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Steveston BRANCH
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. 689

EXHIBIT No. 104-5
MAY 11 1948

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protection area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATIONNAME: MIZUGUCHI DenkichiHOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 435, Steveston B.C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 04359 SEX: Male AGE: 57OCCUPATION: Fisherman

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: A.B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C. (formerly)MARRIED? YesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SayoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: P.O. 435, Steveston B.C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Tomiko (F) Setsuko (F)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: P.O. Box 435, Steveston B.C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 12.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, Section 18, Block 3, North Range 7, West Map 693, in the District of New Westminster. Municipality of Richmond. No. 135787E.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) \$6.35 paid for 1941, Payable at Brighouse B.C.5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)
none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

Vacant

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY
none

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS
none

7 Fishing Nets (\$1200.00) In the custody of the Phoenix Cannery
Steveston B.C.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
none

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:
none

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)
none

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:
By arrangement of the A.B.C. Packers.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
A.B.C. Packers, Steveston B.C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:
Phoenix Cannery Steveston B.C.

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:
Living in Company house #50
Phoenix Cannery, Steveston B.C.

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:
none

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: In Declarants Possession.
Strawberries.

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN:
Strawberries.

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: none

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) none

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) \$5.00 War Savings Certificate. In declarants possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston B.C. \$200.00 No. M-244.

9. LIFE INSURANCE: none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

REMARKS: none

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 3rd day of April 1942

(Signature)

Denkichi Mizoguchi

[Handwritten Signature]

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Dec. 30/42

Our File No. 689

Full Name MIZUGUCHI, Denkichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 04359 Male - Female
(check) Age Aug. 3, 1884

Former Address P. O. Box 435, Steveston, B. C.
and/or 362 Alexander St., Vancouver.

Date Evacuated July 10/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address P. O. Box 20, Spences Bridge, B. C.
8/12/47

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife Sayo #03560

Name of Husband - - -

Name of Mother Deceased Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Tomiko (F) Nov. 30/26.

Setsuko (F) Oct. 22/29

Requested by P. Hunter Registered with Custodian Yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Gasboat. House & Land. No. 2 Road.

27/10/42

July 3rd, 1946.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

JAPANESE NAME: Denkichi MIZUGUCHI, Registration No. 04359, File No. 689

CATALOGUE NO: Part of Director, The Veterans' Land Act first offer

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Richmond, B. C.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 6 & 7, Block 3 of Section 18, Block 3 North, Range 6 West, Map 693, Municipality of Richmond, District of New Westminster.

CLASSIFICATION: Vacant Land

ASSESSED VALUE:

<u>Land</u>	<u>Taxes (annual)</u>
\$270.00	\$6.44

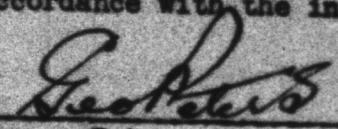
TITLE: registered in the name of Denkichi Mizuguchi.
Note the spelling of Denkichi's last name as above.
This was rectified by a declaration of Feb. 4, 1943 to the correct spelling of Mizuguchi.

ENCUMBRANCES: None registered and no indication of any unregistered.
Vesting Order No. 24919 Date -- November 3, 1942.

HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION: The Custodian's representative, J.D.Mather, reported on April 22, 1942, "The owner has not yet built on the property and is at present using the land as a garden."
Note: Owing to the size of this property, no tenant was placed on this land.

SOLD: This property was sold to The Director, The Veterans' Land Act for \$79.00, less tax arrears to December 31, 1942 of \$5.88 and registration fees of \$3.00. Net proceeds were \$70.12, adjustments being made as of January 1, 1943. A statement of this sale was sent to MIZUGUCHI on April 13/44. Funds released to the credit of Denkichi Mizuguchi March 16, 1944. Title No. 166800-E delivered to the purchaser February 9, 1944.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.


George Peters
Administration Department

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July 3rd, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

No: Denkichi MIZUGUCHI
Registration No. 04359

Chattels: See Summary

Specified Articles: There are no cameras, radios, fire arms or motor vehicles revealed in the registration or the file.

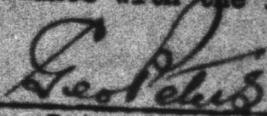
Vessels: The file reveals the vessel "D.M." 31'x7'6"x3'6" (1936) Easthope 15 HP was sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee on March 17, 1942 for \$1100.00. Net proceeds from this sale were paid direct to Denkichi MIZUGUCHI on March 20, 1942.

Bank Account: \$5.00 War Savings Certificate in declarant's possession. Bank a/c Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B.C. - \$200.00 - Account No. M-244.
As these two items did not come under the control of the Custodian no action was taken.

Life Insurance: The file reveals the above had an insurance policy, no. 2002247, with the Sun Life Insurance Co. which was cashed on March 16, 1945. This cheque was received from the Sun Life Insurance Co. and forwarded to MIZUGUCHI by the Custodian.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on the file.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.



