetsuo	00178	C.B.	42E.269-426
TANAKA, Hidao	05862	C.B.	42E.269-427
TSUKADA, Iwao	01357	C.B.	42E.269-428
TSUKADA, Hisao	01471	C.B.	42E.269-429
INAMOTO, Kamuo	09247	C.B.	42E.269-430
OKAZAKI, Katsumasa	09791	C.B.	42E.269-431
MANDA, Miyoshi James	07995	C.B.	42E.269-432
ONOSAKA, Yoshi John	02943	C.B.	42E.269-433
OKANAKI, Masatoshi	09688	C.B.	42E.269-434
INAMOTO, Tsugio	09543	C.B.	42E.269-435
NISHIMURA, Rickio	09530	C.B.	42E.269-436
TADAWA, Susumu	09506	C.B.	42E.269-437
KIZAKI, Shigeo	01935	C.B.	42E.269-438
KUROYAMA, Shigeru	04267	C.B.	42E.269-439
YADA, Takao	01891	C.B.	42E.269-440
MURAKI, Seichiro	00375	C.B.	42E.269-441
NISHIMURA, Kihoiji	02300	C.B.	42E.269-442
KONDO, Denye	11765	C.B.	42E.269-443
YOSHIDA, Yoshikazu	02312	C.B.	42E.269-444
YOSHIDA, Isamu	01929	C.B.	42E.269-445
NISHIMURA, Sadao	01090	C.B.	42E.269-446
KOZAI, Toyonobu Wm.	03048	C.B.	42E.269-447
MORI, Shigeru	07928	C.B.	42E.269-448
UEYAMA, Tamotsu	03778	C.B.	42E.269-449
HAMANISHI, Motoharu	10717	C.B.	42E.269-450
MAEDE, Yonekaru	10455	C.B.	42E.269-451
MURAO, Toshio	00918	C.B.	42E.269-452
HARADA, Shigeru	03529	C.B.	42E.269-453
HAYASHI, Gibson	00558	C.B.	42E.269-454
FURUKAWA, Sakuzo	00935	C.B.	42E.269-455
YOSHIDA, Masao	04923	C.B.	42E.269-456
YOSHIKUNI, Eiichi	06593	C.B.	42E.269-457
YAMAMURA, Kinjiro	05590	C.B.	42E.269-461
TAKEDA, Noboru	01030	C.B.	42E.269-462
KOZAI, Yoshio F.	06817	C.B.	42E.269-463
FUJII, Rimosuke	04908	C.B.	42E.269-464
SAKANORI, Shinmichi	01056	C.B.	42E.269-465
BAN, Tadashi	09712	C.B.	42E.269-476
IKEDA, Joe	15709	C.B.	42E.269-477
NAGAHARA, Kazuo	02546	C.B.	42E.269-474
HANADA, Tsumoru	00439	N.C.	42E.269-380
NISHIMURA, Gennosuke	00444	C.B.	42E.269-513
NISHIMURA, Shigeru	07529	C.B.	42E.269-514
KATO, Kazuo	09256	C.B.	42E.269-515
MORITA, Yukio	09243	C.B.	42E.269-516
MORITA, Toshio	15334	C.B.	42E.269-517

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Re: Interment of Japanese.

NAME	Serial No.	Status	File No.
MIYOMOTO, Tatsuo	09020	C.B.	42E.269-519
TSUKASHITA, Kenichi	10766	C.B.	42E.269-520
NAKASHIMA, Ryoichi	08967	C.B.	42E.269-521
TATIBE, Yukio	08965	C.B.	42E.269-522
NAKASHIMA, Shigeo	08956	C.B.	42E.269-523
NAKASHIMA, Toshio	08942	C.B.	42E.269-524
TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi	08957	C.B.	42E.269-525
TATEISHI, Haruhiko	08964	C.B.	42E.269-526
KANABATA, Kazuo	08986	C.B.	42E.269-527
FUKAKUSA, Katsuya	09268	C.B.	42E.269-528
OHARA, Isamu Jimmy	09261	C.B.	42E.269-544
OHARA, Minuro	09240	C.B.	42E.269-545
YOSHIKI, Tadayoshi	09235	C.B.	42E.269-546
OSAKO, Nobuyoshi	13773	C.B.	42E.269-547
OYAMA, Hayaru	09204	C.B.	42E.269-548
MIYAMURA, Sayokichi	07564	N.C.	42E.269-549
NAKANISHI, Tamejiro	04651	C.B.	42E.269-550
INAGAWA, Yukio	10324	C.B.	42E.269-551
YOKOTA, Tadayoshio	07294	C.B.	42E.269-552
MIYASAKI, Shigeru	00337	C.B.	42E.269-553
HASHIGAWA, Tamotsu	09523	C.B.	42E.269-554
INAGAWA, Tatsuji	10199	C.B.	42E.269-555
TATEISHI, Masahiko	08910	C.B.	42E.269-557
SAISHO, Tetsuo	08870	C.B.	42E.269-558
HAYODA, Niichi	02856	C.B.	42E.269-559
TAKENAKA, Eizo	07216	C.B.	42E.269-560
TAKARADA, George	09035	C.B.	42E.269-561
KODA, Mamio	09260	C.B.	42E.269-562
HASHIMOTO, Toyozo	03514	C.B.	42E.269-563
OYE, Yasuo	03432	C.B.	42E.269-564
MORIMOTO, Shigekazu	07836	C.B.	42E.269-565
ITANI, Sadao	11062	C.B.	42E.269-566
HARADA, Yoshio	03144	C.B.	42E.269-567
KAWAHIRA, Masanobu	09159	C.B.	42E.269-568
NISHIDERA, Shinji Roy	10173	C.B.	42E.269-569
NISHIKAWA, Fred Kotaro	08755	C.B.	42E.269-570
TAKAHASHI, Akira	07357	C.B.	42E.269-574
IWASAKI, Mitsuhiko	09616	C.B.	42E.269-575
OHASHI, Masao	01749	C.B.	42E.269-576
TOMONAGA, Atsumi	06320	C.B.	42E.269-577
KAINO, Tsuguo	06843	C.B.	42E.269-578
ABE, Kinji	00401	C.B.	42E.269-579
NAKAGAWA, Masashi	09829	J.N.	42E.269-478
ASANO, Kyosuke Kenneth	02717	J.N.	42E.269-483
UYENO, Kiyoshi	00596	J.N.	42E.269-484
HIRIDA, Tomojiro	08150	J.N.	42E.269-543
MURAKAMI, Yoshinori	05554	J.N.	42E.269-556
IWAMOTO, Kinji	05971	J.N.	42E.269-413
TAKAHASHI, Chozo	01863	J.N.	42E.269-300

S. Your attention is drawn to the fact that a Warrant of Commitment in Form 7 A.E. covering the internment of the last named individual in this list, to wit,- Chozo TAKAHASHI, was received from you and is held by the Military Authorities here.

(sgd)
(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

(C.I.B.)

REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

FILE No. 269- G. 9-1-1. Vancouver, B.C. May 11th, 1942.

O. C. FILE No.

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MAY 12 1942
British Columbia
Security Commission

The B.C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Internment of Japanese
(Other than Nationals).

1. I attach hereto Certified True Copy of an Order for Detention made under the authority of Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations, by the Honourable, the Minister of Justice, covering seventeen Canadians of Japanese racial origin, presently held in custody.

2. These seventeen individuals, who are listed in the Order for Detention, were part of the group moved from here by the Military Authorities on April 24th. Detention Orders have now been passed to the Military Authorities for the entire group moved on that date.

Yours truly,

(C.H. Hill)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB/M.
ENCL:

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C O P Y

/CV OTTAWA...29th April,.....19.42.

ORDER FOR DETENTION
made under the authority of regulation
21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations

I, the Minister of Justice of Canada,

being satisfied that with a view to preventing

Rikuro YAMAMOTO
Noboru NOZUYE
Yosaburo INOUE
Masoto ISHIBASHI
Hisao Harry TAKAHASHI
Kichikiro HAGANE
Zenichi KITAMURA
Toshio HAGANE
Kameo KAWAGUCHI
Tatsuro SUGIMAN
Minoru WAKISAKA
Yoshiji YOSHIDA
Hideo SHIN
Hideo OSHIMA
Yoshikazu URABE
Tatsuo TERANISHI
Hisashi FUKUDA

all of British Columbia and at present held in the Immigration Station at Vancouver, from acting in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the safety of the State it is necessary so to do, HEREBY ORDER and DIRECT that the above named persons be detained in internment camps provided for the internment of prisoners of war under the same conditions as are prisoners of war held in such internment camps.

Minister of Justice.

Certified a true copy of the Minister's Order, dated April 29th, 1942.

D. Saul, Insp.
(D. C. Saul)

For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

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L.H. 6.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(C. I. B.)

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Q. FILE No.

Vancouver, B.C.
May 8, 1942.

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MAY 9 1942
British Columbia
Security Commission

The B.C.Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Internment of Japanese
(Other than Nationals)

Attached please find mimeographed circular which has been posted in Powell Street on telegraph poles and distributed to the Japanese community by the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group.

It will be noted that the B.C. Security Commission are accused of having misrepresented the true state of affairs to the Japanese in regard to the Ghost Towns and also exception is taken regarding the attitude of the "New Canadian" which has advocated that the Japanese generally carry out the regulations defined by the Commission for evacuation.

Evidence is accumulating that the actions of this Nisei Mass Evacuation Group are undermining the efforts of the Commission to carry out evacuation in an orderly and reasonable manner and if this movement is allowed to continue there is no doubt that unfortunate consequences will result. Already the Japanese community is ranged in two distinct hostile groups and it has further been reported that the Japanese who are brought in from interior points are worked upon by this Mass Evacuation Group immediately upon arrival, with the idea of urging them to resist evacuation to the interior.

The names of those responsible have already been given to the Commission and the circular which we are sending you will be sufficient evidence that the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group must be broken up without any further delay.

This situation was discussed recently with Commissioner Mead, and as a result of conversations at that time at this office, we have endeavoured to secure evidence against the leaders of this group from Secret Agents and other confidential Japanese contacts. As a result, we have come to the conclusion that the following individuals should be placed in custody and their internment under the provisions of Section 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations recommended to the Minister of Justice.

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Re: Internment of Japanese
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Before apprehending these men, however, we would like to have your comments, particularly in respect of Bunji HISAOKA. This man, we understand, is one of the key men in connection with the evacuation of some family groups to the Lillooet area and if the placing of this man in custody would interfere with the Commission's arrangements in that regard, it would perhaps be better to allow him to remove to Lillooet, than to intern him.

As far as is known at this office, the placing in custody of any of the others would not seriously affect any evacuation scheme that is now being undertaken by the Security Commission and would, in fact, possibly remove a source of considerable trouble to the Commission.

The men affected are listed hereunder:-

#12025	-	Saburo YOSHIYE	42E.269-486
#04335	-	Yoriki IWASAKI	42E.269-487
#01855	-	Reuichi YOSHIDA	42E.269-488
#11464	-	Shigeru YASUURA (Kelowna Scheme)	42E.269-489
#15053	-	Takejiro ODE (Christina Lake)	42E.269-491
#05900	-	Hanhichi MARUBASHI	42E.269-492
#10397	-	Zentaro TANAKA	42E.269-493
#01586	-	Hayato KONO	42E.269-494
#08857	-	Yoshohichi EBATA	42E.269-495
#08884	-	Minosuke KITAGAWA	42E.269-496
#00734	-	Fuji (Frank) TANAKA	42E.269-497
#00048	-	Kuneo SHIMIZU	42E.269-499
#01035	-	Matsutaro MURATA	42E.269-500
#00886	-	Rev. Kosaburo SHIMIZU	42E.269-501
#04806	-	Rev. Yoshimitsu AKAGAWA	42E.269-502
#00291	-	Kiyoshi NAKAI	41E.269-985
#08867	-	Bunji HISAOKA (Lillooet Scheme)	935-647
#05571	-	Mitsujiro NOGUCHI	935-705
#05099	-	Kiichi OKURA	42E.269-189

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As a result of our enquiries made in connection with the above named, it is indicated that there may be three or four more to be included in this category and to be dealt with similarly. Information regarding them is being secured and I will communicate with you further in connection with them within the next few days.

Yours truly,

CHHill

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB/G
Encl.

Confirmed with Col Kirkpatrick

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May 5th, 1942.

...ERNED:

...ese people now definitely understand that we stand for one and only one ... plan of evacuation. This plan having been founded on a most human and reason... asis, has three main points: 1. Mass evacuation. 2. Maintain family unity. ...overnment supply of housing, food, medical care and children's education.

...wish to reiterate our stand that although we have been most obedient to all government ...rders, we cannot possibly agree to the last order which calls for break-up of our families.

We are extremely disappointed in the ways that the three recognized Japanese committees have carried out in their so-called campaign to be useful to the Japanese people. We are also disappointed in the recent change of policy of the New Canadian which still call themselves "The Voice of the Second Generation". They have avoided giving certain news in Japanese and also have phrased certain news in a misunderstanding manner. For instance, in their issue of May 2nd, they stated in English only FAMILIES MUST PAY OWN BOARD IN GHOST TOWNS. They went so far as to brand our group as nothing but agitators, working against the interest of the Japanese people.

In spite of their opinion regarding us, we know for fact that the majority of the Japanese people are most understanding and co-operative with our group and what it stands for. Japanese women also have organized themselves to support and co-operate with us.

To all those concerned it must be clearly known that we definitely are not agitators or anything of the sort. Let it be also known that we do not encourage internment. All we have in our mind is a simple plan Mass Evacuation in Family Group and towards the realization of this plan we will not hesitate for one moment to do our utmost.

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The following letter was sent to the three recognized and one unrecognized Japanese Committees. Without saying as to who is responsible it is a fact that the people who went to the work camps did so with a great misunderstanding regarding the regulations. It is very regrettable that the New Canadian, the official mouth-piece of the Commission, did not explain to them the full contents and meaning of PC1271 and PC1348. The letter follows:-

1. Our reason for request for wage increase or free supply of necessities

Working 25 days a month our income is		$ 50.00
Subtract: Board	$22.50	
Medical Fee	1.00	
Unemployment Insurance	.88	24.38
NET		25.62
Subtract for family		20.00
Amount left for clothing and incidentals		$ 5.62

If we lay off a few days we will be in debt.

2. Re Workman's Compensation:
   A. Person injured on March 10th has received nothing yet.
   B. Do we come under Alberta Compensation Board? If so, we do not know their regulations.
   C. Do we come under Compensation Act? If not, we cannot do such hazardous work. If so, why do we have to pay medical fee.

3. When leaving Vancouver we were told that we will be paid even if we cannot work. Not only is this promise not carried out but also our pay is reduced when we lay off even a day on account of accident.

4. Our families do not tell us that they received $20.00 per month subtracted from our wages. We received our share of March wages on April 9th.

Decoigne Work No. 2 Camp
Members 90 people

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Without having any definite assurances from the authorities Naturalized Japanese Committee are collecting signatures from the families of interned people. It is our opinion that they are doing so, to obtain the people's goodwill and then just have those people under their control. We urge all those concerned, to fully consider the entire story before they do anything definite.

Nisei Mass Evacuation Group

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May 5, 1942.

Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Detention of Canadian-born and Naturalized Canadians of Japanese racial origin.