George Peters
Administration Department

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: March 13, 1944
Name: MIZUGUCHI, Denkichi Reg. No. 04359 File: 689
Boat File No.: HFVDC 122
Name of Vessel: "D.M." 31'x7'6"x3'6"(1936) Easthope 15 HP
Lic. or Reg. No.: NEW WESTMINSTER 2447
Naval No.: NW.075-C
Owner's Valuation: \$1,700.00
JFVDC Valuation: None
Custodian Valuation: None
Date of Sale: March 17, 1942
Purchaser: Edward RICHARDS
Signature on Sales Papers: No copy
Selling Price: \$1,100.00
Paid to JFVDC on ~~Custodian~~: 1,100.00
Supervision Costs: 11.00
Balance due Owner: 1,089.00
Paid to: D. Mizuguchi on March 20, 1942
Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster
Claims Against Canadian Govt.: None

Additional Information:

F. Mathison
July 3, 1946

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name MR. DENKICHI MIZUGUCHI

File No. 689

Reg. No.

Company Sun Life Insurance Co.

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 2002247

Premium - \$29.05

Payable: Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month December

Day 15th

REMARKS:

*Cashed
March 16/45*

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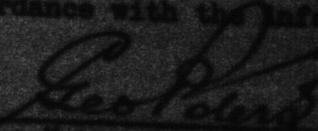
July 3rd, 1944.

LIBELITY SUMMARY

no: Denkichi MIZUGUCHI
Registration No. 04359

There are no claims against the above-named
Japanese revealed on file.

The above summary is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file.


George Peters
Administration Department

July 4, 1946.

CHattel SUMMARY

Re: Denkichi MIZUGUCHI
 Registration No. 04359
 Evacuated July 10, 1942

*See new
 Summary of Schedule
 for notes*

In his declaration of April 3, 1942, MIZUGUCHI declared 7 fishing nets, value \$1200.00 in custody of the Phoenix Cannery at Steveston, B.C.

The Custodian's agent, Mr. Mather, made an inventory of these nets on April 22, 1942 (see schedule). At that time, Mr. Mather states that MIZUGUCHI's wife had filed a "JP" form and has declared the furniture as her property.

All nets of any value, inventoried by the Custodian and identified, were sold (see net statement). It was found that a net in the size of 5/40x6x45x150 fathoms was sold by Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent, on September 14, 1942. This same net appears sold to the Phoenix Cannery on October 29, 1942. The Accounting Dept., at that time, was requested to hold the funds from this last sale. Through an oversight, this money was released to MIZUGUCHI and he was written to on July 3, 1946, for the return of this. MIZUGUCHI was also credited with one net and cork line marked 593-E and one net marked 594-E. This is being transferred to Suspense as unidentified. No such numbers with a prefix such as "E" were inventoried as belonging to Denkichi Mizuguchi. When questioned, Mr. Robinson, Custodian's agent, gave the following explanation, "When I went to remove the nets which I had previously inventoried at the Phoenix Cannery, to the Custodian's net house, I discovered certain nets underneath a net that was tagged 593 or 594, with no tags on them. I could not identify these nets but assumed they must belong to the same party as the net which was tagged above."

On November 30, 1943, a cheque in the amount of \$206.41 was received from the Phoenix Cannery with a statement to credit this amount to Denkichi Mizuguchi's account. This was for Barbour lines and twine which was not declared by MIZUGUCHI. Previously, the writer had interviewed Mr. Lord, manager of this Cannery, and found they were still holding new Japanese twines which had not been declared by the Japanese. On the Custodian's instructions, they liquidated this equipment at current market prices and remitted this money to the Custodian along with statements for the credit of the Japanese concerned. This will explain this credit.

A list was received from Mr. Robinson, number 37, of goods removed to storage from the Phoenix Cannery House #50 appearing in the name of Denkichi Mizuguchi. This same list shows goods left in the house (see schedule). The original of this list is on file #4870 (see schedule). On checking Mrs. Mizuguchi's file, in her declaration she declared only 4 beds. Mrs. Mizuguchi requested the shipment of these beds which according to the file was still at house #50. However, we found in Mr. Robinson's file at Steveston in a letter addressed to Mr. Fisher of the B.C. Security Commission in which he states 4 beds left in house #50 were moved to storage. As this house has since been demolished, goods were removed with many others and stored by the Cannery Co. The beds had been knocked off in moving and it is impossible to identify. Mrs. Mizuguchi then supplied Mr. Robinson with a diagram of the type of bed she declared and these beds were shipped December 17, 1943. Mr. Robinson's file also reveals that he received a letter from Mr. Fisher of the B.C. Security Commission on February 1, 1944, where Denkichi requests the shipment of 10 chairs, 2 straw trunks, 2 fishing supply box, 2 axe, 1 spade, 1 potatoe digger, 2 hoe. It appears Mr. Robinson made a shipment of 10 chairs on September 18, 1944, but Denkichi in his letter received by this office on October 23, 1943, states that these chairs do not belong to him. No further action was taken with reference to this. The only goods sold by the Custodian appear on auction sheet of April 6, 1945, and no explanation can be given as to what happened to the goods inventoried and removed by the Custodian.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

George Peters
 George Peters, Administration Department

May 16, 1946

CHattel SCHEDULE

Re: Denkichi MIZUGUSHI
Reg. No. 04359

Denkichi MIZUGUSHI's declaration of April 9, 1942, declared no chattels left on his evacuation, except his bed.

J.D. Mather, The Custodian's agent, in his inventory of April 23, 1942 inventoried no chattels of Denkichi MIZUGUSHI except his bed.