Dear Sir:

In further reference to my letter of the 25th instant and our conversations on this subject, on the 2nd instant the Commission received the following telegrem from the Deputy Minister of Justice, quote:

> RE EIGHTY BRITISH JAPANESE RECOMMENDED TO BE INTERNED BY RCMP 28 ULTIMO STOP MY SUGGESTION IS THAT INSTEAD OF INT/ ERNMENT THE COMMISSION SHOULD ORDER EVACUATION IN CUSTODY OF RCMP AND REMOVAL TO DESIRED POINT OF PLACEMENT STOP HAVE YOU ANY OBJECTION TO THIS COURSE.
>
> F P VARCOE DEPUTY MINISTER.

to which we replied today as follows, quote:

> REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM SECOND INSTANT BRITISH JAPANESE RECOMMENDED TO BE INTERNED THIS COMMISSION IS OF THE OPINION THAT THEY SHOULD BE DETAINED UNDER ITS ORDER AND NOT INTERNED STOP WE ARE ALSO OF THE OPINION THAT THIS SHOULD APPLY TO NATIONALS WHO HAVE REFUSED TO COMPLY WITH THE EVACUATION ORDER STOP IT IS IMMATERIAL TO US IN WHOSE CUSTODY THESE PEOPLE ARE PLACED BUT THEY SHOULD BE DETAINED UNTIL FURTHER ORDERS FROM THIS COMMISSION STOP ORDER NAMING THESE INDIVIDUALS HAS BEEN MADE COPIES BEING FORWARDED YOU BY AIR MAIL
>
> F J MEAD, COMMISSIONER

2. It is the opinion of this Commission that these people should be detained during the pleasure of the Commission rather than that they be interned at which time the process of appeals can be invoked. As I pointed out in my previous letter these people cannot

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not
internment

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be considered a danger to the State within the meaning of the Defence of Canada regulations they having only disobeyed the order of this Commission to evacuate the protected area and such resistance on their part was increasing resistance on the part of others. We therefore think that these people should be detained until the complete evacuation has been made when their cases can then be reconsidered by the Commission.

Yours very truly,

F. J. Mead, Commissioner,
B. C. Security Commission

FJM/JM

Copy to Mr. A. MacNamara
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, CANADA

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Copy for your information. This is further to my letter of the 25th ultimo, copy of which was forwarded to you.

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April 30,1942.

AIRMAIL

ORDINANCE TO:

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police, "D" Division,
Vancouver, British Columbia.

Re: Internment of Canadian Born and Naturalized Canadians of Japanese Racial Origin.

1. From Commissioner Head's letter to you of the 25th instant, it appears that there is some confusion as to which persons of the captionally noted categories the B.C.Security Commission desire an Order from the Minister of Justice for detention under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations and which they merely desire temporarily held on their own detention order.

2. If the Commission recommend the detention of a person under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations and I concur, the Minister will, presumably, be guided by that recommendation and will make no order, but should the person affected object to such detention we, in collaboration with the Security Commission, must be prepared to support the order before an Advisory Committee.

3. On the other hand, in cases where the Security Commission order the detention of a person by authority of Section 11, P.C.1665, as a more or less temporary measure, such cases should be kept distinct from those in which the Minister's Order under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations is sought.

4. In order to straighten this matter out, will you please go over the lists of those ordered detained by the Minister under Regulation 21, in collaboration with the Security Commission, to ascertain which of the persons ordered detained by the Minister of Justice the Commission do not consider likely to act in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the safety of the State and consequently desire their release, whereupon a recommendation should be made by the Commission for the release of these people, thereby avoiding the trouble and expense of their objections being heard by an Advisory Committee. This procedure should be adopted in the case of Otomatsu KAMII, your file 42 D.269-259, who, though not picked up, is subject to the Order of the Minister for detention.

5. In the event that the Commission see fit to recommend the release of any of these people who are

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detained or interned under the Defence of Canada Regulations, it is desired that the Security Commissioner make all necessary arrangements for the taking over and placing of these people, as the Commissioner sees fit, upon release; otherwise, Internment Operations will have no alternative but to return them from whence they came.

6. To avoid any misunderstanding regarding these Japanese cases in future will you please indicate in your forwarding minute that the Security Commission recommend that persons referred to therein be:-

(a) Detained on the Minister's Order under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations (in the case of Canadian born or naturalized); or
(b) Interned by the Registrar General under Regulation 25(8) of the Defence of Canada Regulations (in the case of Japanese Nationals); or
(c) Detained on the order of the B.C.Security Commission under Section 11, P.C.1665.

7. With regard to (c) above, the Security Commission should be impressed with the fact that this Force has not the facilities to take care of any ordered detained except when such detention is of the most temporary nature.

8. Besides those already ordered detained by the Minister under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations, lists of whom have already been forwarded to you, there is at present before the Minister the following list for detention:-

09650	Rikuro YAMAMOTO	B.C.Ref.	42 E.269-373;
06913	Noboru NOZUYE	"	42 E.269-374;
07052	Yosaburo INOUE	"	42 E.269-375;
07129	Masoto ISHIBASHI	"	42 E.269-337;
07074	Hisao Harry TAKAHASHI	"	42 E.269-344;
00690	Kichikiro HAGANE	"	42 E.269-349;
03965	Zenichi KITAMURA	"	42 E.269-354;
11556	Toshio HAGANE	"	42 E.269-350;
05182	Kameo KAWAGUCHI	"	42 E.269-345;
09410	Tatsuro SUGIMAN	"	42 E.269-353;
11277	Minoru WAKISAKA	"	42 E.269-352;
02233	Yoshiji YOSHIDA	"	42 E.269-355;
06584	Hideo SHIN	"	42 E.269-357;
05889	Hideo OSHIMA	"	42 E.269-346;
02065	Yoshikazu URABE	"	42 E.269-347;
02884	Tatsuo TERANISHI	"	42 E.269-356;
02153	Hisashi FUKUDA	"	42 E.269-351.

Will you please report from these lists the names of those that the Security Commission consider likely to act in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the safety of the State if at liberty and who they consequently desire to remain in detention under Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

9. Please treat this matter as urgent.

Comm'r.

(S.T.Wood)
Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

OTTAWA, 30/4/42.
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(C.I.B.)

269G.9-1-1. Vancouver, B.C. April 28th, 1942.

The Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Re: Internment of Japanese
(Other than Nationals).

On April 25th a meeting of Canadian-born and Naturalised Canadians of Japanese racial origin was held in the Japanese section of this town, as a result of which a large number of Nisei decided that sooner than go out of the Protected Area, as required to do so, they would surrender themselves for internment.

2. They appeared at the Immigration Detention Building this City in the late evening, demanding internment. They were informed that they could not be interned, and it was explained to them that it would be far better for them to co-operate in the evacuation than to continue their demonstration. They refused to listen to reason, and as a result Commissioner Mead of the B.C. Security Commission, who was notified, appeared at the Immigration Detention Building and spoke to each and every one of this group individually. In all cases they absolutely refused to leave the Protected Area, and demanded to be interned.

3. On Commissioner Mead's instructions these people were consequently placed in custody.

4. Separate reports regarding each individual is being forwarded to you under subject's own file heading. Those affected are listed on the typed sheets. This list, incidentally, shows name, serial number, status and our file number.

(SGD)

(C.H. Hill)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

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LIST OF JAPANESE PRESENTLY HELD IN DETENTION
AT THE IMMIGRATION SHEDS, VANCOUVER, B.C.

	Serial No.	Status	File No.
[illegible]lisa	06800	C.B.	42E.269-382
[illegible]A, Hitaji	06470	C.B.	42E.269-383
[illegible]NAGA, Shoji	06364	C.B.	42E.269-384
[illegible]SHIMURA, Kazuo	06293	C.B.	42E.269-385
[illegible]KONAGA, Jiro	06207	C.B.	42E.269-386
[illegible]IWORO, Naoro	06370	C.B.	42E.269-387
[illegible]SAKATUMI, Masaro	04194	C.B.	42E.269-388
[illegible]KIMOTO, Michio	06105	C.B.	42E.269-389
[illegible]YOSHIMURA, Kazumi	06282	C.B.	42E.269-390
HASADO, Yukio	09489	C.B.	42E.269-391
KUWABARA, Tamio	11168	C.B.	42E.269-392
WAKISAKA, Yasuo	00846	C.B.	42E.269-393
KUWABARA, [illegible]migeru	11175	C.B.	42E.269-394
[illegible]OBAYASHI, Koyojiro	00738	C.B.	42E.269-396
[illegible]OBAYASHI, [illegible]ditaro	10080	C.B.	42E.269-397
SAKAI, Masamutsu	04070	C.B.	42E.269-398
NIKIDA, Yoshikazu	08714	C.B.	42E.269-399
YAMAGUCHI, Minichi	11063	C.B.	42E.269-400
HAYASHI, Hachijiro	00663	C.B.	42E.269-401
TANAKA, [illegible]anya	01470	C.B.	42E.269-402
KONDO, Setsuji	00112	C.B.	42E.269-403
NISHIMURA, Yoshinori	01423	C.B.	42E.269-404
YAMADA, [illegible]ichi	10131	C.B.	42E.269-405
TANAKA, Tatsuzo	04830	C.B.	42E.269-406
MIYAUCHI, Shozo	05578	N.C.	42E.269-407
UYESUGI, Yukio	02286	C.B.	42E.269-408
IKARI, Minoru	10741	C.B.	42E.269-409
KOBAYASHI, Kiyoshi	02282	C.B.	42E.269-410
NAKAGAWA, [illegible]ilulchiro	07554	C.B.	42E.269-411
[illegible]URAMICHI, Masami	08264	C.B.	42E.269-412
IWAMOTO, Kinji	05971	N.C.	42E.269-413
[illegible]EBARA, Heizaro	10181	C.B.	42E.269-414
[illegible]YUGI, Kunio	02322	C.B.	42E.269-415