Inventory of Chattels, List No. 37, from Phoenix Cannery House No. 50, Denkichi MIZUGUSHI.

- 2 trunks
- 1 basket
- 1 carton dishes
- 3 small boxes kitchenware
- 1 hose
- 1 stone jar
- 1 bowl
- 1 bundle bedding
- LEFT IN HOUSE NO. 50
- 1 cook stove
- 1 heater
- 4 iron beds
- 4 springs
- 4 mattresses
- 10 chairs

See Summary

Custodian Release Form dated July 27, 1943 signed D. MIZUGUSHI

- 2 trunks
- 1 box kitchenware

Pencilled note on release form "Shipped, November 19, 1943."

Dept. of Labor letter dated Feb. 1, 1944 requesting shipment of D. MIZUGUSHI's goods:

- 10 chairs
- 2 straw trunks
- 2 fishing supply box
- 2 axe
- 1 spade
- 1 potatoe digger
- 2 hose

Note dated Sept. 18, 1944 from Mr. Harris stating goods shipped to Denkichi MIZUGUSHI Spanges Bridge, B.C.
-10 kitchen chairs

Letter from Denkichi MIZUGUSHI dated received by this office October 23, 1944 requested certain goods shipped to him:

- 2 boxes:
 - rice bowls
 - sauces
 - Japanese tea set
 - tea kettle
 - etc.

Left at Phoenix Cannery House No. 51

- 2 straw cases:
 - clothing
 - dresser

10 kitchen chairs shipped to D. MIZUGUSHI were the wrong chairs.

Auction sheet dated April 6, 1945

- glassware
- chinaware
- smokers set
- lacquer bowls

See file 4470 for original

INVENTORY OF CHATELS

List 37.

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Moved #3 warehouse ~~became~~
July 4, 1942.

Re: MIZUGUCHI, Denkichi - Reg. 04359

From Phoenix Cannery House No. 50

Left in House No. 50

- 31. 2 Trunks
- 32. 1 Basket
- 33. 6/1 Carton dishes 05/16/45
- 34. 3 Small Boxes Kitchen ware
- 35. 1 Mattress
- 36. 1 Stone Jar
- 37. 1 Bowl
- 38. 1 Bundle Bedding

- 1 Cook Stove
- 1 Heater
- 4 Iron Beds
- 4 Springs
- 4 Mattresses
- 10 Chairs

shipped to Phoenix Cannery
on Sept 18/42

RBM/pls

3- sold by auction 10/12/43.

May 20, 1946

Use - funds credited to Masako (Mrs. Michio)
Mizoguchi, File No. 4370. ~~Funds to be~~
transferred (July 2/46) Acc.

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DATE May 11, 1948
FILED "Mr. Cobus"

Registration Number 04359
MIZUGUCHI, Denkichi
P. O. Box 435, Steveston, B. C.

LOCATION AND NATURE OF PROPERTY

Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, Sec. 18,
Block 3 North, Range 7 West,
Map 693, Dist. of New Westminster,
C. of T. #135787E.

OWNERSHIP

The two lots above are the property of
Mizuguchi, who holds Certificate of Title.

LAND AND BUILDINGS

The owner has not yet built on the property
and is at present using the land as a garden.

INSURANCE

There is no fire insurance.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Mizuguchi claims to have no liabilities.
He states that his wife has filed Form "JP" and has
declared the furniture as her property. Inventory of
Nets attached hereto, which are stored in the
Phoenix Cannery Net House.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would recommend that the Nets shown in
the Inventory attached hereto, be disposed of as soon
as possible. These Nets are in good condition and the
Phoenix Cannery itself might be interested in the
purchase of them.

April 22, 1942

"J. D. Mather"

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I hereby certify that the foregoing words are
a true copy of the original whereof they purport
to be a copy.

June 11, 1948

J. D. Mather

NAME MIYAGUCHI, Denkiichi

REGISTRATION NO. 04399

FILE NO. 689

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B.C. on December 10, 1943.

Rubber hose

*- Transferred from file 4870,
July 4, 1946
C.G.*

file 4870.
\$ 0.35

Total

Less Expenses (Auctioneer's Fee: \$0.03
Advertising: 0.02
Savings: 0.04)

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$	0.35
\$	0.09
\$	<u>0.26</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Remarks.

Mr. C.C. Robinson

Steveston 2.

NAME MIYOSHI, Daisichi

REGISTRATION NO. 04359

FILE NO. 689

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at Steveston, B. C. on April 6, 1944.

Glassware	\$	1.00
Chinaware		2.25
Smokers set		1.00
Lacquar bowls		2.00

Total		\$	6.25
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee)	\$ 0.63	
	(Advertising)	0.27	
	(Moving)	<u>0.53</u>	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	<u>4.82</u>

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Harris

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Steveston 32.

Remarks. *no inventory on file*

MEMORANDUM

File No. 689

September 19th, 1944

TO: FILE

FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie

Re: Denkichi MIZUGUCHI

The ten chairs mentioned in letter of February 1st, 1944, were handed to the Richmond Transfer Company on 18/9/44, for shipment to the above at Spence's Bridge.

R.B.M.

RBM/MHG

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Farm Appraisal Report

File No. JL-645

Land Description Lots 6 & 7, Blk.3, Sec.18, Blk.3,N., R.6,W., Map 693.

Containing .40 Acres

Owner's Name MYZUGUCHI, Denkiichi Post Office Address Steveston P.O., B.C.

Nearest Rail Point Steveston Distance 1 1/4 miles.

Market Town (Good local delivery) Vancouver Distance 10 "

Church (give denomination) All within Distance 2 "

Nearest School Steveston Distance 1 1/4 "

State how property was identified: Roads, dyke and map.

Roads: State whether property has access to main road, the kind of road and its condition.

Yes. Lulu St. on top of Dyke & Princess St., both dirt; good when dry.

Is this district a good one? Yes; large and small farms nearby.

Employment opportunity Varied. Fishing; canneries; farms & Vancouver industrial.

Predominating Nationality and religion: British, Protestant.

Describe Fencing and its condition: Negligible. Value \$ ---

Water supply: City water available. Value \$ ---

BUILDINGS ON FARM

BUILDINGS	DIMENSIONS	MATERIAL	HEIGHT	ROOF	AGE	Foundation	REPAIR	VALUATION
HOUSE	X	NO ASSESSABLE BUILDINGS. (Just a small crude packing shed)						
	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
BARN	X							
	X							
GRANARY	X							

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DATE May 11, 1968
FILED BY [Signature]

Electric light available nearby on #2 Road.

Total present day value \$ ---

Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ ---

Is dwelling habitable without repairs? If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable? \$ ---

Describe the basement and chimneys: ---

No. rooms downstairs? --- Upstairs? --- How finished ---

Are buildings painted? --- Condition of paint ---

Distance from nearest bush ---

Note: Particular care must be taken when examining and reporting on foundations, sills and roofs.

ACRES	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP	VALUE PER ACRE	TOTAL
.4	Flat	Silty clay 10" - 1'	Good clay	Now hay on top of strawberry plants	200.	80.00
Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL		VALUE PER ACRE	
Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc.						
	LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY	SOIL (State Depth)	SUB-SOIL	NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY	RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE	VALUE PER ACRE
Area Unsuited for Cultivation.						
	CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY.		NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE		VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE	

Total value of Land \$ 80.00

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ -

Total fruit trees add to value of farm (for use in orchard districts only) \$ -

Total value of farm \$ 80.00

Describe condition of farm commenting on tillage, length of time unoccupied or partly occupied:

Owners were fishermen. Strawberries were cropped 1941 and a few this year. No wild hay.

State most suitable type of agriculture for farm bearing in mind the district's limitations, if any.

Just a home site and good mixed garden.

Noxious weeds:

Not bad. June grass & Red Top have precedence.

Give approximate detail and amount of all annual taxes and names of Taxing Authorities:

Corporation of the Township of Richmond.
1942 Taxes - \$6.44.
(Subject to Inlu Island West Dyking Charges).

Date: 28th July 1942.
Place: New Westminster, B.C.

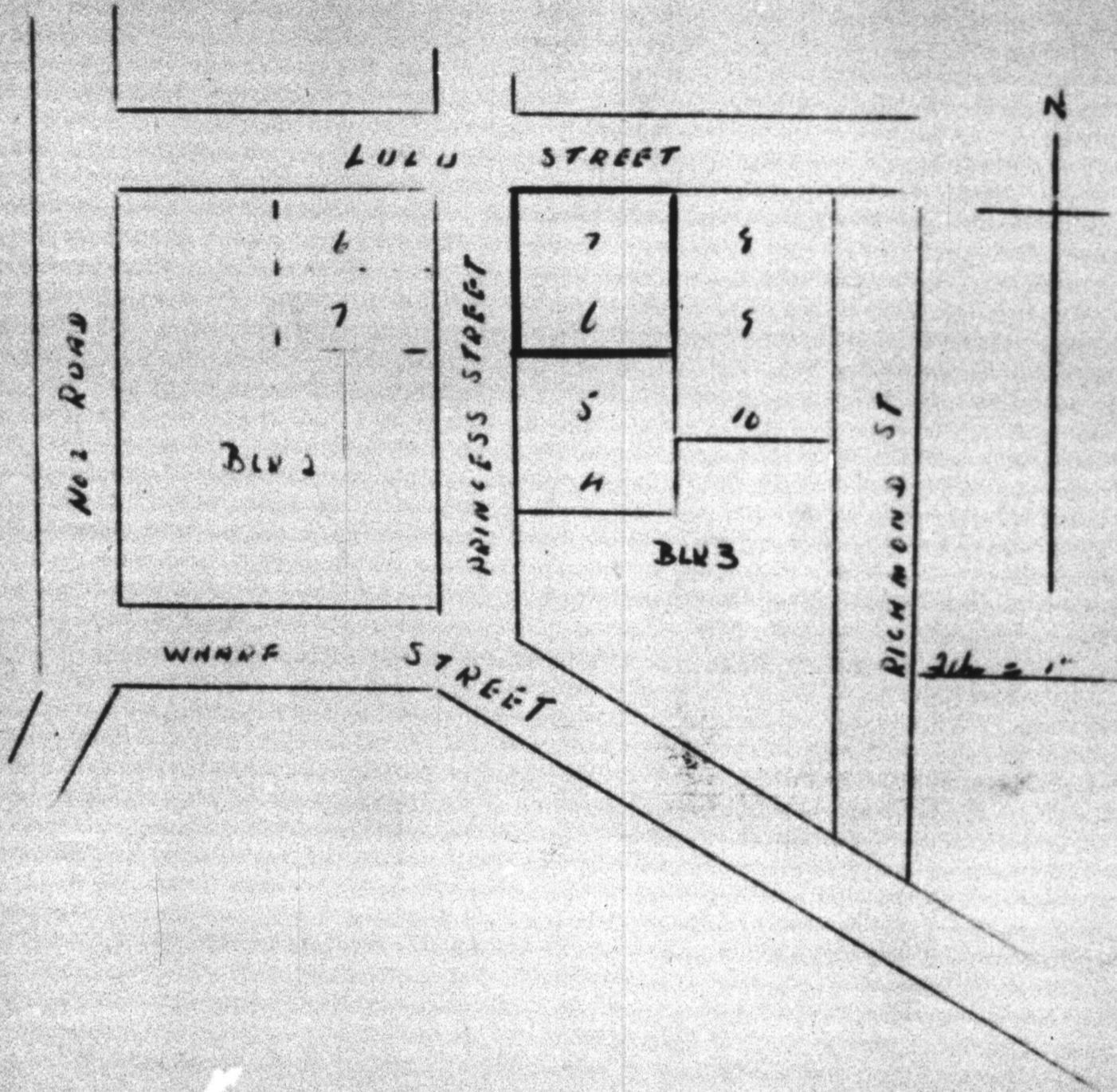
I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination of the whole farm made on the 25 day of July 1942.