	Serial No.	Status	File No.
[illegible]Hisao	05983	C.B.	42E.269-416
[illegible]A, Shiro	03089	C.B.	42E.269-417
[illegible]ARA, Yahiye	01678	C.B.	42E.269-418
[illegible]A, Shoichiro	00548	C.B.	42E.269-419
[illegible]YAMA, Tadatoshi	03909	C.B.	42E.269-420
[illegible]TAKA, Tentaro	01981	C.B.	42E.269-421
[illegible]HIDA, Mikei	02426	N.C.	42E.269-422
[illegible]A, Masao	07952	C.B.	42E.269-423
[illegible]Y, Seichi	07934	C.B.	42E.269-424
YAMADA, Jinji	03352	C.B.	42E.269-425
MORI, Tetsuo	00178	C.B.	42E.269-426
[illegible]A, Hideo	05862	C.B.	42E.269-427
TSUKATA, Iwao	01357	C.B.	42E.269-428
[illegible], Hisao	01471	C.B.	42E.269-429
INAMOTO, Kazuo	09247	C.B.	42E.269-430
OKAZAKI, Katsumasa	09791	C.B.	42E.269-431
MAEDA, Miyoshi James	07995	C.B.	42E.269-432
ONODERA, Yoshi John	02943	C.B.	42E.269-433
OKANAVI, Masatoshi	08688	C.B.	42E.269-434
[illegible], Tsugio	09343	C.B.	42E.269-435
NISHIMURA, Michio	09630	C.B.	42E.269-436
[illegible]A, Masumu	09306	C.B.	42E.269-437
KITAMI, Shigeo	01926	C.B.	42E.269-438
KUROYAMA, Shigeru	04267	C.B.	42E.269-439
YADA, Takao	01891	C.B.	42E.269-440
MURAKI, Seichiro	00375	C.B.	42E.269-441
[illegible]A, Mikaiji	02390	C.B.	42E.269-442
[illegible], [illegible]ye	11765	C.B.	42E.269-443
YOSHIDA, Yoshikazu	02312	C.B.	42E.269-444
YOSHIWA, Isamu	01929	C.B.	42E.269-445
NISHIMURA, Sadao	01090	C.B.	42E.269-446
KOZAI, Toyonobu Wm.	03048	C.B.	42E.269-447
[illegible], Shigeru	07928	C.B.	42E.269-448

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	Serial No.	Status	File No.
[illegible]matsu	03778	C.B.	42E.269-449
[illegible]ITOMI, Motoharu	10717	C.B.	42E.269-450
[illegible]UDE, Yonaharu	10453	C.B.	42E.269-451
[illegible]MURAO, Yoshio	00016	C.B.	42E.269-452
[illegible]HARADA, Shigeru	03529	C.B.	42E.269-453
HAYASHI, Gibson	00558	C.B.	42E.269-454
FURUKAWA, Sakuzo	00985	C.B.	42E.269-455
YOSHIDA, Kasao	04923	C.B.	42E.269-456
YOSHIYUKI, Uichi	06393	C.B.	42E.269-457
YAMAMUR[illegible], Kinjiro	05590	C.B.	42E.269-461
TAKEDA, Noboru	01030	C.B.	42E.269-462
KOZAI, Yoshio F.	06317	C.B.	42E.269-463
FUJII, Rinnosuke	04903	C.B.	42E.269-464
S[illegible]KANOHI, Shinnichi	01056	C.B.	42E.269-465

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

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Security Commission

Ottawa, April 28, 1942

Dear Commissioner:

Thanks for copy of your letter of April 25th to the Officer Commanding in regard to the question as to whether you were going to "intern" or "detain" Canadians of Japanese racial origin.

I shall be interested in seeing the result of this correspondence.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara
Associate Deputy Minister.

Commissioner F. J. Mead,
Commissioner, B.C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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(C.I.B.)

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Vancouver, B.C. April 27th,
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The Officer Commanding,
Dept. of National Defence, Army,
Vancouver Barracks,
Vancouver, B.C.

Sir:

Re: Internment of Canadian Born and Naturalised Canadians of Japanese Racial Origin.

I attach hereto a Certified true copy of an Order made under the provisions of Regulation 21 of the Defence of Canada Regulations by the Hon. the Minister of Justice for the internment of 10 British subjects of Japanese racial origin, part of the group removed from the Immigration Building under Military Escort for an Internment Camp on April 24th.

As further orders for detention are received for the remainder of that group, they will be immediately forwarded to you.

(SGD)

(C.H. Hill)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB/M.
ENCL

Attention Com'r. Mead.

The B.C. Security Commission,
Vancouver, B.C.

FORWARDED: I attach one copy of the Certified true copy of the Order referred to for your information.

CHHill

Vancouver.
27-4-42.
JKB/M.
ENCL:

(C.H. Hill) A/Comm'r.
Commanding "E" Division.

Mead

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

MEMORANDUM TO THE HONOURABLE THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE

1. Having reference to the Protected Area of British Columbia as described in an Extra of the Canada Gazette, No. 174, dated Ottawa, Monday, February 2nd, 1942, the undersigned has the honour to report that the following persons of the Japanese race, who are British Subjects by birth or naturalization, have refused to comply with the provisions of Paragraph 6 of the Order of the Minister of Justice, dated at Ottawa, February 26th, 1942, and have been ordered detained by the British Columbia Security Commission:

O.Reg.No.	Name	File No.
05381	Shintaro KOYANAGI	B.C.Ref: 42 E.269-290.
00710	Kojiro EBISUZAKI	" 42 E.269-291.
00514	Yoshinori UYEDA	" 42 E.269-292.
00194	Tomio SAMESHIMA	" 42 E.269-294.
01625	Soichi TOBO	" 42 E.269-295.
05746	Iwao KOYANAGI	" 42 E.269-299.
00543	Maseji ENDO	" 42 E.269-307.
06590	Masatomo ENDO	" 42 E.269-308.
01002	Toyosaku SAWADA	" 42 E.269-318.
02857	Togo YOKOTA	" 42 E.269-323.

2. Therefore the undersigned recommends that above ten persons be interned and that your authority for this action may be granted, please. These cases have not been reviewed by your Advisory Committee, please advise whether you wish this done in further cases.

(Sgd.) S. T. Wood

Comm'r.

(S. T. Wood)

By virtue of the Provisions of Defence of Canada Regulation 21 (c) the internment of the above named Subjects is hereby ordered.

(Sgd.) Louis St. Laurent

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Minister of Justice.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
Ottawa, 21-4-42.
42 D 269-4-Q-1.

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY
of a Detention Order issued
by the Minister of Justice
under date of April 21, 1942.

D. Saul Insp.
(D. C. Saul)
For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

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April 25, 1942

Supt. E. C. P. Salt
R.C.M.P. Clearing Station
Hastings Park
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Salt:

With reference to our conversation of yesterday afternoon I attach herewith a list of the Japanese regarding whom I spoke to you. Probably you will bear them in mind and shoot them out of the Park as opportunities arise as they appear to be agitators.

Yours very truly,

A. H. L. Mellor
B. C. Security Commission

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Japanese National Males, formerly of VICTORIA and suburbs, the Japanese Sub-Committee inform were highly unco-operative antagonistic, and who, in the opinion of the Japanese Sub-Committee, would be highly undesirable to allow to remain in Hastings Park for any extended period, as it is thought that they would be the active ring-leaders in any protest Movement or demonstration in connection with the Evacuation.

Cert.No.	NAME	Status	Appx.Age.
I0039 -	U. OGURA	National, Married,	49 yrs.(Minister).
I0043 -	K. KURUMOTO	" "	48 "
07633 -	H. FUKUSHIMA	" "	43 "
0024I -	M. OJIMA	" Single	38 "
0995I -	S. YAMAMOTO	" Married	52 "
09977 -	I. KAKUNO	" "	38 "
I0007 -	J. MIJUNO	" "	38 "
09934 -	J. NAGAI	" Widower	6I "
I0042 -	S. IOI	" "	64 "
	(Committee suggests that this man be checked for possession of Passport, as they can not find out anything regarding whether he has one or not.)		
I0048 -	M. SAMESHIMA	National, Married,	38 yrs.

The above all arrived during P.M. of 22nd. inst., via C.P.R. and are in Hastings Park Manning Depot at present. Suggest that in interests of discipline and good order at the Park, that these men be shipped out as soon as reasonably convenient.

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April 25th, 1942.

Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Your File No. 269.G-9-1-1.
INTERNMENT OF CANADIAN BORN AND NATURALIZED CANADIANS OF JAPANESE RACIAL ORIGIN.

Dear Sir:

1. The Commission has your letter of the 22nd instant to which is attached copy of Order for Detention dated the 21st instant made under the authority of Regulation 21, Defence of Canada Regulations, signed by the Honourable, the Minister of Justice.

2. While this Commission cannot take exception to any action taken by the Honourable, the Minister, we feel that we should point out to you the different position of these Japanese who are Canadian citizens and who are detained because they refuse to obey the order of this Commission and leave the Protected area to that of ordinary Canadian citizens interned because of their danger to the State.

3. As I understand it, any Japanese person who has disobeyed an Order of this Commission has been detained by the Commission pursuant to the powers vested in this Commission under P.C. 1665, Section 11. The question to be decided is, are these persons to be interned or detained? If they are interned under the Defence of Canada Regulations they undoubtedly have the right to submit a Notice of Objection, and under Section 22, of the Defence of Canada Regulations are entitled to a hearing before an Advisory Committee set up under those Regulations. When such Japanese come before this Committee all this Commission could show regarding these particular Japanese is that they got a verbal order along with a ticket to report at a certain time for evacuation and that they failed to report. I doubt if any Advisory Committee would sustain their detention on such evidence.

4. However, if these Japanese are only detained, and rather than be detained by this Commission in the Immigration Shed, are detained under the Military authorities at an Internment Camp or otherwise, then they are still under the jurisdiction of this Commission and the Commission can at any time, order their release.

5. My suggestion would be that this Commission draw a formal Order naming each individual and stating in the Order that the persons named in the Order are detained by this Commission until further order of the Commission and nominate in the Order, as provided by Section 11, of P.C. 1665, the Military authorities to enforce such Order. In this way these Japanese persons would not be interned in the strict sense of the word, and as soon as our purpose in detaining them has been achieved, the Commission could merely pass a further Order releasing these Japanese from detention.

Yours very truly,

F.J. Mead, Commissioner,
B.C. Security Commission.

FJM/DR

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Assoc. Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

COPY - For your information.

F.J. Mead, Commissioner.

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Date— April 24, 1942.

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k of— Mr. Harper

Commissioner Mead

ect: DETENTION OF JAPANESE PERSONS.

Harper - Mead
Apr 24

As I understand it, any Japanese person who has disobeyed an Order of this Commission has been detained by the Commission pursuant to the powers vested in this Commission under P. C. 1665, Section 11. The question to be decided is, are these persons to be interned or detained? If they are interned under the Defence of Canada Regulations they undoubtedly have the right to submit a Notice of Objection, and under Section 22, of the Defence of Canada Regulations are entitled to a hearing before an Advisory Committee set up under those Regulations. When such Japanese come before this Committee all this Commission could show regarding these particular Japanese is that they got a verbal order along with a ticket to report at a certain time for evacuation and that they failed to report. I doubt if any Advisory Committee would sustain their detention on such evidence.

However, if these Japanese are only detained, and rather than be detained by this Commission in the Immigration Shed are detained under the Military Authorities at an Internment Camp or otherwise, then they are still under the jurisdiction of this Commissi n and the Commission can at any time order their release.

My suggestion would be that this Commission draw a formal Order naming each individual and stating in the Order that the persons named in the Order are detained by this Commission until further order of the Commission, and nominate in the Order, as provided by Section 11, of P. C. 1665, the Military Authorities to enforce such Order. In this way these Japanese persons would not be interned in the strict sense of the word, and as soon as our purpose in detaining them has been achieved, the Commission could merely pass a further Order releasing these Japanese from detention.

Yours truly,

A. M. Harper

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

(C.I.B.)

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. 269.G-9-1-1.

H. Q. FILE No.

Vancouver, B.C. April 22nd,
1942.

Attention Com'r. Mead.

The B.C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Internment of Canadian Born and Naturalised Canadians of Japanese Racial Origin.

For your information I attach hereto copy of an Order signed by the Honourable the Minister of Justice, authorising the internment of Canadian citizens of Japanese origin as listed thereon, who are presently held in custody at the Immigration Detention Building under Military Guard.

I am informed that these individuals will be removed to an Eastern Internment Camp within the next few days by Military Authorities.

Yours truly,

CHill

(C.H. Hill)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB/M.
ENCL:

for Mr Heller
Please show
to Mr Hyper.
D Spry

Mead

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21st April, 1942

ORDER FOR DETENTION

made under the authority of regulation
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Immigration Station at Vancouver, from acting in any manner prejudicial to the public safety or the safety of the State it is necessary so to do, HEREBY ORDER and DIRECT that the above named persons be detained in internment camps provided for the internment of prisoners of war under the same conditions as are prisoners of war held in such internment camps.

(SGD) Louis S. St. Laurent
Minister of Justice.

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April 22, 1942

Saul - RCMP
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The Officer Commanding,
R. C. M. Police,
"E" Division,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Re: Internment of Canadian Born and Naturalized Canadians of Japanese Racial Origin.

1. Further to my memo of the 21st instant in the above connection, I am fowarding herewith two extra copies of the Minister's order for transmission to the British Columbia Security Commission.

2. The Custodian of Enemy Alien Property and the Local Welfare Authorities should also be advised by you of these internments in order that Official care may be taken of their property and dependents.

3. Under Regulation 22, these persons are entitled to make objection to their detention within thirty days. The Official in charge of the Immigration Detention Sheds Receiving Station should, therefore, be advised that each detenu should be given an opportunity to submit notice of Objection.

4. No printed forms of this notice have been made; however, the follwwing will serve and duplicate should be forwarded to the Minister of Justice as soon as possible after objection has been made:

"To The Minister of Justice
and to The British Columbia
Security Commission,

I,.....
now detained at.....
having been apprehended on the.....
day of .....19 , under
regulation twenty-one of the Defence of
Canada Regulations do hereby give notice
that I object to the Order of the
Minister of Justice ordering my detention
and desire to make an objection in accordance with the provisions of regulation
twenty-two of the said Regulations.

.....
Signature of Objector"

(D. C. Saul) Insp.
For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

FC:GD

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by the Minister of Justice
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D.C. Saul Insp.
(D.C.Saul)
For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

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Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(C. I. B.)

JAPANESE REGISTRATION
"E" DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
Our File No. JR/2-2
DIV. FILE No.....
H. Q. FILE No.....

Vancouver, B. C.,
April 20th, 1942.

B. C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

ATTENTION Asst/Comm'r. F. J. Mead

Sir:

RE: Evacuation of Japanese

I am forwarding you B. C. Security Commission Notices to report, numbers 401 to 414 inclusive, covering the undermentioned men who for various reasons are required at Hastings Park. I have no machinery for serving these notices. You will recall our conversation wherein I pointed out that I had sent these to the Officer Commanding R. C. M. Police, "E" Division. The notices I sent to him were returned with the following:

> "Confirming my telephone conversation with you in this connection, we will not engage to serve such Notices on the people of Japanese origin to be evacuated from this area. We shall, however, continue to pick up those who are delinquent."

2. The Notices attached cover the following men:

Roy Sueki YAMAMURA, Reg. No. 12986, 776 E. Cordova St.,
Vancouver, B. C.
Notice Number 401.