Inspector's Signature

"T. GODFREY"

Note: (Use Form 43 (Sheet 2) in connection with this form.)

Diagram of Property



Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present value is \$ 100.00

Date 29th July 19 42.

"I.T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

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EXPLANATIONREAL PROPERTY

Location Municipality of Richmond.
 Lot 6 and 7 of block 3, Section 18, Block 3 North,
 Range 6 West, Map 639, District of New Westminster,
 C. of B. 50509.

These two lots bought at \$ 250. . planted fruits
 trees and straw berries cost to us \$ 70. Total \$320.00

Sold by the Custodian and given 79.00
 The balance for claimed \$241.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY

All nets and lines some with leads and corks left
 under care of the Anglo-British Columbia Packing
 Company, Limited Steveston Cannery.

1	1 Gill net 10" E. 200 fathoms with lead and cork	\$ 325.00
2	1 " 9 1/2 " 150 "	\$ 200.00
3	1 " 7 " 200 "	\$ 275.00
4	1 " 6 1/2 " 150 "	\$ 185.00
5	1 " 5 7/8 " 200 "	\$ 250.00
6	1 " 5 3/8 " 200 "	\$ 225.00
7	1 " 6 " 200 "	\$ 225.00
8	15 lbs. lead line 25 lbs. cork line values	\$ 25.00
Total value		\$1711.00

All above nets and lines sold by the Custodian
 and credited my account. 754.91

Balance claimed \$ 956.09

D. Mignard

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NET CLAIM

9th December, 1947.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION AS PER CLAIM	AMOUNT CLAIMED	DESCRIPTION AS PER MATHER'S INV. 22/4/42	JAP. VAL.	SALE PRICE & DATE SOLD	CUST NO. & DATE OF APPR. & APP. VALUED
1.	1 Gilli net 10' Mesh, 200 fthms with lead/cork (1lines)	\$325.	150 fthm length, 10' Mesh, 37 meshes deep 2 yrs old	\$200.	\$100. 3/12/1942 (sold with lines)	Not appraised #592 MAY 11 1948 per appraised
2.	1 Gilli net 9 1/2' Mesh, 150 fthms with lead/cork	\$200.	140 fthm length, 9 1/2' Mesh, 40 meshes deep 1 yr old	\$150.	\$10. 29/12/42	
3.	1 Gilli net 7' Mesh, 200 fthms with lead/cork	\$275.	200 fthm length, 7' Mesh, 45 meshes deep 1 1/2 yrs old	\$200.	\$75. 23/12/1942	#591 App. \$1. per lb. 3/11/42
4.	1 Gilli net 6 1/2' Mesh, 150 fthms with lead/cork	\$185.	150 fthm length, 6 1/2' Mesh, 45 meshes deep 2 yrs old	\$100.	\$85. with lines 29/10/42	#529 App. \$85. 6/10/42
5.	1 Gilli net 5 1/2' Mesh, 200 fthms with lead/cork	\$250.	200 fthm length, 5 1/2' Mesh, 50 meshes deep 1 yr old	\$	\$150. with lines 29/10/42	Purch. by Cannery
6.	1 Gilli net 5 1/2' Mesh, 200 fthms with lead/cork	\$225.	200 fthm length, 5 1/2' Mesh, 55 meshes deep 1 yr old	\$100.	\$6.50 15/1/43	#592 App. 50¢ per lb. 5/11/42 STATES AS actually diff. size mesh & very old
7.	1 Gilli net 6' Mesh, 200 fthms with lead/cork	\$225.	Not listed by Mather but later recorded by O.C. Robinson; 150 fthm 6 1/2' Mesh, 45 Meshes deep.	nil	\$85. 14/9/42	Sold by CC Robinson prior to Custodian giving number to it.
8.	15# lead line & 29# cork line	\$ 26.	5 complete sets lines valued at \$45.	nil	\$17.60 30/11/43 & \$22 150 fthms Cork line and 150 fthms lead line sold 29/10/43 \$30.	TOTAL REC'D FOR LINES \$47.60

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CLAIM

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Column 6 Sale price and date sold by the Custodian.

7 The Custodian's number given to that particular item (if given). This corresponds to the file record card of the net.

 If appraised, this fact is noted giving appraisal and date. In some cases a price per pound is quoted. These nets were sold by C.C. Robinson on that basis on prices supplied by C.P. Leckie & Co. Unfortunately the weight of the nets was not reported to this office.

ITEM 8 Mizuguchi claims 15# of lead line and 29# of cork line at a total amount of \$26.00

(SIXTY) The above weights of line were sold by the Custodian at a price of \$17.60 on Nov. 30th, 1943. However, a further amount of lead and cork line (150 fathoms lead and 150 fathoms of cork line) were sold on Oct 29th, 1943 for \$30.00. His total claim is for \$26. whereas he actually received \$47.40

UNLISTED NET CREDIT A net described by the Custodian agent as 4/40 x 6" mesh x 55 meshes deep x 300 fathom length was appraised at \$3.07 per pound, and with a weight of 61 1/2 lbs was sold for \$188.81 on Nov. 30th, 1943.

 This net was credited to Mizuguchi. The file does not disclose that Mizuguchi owned this net, and the undersigned would have transferred this credit to SUSPENSE only for the fact that Mizuguchi's funds have been forwarded to him in full.

APPRAISALS All appraisals referred to in this Summary and Schedule are contained in file G/168/A.

LINES Item 8 notes lines valued at \$125. as per Mather's report. The majority of these lines would have been sold with the nets to which they belonged.

FUNDS RECEIVED Mizuguchi in his claim states that he received \$754.91 from the Custodian for his fishing gear. He actually was notified of having had that amount credited to him, but due to a subsequent transfer to Suspense Account of two items amounting to \$7.00, he actually has only been credited with \$747.91 --- \$559.10 being shown in Column 6 of the Schedule and the balance of \$188.81 as per the 'UNLISTED NET CREDIT' noted above on this page.

J. Cuming
J. Cuming, Admin. Dept.

CLAIM

File 689 - Denkichi MIZUGUCHI

10th December, 1947.

**FISHING
GEAR DE-
CLARED BY
JAPANESE**

Form JP dated 3/4/42 carries the following declaration by Mizuguchi re Fishing Gear:

"7 Fishing nets (\$1200.) in the Custody of the Phoenix Cannery, Steveston BC"

No further declarations or inventories were received from Mizuguchi.

**AGENT'S
REPORT**

J.D. Mather reported on Mizuguchi's property and nets under date of April 22nd, 1942. The report included an itemized list of Fishing Nets with the age of each.

NOTE:

As Mizuguchi was not (according to file) supplied with a list of his nets by this office, and as his manner of listing the nets on his claim is practically the same as Mather's manner of listing the nets when making his report, it is considered by the undersigned that Mather's net list was supplied him by Mizuguchi. Mizuguchi was not evacuated until 10th July, 1942.

**JAPANESE
VALUATION**

In some cases the nets were valuated by the Japanese and a tag placed on the net prior to their evacuation. Where possible, this information has been included in the attached schedule.

JP Form lists 7 nets at \$1200.

Claim lists 7 nets at \$1711.

In every case where he tagged his net as above, the valuation has increased on his claim.

In 4 cases the length of net in his claim is correct as per previous inventory, but in the other 3 cases he has increased the length of the net.

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SCHEDULE (attached)

Column 1

Items on his claim were numbered consecutively by the undersigned and the same number has been given to that item on the schedule in order to facilitate cross-reference.

- 2 This is the Jap's description of the net as per claim.
- 3 This is the amount Mizuguchi is claiming for that particular item.
- 4 This is Mather's description of the item as contained in his report of 22 April, 1942.
- 5. This figure represents the valuation placed on the net by the Japanese when tagging his net as per above. "C.P. Leckie and Co." the appraisers, are on file as stating that all these valuations were high (presumably a sales "ask" price).

BRIEFKAMLOOPS
May 11, 1948
V.L.A.Notes in DefenceDenkichi MIZAGUCHIFile No. 689Case No. 10AClaims:

1. Real Property - Lots 6 and 7, Block 3 of Section 18, Block 3, North Range 6, West Map 693, Municipality of Richmond, in the District of New Westminster.
2. Fishing Nets and gear.

Claim 1:-

Would appear to be a straight question of value.
See Real Property Summary.

Claim 2/-

Claim amended page 2. Now stands at \$1711. gross.

See Page 4. Commencing at line 10 Mr. Cobus reads into the record the claimant's story of what he did with his nets. Denies that he put values on the tags. Says he put his name in English on each tag, but no value and left nets at the Phoenix Cannery.

The documents which have been put in as exhibits appear to exhaust the information we have on file as to these nets.

The claimant contends that certain of the nets claimed by him were not those which we describe as having sold. That will have to be argued on the existing evidence. J.D. Mather and C.C. Robinson are entered in the witness book.

At page 8 claimant admits that fish lines were not declared by him.