Kojiro EBISUZAKI, Reg. No. 00710, 466 E. Cordova St.,
Vancouver, B. C.
Notice Number 402.

Fujikazu TANAKA, Reg. No. 00734, 2568 Wall St., Vancouver, B.C.
Notice Number 403.

Yukio SHIMODA (Bob), Reg. No. 14407, Port Moody, B. C.
Notice Number 404.

These four men are the men you instructed me to have brought to Hastings Park for the line-up because they are trouble makers.

Yoshiaki NAKAGAWA, Reg. No. 05128, 306 Alexander St.,
Vancouver, B. C.
Notice Number 407.

Masao SHIOMI, Reg. No. 01421, 4554 Main St., Vancouver, B. C.
Notice Number 405.

Shinno AKIYAMA, Reg. No. 01399, 2308 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.
Notice Number 406.

These three men obtained student permits as being bonefide students of a school. Since the principal signed their permits they have not returned to school and are simply using this method to evade evacuation.

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Yoshikazu FUJIMOTO, Reg. No. 14419, Wilson Town Line Rd.,
West Langley, B. C.
Notice Number 408.

Yeisaku KUBODERA, Reg. No. 06863, R. R. #3, Cloverdale, B. C.
Notice Number 409.

Mrs. Takiya WATANABE, Reg. No. 06858, R. R. #3, Cloverdale, B. C.
Notice Number 410.

Otogoro OSAKA, Reg. No. 06861, R. R. #2, Cloverdale, B. C.
Notice Number 411.

Toraichi TANAKA, Reg. No. 12885, Huntington Rd., R. R. #1,
Aldergrove, B. C.
Notice Number 412.

Umezo OTA, Reg. No. 12784, MacDonald Rd., R. R. #1,
Langley, B. C.
Notice Number 413.

The above were non-starters for the beet fields, about which Col. Kemp wrote to this office on April 14th.

Kiyoshi NAKAI, Reg. No. 00291, 134 Powell St., Vancouver, B. C.
Notice Number 414.

This man is a general trouble maker, and would best be removed from contact with the Japanese in this area.

3. If the Mounted Police won't serve the Notices, I presume we will have to establish a police force for the B. C. Security Commission, with transportation, etcetera.

4. Will you kindly let me know what is to be done?

(E. C. P. Salt) Supt.
In Charge Japanese
Registration

ENCL.

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CABLE ADDRESS, "MAYERS"
TELEPHONE PACIFIC 7137

703 ROGERS BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 14th, 1942.

Locke - Harper
Apr 14

A. M. Harper, Esq.,
Barrister,
c/o British Columbia Security Commission
355 Burrard Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Detention of Japanese

I have your memorandum of the 13th instant regarding the right of the Commission to detain Japanese under P.C. 1665.

Section 11 (1) of that Order provides that:-

> "The Commission shall have power to require by Order any person of the Japanese race in any protected area in British Columbia to remain at his place of residence or to leave his place of residence and to proceed to any other place within or without the protected area at such time and in such manner as the Commission may prescribe in such Order or to order the detention of any such person and any such Order may be enforced by any person nominated by the Commission so to do."

I understand that the persons now detained have failed to report at the train for evacuation as ordered and that the Commission has ordered their detention. In my opinion the Commission is vested with power to detain these people who have disobeyed its orders: further if the Commission consider it proper to detain any person of the Japanese race it is empowered to do so and to detain them so long as it considers necessary. I advise against the setting up of an advisory committee of the nature referred to in section

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A. M. Harper, Esq., April 14th, 1942.

22 of the "Defence of Canada Regulations". The British Columbia Security Commission have a large job to carry out in a hurry and I do not think it should be bothered with appeal boards of any kind. We cannot of course prevent any person who thinks he is aggrieved by a detention order from applying for Habeas Corpus: I think however it is improbable that any Japanese will be so ill advised as to make such an application.

Yours faithfully,

C. H. Lucas

CHL/ART
encl.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

1130 MARINE BUILDING

VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 8, 1942.

Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
Vancouver.

Re detention of persons of the Japanese race:

Dear Sir:

1. We enclose herewith copies of Order No. 5, being a Bill passed by the British Columbia Security Commission providing for the detention of any person of the Japanese race who fails to obey any order to proceed to any place within or without the protected area. This Order was passed to cover any situation that might arise when people of this category refuse to report at the train to embark for points outside the protected area.

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3. The procedure of detention was suggested by the Commission to Mr. MacNamara, Associate Deputy Minister of Labor who conferred with the Deputy Minister of Justice and with Commissioner Wood. They all agree that the procedure as suggested should be followed. At that time the advice from Colonel Straight, who is in charge of internment operations, was to the effect that there was no unoccupied accommodation in internment camps but since that time a telegram has been received by the Commission stating that accommodation for 300 was available at Petawawa, Ontario. Therefore, it is the intention of this Commission to ask that such persons who are detained for disobeying the Commission's orders be sent to Petawawa internment camp. Naturally they would be confined in the Immigration Building here until the military authorities were ready to remove them.

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D. E. GALLOWAY, Assistant Vice-President, Toronto, Ont.

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RECEIVED APR 1 1942 British Columbia Security Commission

...the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to
...illez expedier la dépêche suivante aux conditions mentionnées au verso auxquelles je consens par les présentes

Assistant Commissioner Mead,
R.C.M.Police,
Vancouver, B.C.

OTTAWA, Ontario,
March 28th 1942.

MACNAMARA HAS RECOMMENDED SETTING UP A DETENTION CAMP IN THE INTERIOR TO BE GUARDED BY THIS FORCE. I CONSIDER THIS THE DUTY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE UNDER PARAGRAPH THIRTEEN ORDER IN COUNCIL P.C.ONE SIX SIX FIVE AND WISH TO OPPOSE ABOVE SUGGESTION. STOP. NOTE THOSE DETAINED ARE IN CUSTODY OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN IMMIGRATION SHED. I WOULD SUGGEST COMMISSION OBTAIN SPECIAL AUTHORITY TO ORDER INTERNMENTS APART FROM PROCEDURE LAID OUT UNDER SECTION TWENTY-ONE DOCR. ST P. INTERNMENT OPERATIONS ADVISE THAT THEY CAN TAKE THREE HUNDRED JAPANESE AT PETAWAWA INTERNMENT CAMP.

S.T.Wood.

Charge R.C.M.P.Hdqrs Acct.
STW/PLS

CONFIRMATION COPY

Commissioner.

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Mr. Harper -

Commissioner Mead says will you please read the attached and take the matter up with him.

E.G.

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true copy of Rec'd fr

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

ORDER NO. 5

WHEREAS under and by virtue of the powers conferred on the British Columbia Security Commission by orders of the Governor-in-Council P.C. 1665 and P.C. 1666 both dated the 4th day of March, 1942:

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient for the security and defence of Canada and for the execution of the duties of the British Columbia Security Commission for the said Commission to make Orders directing certain persons of the Japanese race to proceed to places outside the protected area;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Security Commission has ordered certain persons of the Japanese race to proceed to points outside the said protected area;

AND WHEREAS certain of said persons of the Japanese race, so ordered to leave the protected area to designated points, have refused to obey said Orders;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred in the Commission it is ordered:-

That any person of the Japanese race who fails to obey any order of the British Columbia Security Commission directing any such person to proceed to any place within or without the protected area, shall be detained until further order of the British Columbia Security Commission. The Officer Commanding "E" Division of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is hereby nominated and authorized to enforce the provisions of this order.

DATED at Vancouver, B.C., this 27th. day of March, 1942.

AUSTIN C. TAYLOR

Chairman
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

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FURTHER MY WIRE THIS DATE AFTER MAKING FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS THE INTERNMENT AUTHORITIES ARE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE THREE HUNDRED AT PETAWAWA STOP THE QUESTION TO BE DECIDED BY THE SECURITY COMMISSION THEREFORE IS WHETHER TO APPLY FOR INTERNMENT ORDERS AND HAVE THE MEN SENT TO PETAWAWA OR MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS STOP IF YOU DECIDE ON ASKING FOR INTERNMENT ORDERS THE NAMES WOULD HAVE TO BE SENT TO COMMISSIONER WOOD SO THAT MINISTER OF JUSTICE CAN ISSUE THE ORDER STOP INTERNMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE UP TO THREE HUNDRED MEN TO LEAVE VANCOUVER WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK STOP WE HERE SEE ARGUMENT IN FAVOUR OF EITHER PLAN AND FEEL THAT THE DECISION SHOULD REST WITH THE SECURITY COMMISSION

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR

CANADA

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Security Commission

Ottawa, March 27, 1942.