At page 7 line 10 Mr. Bowen-Colthurst submits our proposed defence.

The main discrepancy seems to be net 6 or 7 which the claimant says was worth \$225.00. We have it listed as sold for \$6.50 or \$85. Claimant says that the net we list does not answer to the description of his. See No. 6 and 7 on Mr. Cuming's yellow analysis. (Ex. 6). It will be seen there that this net seems to have been either misdescribed by someone or confused with another net. See also the item headed "Unlisted net credit" in Mr. Cuming's report.

It appears to me that nothing more can be done on this claim that to examine the witnesses pursuant to Mr. Bowen Colthurst's proposed defence and with regard to the information filed.

Note that claimant was credited with \$188.81 for a net - 4/40 x 6" x 55 - 300 fathoms. He says he owned no such net, but admits he was credited with proceeds of sale \$188.81. See p.5 of Transcript and page 2 of Mr. Cuming's yellow analysis.

Possible evidence:

T. Godfrey	-	Appraiser, Real Property
C.P. Leckie	-	" Nets
J.D. Mather	-	Inventoried "
C.C. Robinson	-	Sold "

FRS/ww
June 19/48

Name of Claimant **MIYAGUCHI, Denkiichi**

Case **104**

Custodian File **687**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)			V.L.A. Mission Village		Total
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices		Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices	
						% of Total	Amount		% of Total	Amount
					79.00		97.60			97.60
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles			Boats and Boat Gear							
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price
							171.00			
							00	1197.70	747.91	449.79
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										347.47

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October 2nd, 1950

Mr. Denkiichi MIEGUCHI,
1180 Railway Ave.,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 104

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$547.47.

Cheque for \$527.31 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$20.16 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears
Director

FGS:BK
Encl.

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART I. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 92
JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E
 (HIS HONOUR, JUDGE J.R. ARCHIBALD, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Kamloops, B.C.
 May 11, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
HEIKICHI MIZUGUCHI

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

T.G. BOWEN-COLTHURST, Esq.,

appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the
 Claimant.

J.R. COLLEY, Esq.,

Secretary to Kamloops
 Sub-Commission.

MRS. I.C. SMITH,

Official Interpreter

G. HANBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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MR. COBUS: I will call Denkichi Mizuguchi, case No. 98 on the original list.

DENKICHI MIZUGUCHI, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

MR. COBUS: Your honour, I would ask leave to amend the claim with respect to personal property to show nets and fishing gear in an amount of \$1711.00 with a credit to the Custodian of \$747.91, leaving a net claim for personalty of \$963.09.

The claim for realty is a net of \$241.00, making a total claim of \$1204.09.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the real estate for which you are claiming. Did you instruct Mr. McMaster to prepare that statement for you and is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I file that as the first exhibit in this claim.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the Farm Appraisal Report on behalf of my learned friend as the next exhibit.

(FARM APPRAISAL REPORT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

MR. COBUS: Referring to the statement, Exhibit 1, your

D. Misuguchi
In Chief

honour, the subject matter of the claim concerns
10 .4 acres of land which was cultivated and in
strawberry crop. It was purchased in 1940 at a
cost price of \$250.00. It was cleared at that
time, but not cultivated. There were no improve-
ments on the land at the time of purchase. The
claimant estimates the value at the date of sale
as being \$320.00. Concerning the work that was
put into this land, the statement says that he
cultivated and planted .4 acres in strawberries
and planted about six fruit trees, at a cost which
he estimates to be \$70.00. There are no buildings
of any value on the property. The land itself was
located one-quarter mile from Steveston, and ten
miles from Vancouver. It was excellent land for
strawberries or market gardening, and in a good
district.

20 With respect to the appraiser's report, the
claimant comments that in view of the price he
paid for the land in 1940 and the improvements
which he put on the land by way of crop he con-
siders that a fair market value at the date of
sale ought to have been at least \$320.00.

Would my learned friend admit that the
assessment of this land in 1942 was \$270.00?

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: Yes, I will admit that, your
honour.

30 MR. COBUS: Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement
concerning the personal property for which you
are claiming. Did you instruct Mr. McKaster to

prepare that statement for you and is that your signature on the bottom of it?

A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I ask to file the statement respecting personalty as the next exhibit.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

10 MR. COBUS: The claim, your honour, consists of seven nets and two amounts of lead line and cork line. These nets and lines are described under the heading "Nets," and the estimated values in the last column total \$1711.00. The claimant then makes a lengthy statement which I think should be read into the record.

20 He says: "I left all my nets and lines at Phoenix Cannery in the net house at Steveston, as I received no instructions from the Custodian where to leave them and I had no place of my own to store them. I had been told I had to evacuate and heard that other fishermen were leaving their nets at the cannery. I placed tags on all my nets with my name written on each tag in English. I do not remember showing any value on the tags, and the values shown in the Custodian's file alleged to have been given by me are ridiculous. I do not recall telling anybody the value of the nets. As I did not expect to sell the nets, there was no reason why I would put

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In Chief

any value on them.

"In 1941 I had discarded all my old nets and replaced them, so that all nets claimed for were practically new. In a report by J.D. Mathers dated April 22, 1942 appearing in the Custodian's file, he states, 'The nets are in good condition,' although his inventory does not correspond in all details with the nets I left, and his estimate of age is not correct."

10 MR. EDWEN-COLTHURST: What is the date of that report?

MR. COBUS: April 22, 1942. It is in your file.

I continue with the statement: "In the case of the nets which I made I have estimated their fair market value on the basis of cost of the twine with a very small allowance for my labour and allowing for their slight use. If I had purchased these they would have cost me considerably more.

20 "The Custodian never gave me a detailed statement as to the sale of my nets and lines. From information appearing on his file, I have been credited with \$30.00 for the sale of 150 fathoms each of lead and cork lines, in addition to what I am claiming and what I left. These were not mine unless they had been taken off my nets. The Custodian also credited me with \$185.81 for a net 4/40 x 6" x 55 - 300 fathoms. My six inch net was 4/50 x 55 and only 200 fathoms. Therefore, the nets sold by the Custodian would appear to
30 have been someone else's net. My six inch net

was brand new and was worth the \$225.00 which I claim.

"Mr. Mathers' inventory referred to above corresponds with some of my nets, but in other cases he shows different lengths and in the case of the 3 1/8" net he is quite wrong as I never owned such net.

10 "In April, 1942, I declared my nets to the Custodian in my J.P. form as required and understood that he would take responsibility for them. I gave the value of my nets in the J.P. form as \$1200.00 for all of them, but this was just a rough estimate, calculated hurriedly when asked their value, and did not include the corks and lines on the nets. I have since considered my detailed list of nets and lines and believe the value shown in my claim to be more accurate.

20 "Some time after this, Mr. Thomas King, the Custodian's representative, came to me at Steveston and asked for a detailed list. I gave him a list as set forth in my claim form which I took from a memo in my notebook, made at the time I tagged my nets. Mr. King assured me the Custodian would look after my nets and lines."

I would ask my learned friend to produce Mr. Mathers' report dated the 22nd of April, 1942.

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: Yes.

30 MR. COBUE: I have a document produced from the Custodian's file signed April 22nd, 1942 by J.D.

B. Hiruguchi
In Chief
Cross exam.

Mather, to which is attached as page 2 an inventory of nets to which reference has already been made. I file that as the next exhibit.

(REPORT AND INVENTORY MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

Your witness.

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MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: In the case of the real estate, it will be contended, your honour, that it was sold at its fair market value. In the case of the nets, it will be contended that the nets that belonged to this claimant were sold for their fair market value, and in the event that it should appear that certain nets claimed by him were not sold by the Custodian, it will be contended that either those nets did not come into the hands of the Custodian and he is not responsible or that the amount claimed by the claimant is excessive.

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST:

20 Q: Now, Mr. Hiruguchi, I show you a document, is that your signature?

A: Yes.

Q: And are the contents of that form correct?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: Would you identify it, please?

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: It is this man's J.P. form. I put that in as an exhibit.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

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Q: Are the seven nets referred to in your J.P. Form, Exhibit 5, the seven nets which you are claiming

for today?

A: Yes.

Q: And at the time that you made out that form, your estimate of value was \$1200.00?

A: He only put the value of the nets.

Q: You didn't put in the value of the fish lines, is that correct?

A: No.

Q: In fact, you didn't declare the fish lines at all, did you?

A: I forgot about them at the time.

10 MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: I will put in as an exhibit the analysis of this net claim, your honour.

MR. COBUS: There is no objection to that going in, your honour, for whatever it is worth. It apparently repeats Mr. Mather's inventory, and we have already commented on the difference between Mr. Mather's inventory and what nets and lines the claimant has listed.

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: It analyzes what occurred with regard to these various nets and I think it will be helpful to the Commissioner for that purpose, your honour.

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(ANALYSIS OF NET CLAIM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

Q: I take it that you were a fisherman by occupation prior to your evacuation, were you?

A: Yes.

Q: And that this little piece of land that you had and on which you planted a few plants was just for your own use.

MR. COBUS: Would my friend indicate what he means by "a few plants." I mean, do you mean the straw-

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berry crop?

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: I am referring to the plants that are set out in the real estate claim form.

MR. COBUS: Yes, .4 acres of strawberries.

MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: Q: Those were just for your own personal use as strawberry plants, were they?

A: I planted them to sell the strawberries as I didn't think it was wise to keep the lot vacant and doing nothing.

10 Q: I see. Now, you recall tagging these fish nets, don't you, Mr. Misuguchi?

A: Yes.

Q: And what did you put on the tags? A: My name only.

Q: Who actually filled in the tags; did you, or did someone else? A: I wrote it.

Q: You did have occasion to value your nets at the time you put in the J.P. form, didn't you?

A: I only put the value of the nets.

20 MR. BOWEN-COLTHURST: Your witness.

MR. COBUS: No questions, your honour.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings herein.

Gordon Hambleton
G. Hambleton
Official Reporter

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript purports to be an accurate record of the evidence adduced before me.

27th March, 1951

Mr. Denkichi MIZUGUCHI,
 Regn. No. 04359,
 1180 Railway Ave.,
 Steveston, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Distribution is now being made from the assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98 per share. You were the holder of 5 shares and payment to you is as follows:

5 shares	\$169.89
Less previously advanced	<u>70.00</u>
	\$ 99.89

Custodian cheque for this amount is attached hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,



C.H. Reed,
 Office of the Custodian.

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