BY AIRMAIL

Dear Major Taylor:

Confirming telephone conversation in regard to Japanese who do not carry out instructions, I have conferred with the Deputy Minister of Justice and with Commissioner Wood.

Section 11 Order in Council P.C. 1665 gives the Commission power to order the detention of any person of the Japanese race and says "any such order may be enforced by any person nominated by the Commission so to do".

Section 13, Sub-section A provides that the R. C. M. P. will give assistance in "the segregation and concentration".

The opinion is held here that the British Columbia Security Commission has authority to (a) detain, and (b) that the R. C. M. P. will control such detention.

I discussed the situation with the Honourable Mr. Mitchell and we suggest to you that the men in question be temporarily detained in Vancouver either in a building at Hastings Park or elsewhere, and that they be guarded by Mounted Police guards.

If the number of men increases some arrangement will have to be developed for putting them in a camp and your idea of using a mining camp appears to me as being excellent.

I have conferred with Col. Streight who has charge of Internment Operations, and I am advised that there is no unnoccupied accommodation in the internment camps.

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DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

Therefore if there are to be Japanese detained, the British Columbia Security Commission will not be duplicating existing facilities by making its own arrangements.

As I understand it you will have about 125 men under detention by this evening.

I trust I have made the situation clear and have been helpful.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara,
Associate Deputy Minister.

Major Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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"Detention and
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AIR MAIL July 20, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

The train bearing 158 Japanese left Vancouver on Friday night last bound for the Japanese internment camp in the East, making a total of 653 now interned in Canada.

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On the writer's desk are 71 letters similar to the sample one attached and also a petition which is sent to you for your information.

These letters and the petition are signed by Niseis who have now seen the error of their ways. Since the new policy of reuniting the families of Japanese has been made public the attitude of the Niseis has completely changed and they are cooperating fully with this Commission.

The orders for internment, signed by the Minister of Justice, were already in the hands of the police before the new policy was fully understood by the Japanese so it is not deemed advisable to request cancellation of these orders although if we had realized the long delay in the arrival of the train in question we might possibly have done so.

It is desired to suggest that it would be good policy to cause the release of not only the cooperating Japanese included in the present train load but also those previously interned who will now probably desire to follow the example of their Nisei comrades and cooperate with the Government.

There would not seem to be any valid reason for holding these people in internment when their labor could be usefully employed elsewhere, always bearing in mind the fact that their internment was caused on account of their mistaken idea that non-cooperation with the authorities was the only way of showing their resentment of Governmental policies in connection with the Japanese.

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It is therefore respectfully suggested that an official either of your Department or else of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police should visit the internment camp and advise the Japanese therein that if they are willing to obey the orders given them in future they can apply for release to the Minister of Justice and that the B. C. Security Commission will have no objection to offer.

Many of these young men are unmarried and could probably be absorbed into industrial work in Ontario and the married men could be placed on farms in the same Province with their families joining them when they are located.

These suggestions only apply, of course, to the Canadian-born or naturalized. The nationals are a different proposition and many of them are deliverately choosing internment in order to make martyrs of themselves.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. L. Moller,
Executive Assistant,
B. C. Security Commission.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
Headquarters

Ottawa, July 24, 1942.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd. instant, to which was attached a memorandum from Mr. Mellor of the British Columbia Security Commission, outlining the views of the Commission in regard to those persons of the Japanese race now interned for failing to comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission to leave the protected area, I am in agreement with the suggestions made in the first paragraph on page two of Mr. Mellor's letter, i.e., that an official of your Department or the R. C. M. Police should visit the internment camp in which these people are located and advise those Japanese who have disobeyed the orders of the Commission that if they are now willing to obey the orders given them in the future, they can apply for release to the Minister of Justice and that there would be no objection from the Security Commission.

There are a number of factors which should be borne in mind before this is done, and I should like to outline my views to you personally in regard to them.

Full file returned herewith.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) F. J. Mead,
Commissioner,
British Columbia Security Commission.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario

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AIR MAIL, July 31, 1942.

Assistant Commissioner F. J. Mead,
c/o R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Jack:

Having closed the Immigration Shed and not having picked up the remaining defaulters in this area has proven to be a serious folly. The result is that the Japanese are dictating terms to us. The situation is becoming intolerable.

Our desire to cooperate and to make conditions more agreeable and pleasant for the Japanese has resulted in them taking this dictatorial attitude. They feel that we are spineless, gutless and generally incompetent to dictate a policy and carry it out.

Evidence of this was shown this week when we brought down 176 from Golkie and Dcoigne camps. There were approximately 30 single men ordered to go to the east end of the Hope-Princeton Highway and they refused. To solve an embarrassing problem they were sent to Slocan as carpenters, etc.

Accordingly I have issued instructions today that anyone disobeying an order of this Commission is to be interned immediately. Therefore I request that the Immigration quarters be reopened and provision made for the internment of all those necessary. If this is not done and enforced strictly it will only be a question of time before you have all the Japanese behind barbed wire.

I enclose an editorial appearing in the Sun newspaper last night which is certainly not helpful to the Commission.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

P.S. The peace officer policy might be satisfactory providing we were dealing with half a dozen Japanese but when it takes in twenty-four thousand it is a different matter.

August 1, 1942.

AIR MAIL

MEMORANDUM:

The Officer Commanding,
"E" Division, R.C.M.Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Internment of Persons of the Japanese Race

The Department of Justice has brought up the matter of those persons of the Japanese race now under detention for failing to comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission to leave the protected area.

It is considered here that many of those in detention, if given the opportunity, would comply with the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission if they were made aware of the Government's policy in re-uniting families, and it has been considered that the best way to convey this fact to those under detention would be to utilize the services of Messrs. Tanaka and Nishio in the same way as when the Commission allowed these two men to visit the Japanese work camps.

Will you please have Messrs. Tanaka and Nishio interviewed and ask them if they would be prepared to come to Ottawa and see me, then go to the camp where the Japanese are interned, explain the situation and return to Ottawa. If you could spare Special Constable Upton to accompany them to Ottawa and to the internment camp, it would be more satisfactory from our point of view. He would not be required to take any part in the proceedings except to be present when they speak with the Japanese interned. His knowledge of the language and the fact that he was present would make the plan more acceptable to the internment authorities, who are very strict in regard to outside persons entering internment camps.

We expect that the Consul General for Spain will shortly inspect the internment camp in which these Japanese are kept, and we would like to have on record that we offered those persons who are incarcerated under the Commission's orders their liberty under conditions to be laid down by the Commission before he makes the inspection. When Mr. Pipher, the Commission's representative, and Sergeant Cook of the Mounted Police visited some of these interned

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Date August 3rd, 1942

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of MR. EASTWOOD

To COMMR. SHIRRAS

Subject:

I have read with interest the memorandum dated August 1st to the Officer Commdg. R.C.M. Police, Vancouver, from Asst. Commr. F.J. Mead and also Asst. Commr. Mead's personal letter to Mr. Taylor in respect to the problem of Internment.

My personal views on this matter of releasing Internees are as follows: I am not in favour of releasing the Internees at the Internment Camps or those who are now in Vancouver in the Immigration Shed awaiting to go forward to Internment Camps, until such time as the complete Evacuation Program has been completed. Any suggestion on our part that this step might be taken would most certainly weaken our position and will make it just that much harder to keep the balance of the not evacuated people in hand. The Japanese mind does not look on this forgiving spirit in the same light as we do. The Japanese look upon it as weakness and we lose actually two counts by so doing. First, we lose the respect of the Japanese. Secondly, it makes it just a little harder to make them work into our program. In talking with the Committee group of Nishio, Nishiguchi and Tanaka, the other day I mentioned the point to them of how can we get the balance of men out of Vancouver and Tanaka came back with the remark, "Well, You have removed the fear of Internment and you have no teeth in your evacuation procedure."

I would like to give up all thought of releasing from Internment camps until we have all of the Japanese settled down in their new locations and then the point might be raised as to the wisdom of releasing these internees. If we release them now we have no place for them to go. They would no doubt be taking the place of a healthy man already in Vancouver. As far as the expense is concerned, this is merely a bookkeeping entry as far as the Government is concerned and it matters little whether it is charged to the Commission or whether it is handled through some other Departmnt of the Federal Government. Finally, if Mr. DesBrisay and his evacuation Officers are to operate smoothly and complete the objective which we have set for ourselves, we must have the power and fear of the Mounted Police back of us and make a few examples of internment to get the best results.

W.A. Eastwood, General Mgr.

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AIR MAIL

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

OTTAWA, August 1, 1942.
CANADA

Dear Austin: ✓

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have to-day written to Hill having to do with those Japanese now in internment for refusing to obey the orders of the British Columbia Security Commission. It is self-explanatory. If you or John have any comments to make, will you please send them to me by air mail.

It is my opinion that the expenses should be paid from the Commission funds, but if you have any objections to this being done, please let me know, if not, would you telephone Hill and tell him that the Commission will defray the necessary cost.

I feel that it is useless to keep these people locked up if they are willing to abide by any orders issued by the Commission governing their conduct in future. It costs approximately $500.00 per man per annum to keep each individual interned, and if they are willing to go to work and cause us no more trouble, then it is in our interest to help them get a job. If, on the other hand, they refuse to accept our terms, then we cannot be accused of keeping men locked up who have committed no offence against the state. I have my eye especially on the report of Mr. Schwartz and Mr. Maag.

Naturally I shall give Tanaka and Nishio correct instructions before they are sent to the camp to talk to these people.

Yours sincerely,

F. J. Mead

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

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PERSONAL
AIR MAIL

Vancouver, B. C.
August 4, 1942.

F. J. Mead,
Assistant Commissioner,
R. C. M. Police,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your personal letter to our Chairman under date of August 1st, particularly the first paragraph wherein you ask for any comments on copy of letter enclosed, directed to the O/C, "E" Division, R. C. M. P., Vancouver, touching upon release of internees who have refused to comply with the orders of this Commission.

The Chairman, Mr. Eastwood and I have carefully considered the suggestion submitted and we are all in accord that we do not think this an opportune time to release internees as such a move, in our opinion, would show a sign of weakness.

I refer back to yours and Dr. Hodgins return from Ottawa when we had a full assembly conference and the policy of the Department and the future plans were set forth regarding the reuniting of the Japanese families, and meeting with the wishes of the Nisei Mass Evacuation Group, and the formulating of plans relating to the building program.

Further, I refer to the meeting we had on the 1st of July last when the representatives of the Japanese were present when the new policy of the Department regarding the reuniting of families was explained. There were subsequent conferences in this connection with the representatives of the Nisei group. It appeared then from these conferences that all differences had been settled and that the Nisei group, which had caused considerable trouble resulting in about 600 of them being interned for disobeying orders of the Commission, would cooperate to the fullest extent henceforth.

The defaulter question was raised by the Japanese at the meeting on July 1st and it was agreed upon that there would be no further action taken in this connection and that the police would be completely withdrawn as we were reasonably convinced at that time, in view of the policy decided upon by the Department in regard to the families, that there would be no further trouble or refusal of any Japanese to obey any order issued by the Commission.

The question was also raised by the Japanese at the same meeting regarding the 158 Japanese who were interned at the Immigration Shed awaiting transportation to internment camp. After some discussion it was decided upon that these Japanese must proceed with the usual course of being escorted to the internment camp.

I can recall, and I stressed the question very strongly, that, providing the Japanese cooperated with the Commission to the fullest extent and the evacuation was about completed, a representation would be made by the Commission to Ottawa to have the internees released and reunited with their families. On this point you submitted the condition that this would only apply to those Japanese of whom there was no evidence of subversive character and I immediately concurred.

This matter has given me considerable thought, particularly after talking with Mr. Mellor, Executive Assistant to the B. C. Security Commission. Mr. Mellor reminds me that immediately after the 158 left Vancouver for the internment camp and before you left Vancouver you asked Mr. Mellor to write Mr. MacNamara, suggesting

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that these Japanese be released providing they were willing to cooperate and comply with the Commission's orders. I refer you to Mr. Mellor's letter of July 20th and in consequence of this letter copy of which we have on file, a letter which you wrote under date of July 24th to Mr. MacNamara following up this suggestion of release.

In view of all the circumstances and knowing your line of thought I would be fully in accord providing the Japanese ~~do~~ fulfill their promise, that is, cooperating with this Commission. My reason for not supporting your suggestion as submitted is the fact that the Japanese have not lived up to their promise. They have not cooperated to the full extent with this Commission and this has been borne out by their conduct or the conduct of various groups. They have made use of several trivial excuses and made use of numerous petty differences to evade cooperation. For instance at Sandon last week a group complained of the wage scale which apparently had been overlooked by the Treasury Department. Further, there still appears to be a propaganda program circulated against the endeavors and policy of this Commission. A certain group have endeavored to spread certain rumours against the Hope Ranch project to the effect that it was a slave work camp and this has had the effect of frightening the women and children with the result that we are meeting with resistance in connection with this project.

The Japanese have shown and are today taking a very dictatorial attitude. In my opinion, our sympathy and consideration has been taken by the Japanese as a sign of weakness and by their general conduct throughout satisfy me that the time has come when we must take a firm stand and make these people realize that our very nation is in peril and their implicit obedience to the Commission's orders must be maintained to the letter.

The Japanese only understand one way in connection with any order or law, and that is hold them to that point and enforce it without the slightest deviation; otherwise they will encroach and bring about a situation which will result in any order being disobeyed. I am somewhat of the opinion that our position today has been brought about through too much consideration and instead of their recognizing the law they even dictate terms of compliance with any order and go so far as to demand internment, which is nothing else than contempt against the State and which makes them as martyrs in the eyes of their own people and country.

The Commission's position today, in my opinion, regarding evacuation of about 10000 in and around Vancouver is most critical and will require the utmost care adherence to the general policy in a situation which could prove very serious and costly.

We have a tremendous building program in progress which requires all the available skilled Japanese workmen to carry out and winter is fast approaching. Any delay or interruption by the Japanese will place us and themselves in a very serious position. There is scarcely a day passes but there are some little differences with the Japanese to be ironed out which satisfies me that these Japanese are not appreciative. They do not realize the importance of this work.

To further support my views and show how far the Japanese are cooperating with our endeavors in connection with the policy of reuniting their families, last week 17 Japanese at Hastings Park refused to work and demanded to be interned just in the same manner as previous groups acted and who are now interned, and these are the people that you are now suggesting be released.

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I fully understand and appreciate your views. At the same time I do not think that your suggestion should be put into effect until such time as the evacuation is about completed. Then I agree with you 100 per cent in the policy of releasing internees that are worthy of such consideration. Further, I am satisfied that if such a move was put into effect at the present time there would be great resentment from the public through the press as they are now pressing for the evacuation to be completed at the earliest possible moment.

The Japanese are a very cunning and intelligent race and from their actions (at least some of them) they are taking a very passive stubborn stand and making it very difficult for the Commission and the views of the Press and general public are not helping the situation.

Further, I question whether we are getting the fullest cooperation from your Force here. The reason I am not prepared to say but there is a lack of cooperation and I mentioned this to Colonel Hill last night. It may be that this lack of cooperation by your Force is due to the fact that when we overlooked the defaulters and asked your Force to be withdrawn your Force felt that they were let down, that their prestige and morale insofar as the Japanese were concerned, was affected by our actions and I agree up to a certain point that this was not in the best interests of the general evacuation. It is evident to me that through such actions we have lost a certain amount of prestige ourselves as far as the Japanese are concerned.

With regard to the expenses of Tanaka and Nishio travelling east with a view to visiting the internment camps I must point out that I do not feel our policy should require any explanation and my patience is exhausted. We have considered the Japanese in every possible way and have endeavored to carry out the evacuation in a very humane manner. Again I point out any evidence of weakness on our part will have serious consequences.

I enclose Mr. Eastwood's views in this connection.

This letter has been handed to the Chairman and he concurs in every detail.

Yours very truly,

J. Shirras, Commissioner,
B. C. Security Commission.