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REPORT STATEMENT

Victoria B.C.

FILE NO. 1994

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: OGURA, Yutaka.

HOME ADDRESS: 857 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10039. SEX: Male AGE: 51

OCCUPATION: Clergyman.

(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: Works for the Japanese Mission of the United Church of Can.

MARRIED? Married.

NAME OF WIFE OR ~~HUSBAND~~: Tomeyo.ADDRESS OF WIFE OR ~~HUSBAND~~: 857 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

## STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

None

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN None

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Lives in Mission House. No rent.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: None United Church of Canada
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: None
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) None
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: None

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:

8 books. 1 Gold watch. \$30. approx.

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS

None

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

None

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)  
2 x \$50. Victory Bonds. K-8. H003672. #K-4. H015071.  
1 x \$25. War Savings Certificate. C132015. In own possession.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None
9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life. #842110, \$1,000. In own possession.  
Beneficiary. Wife.
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. None
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None
2. TRADE DEBTS: None

REMARKS: Books being left behind at Mission house. 857 Pandora Ave.  
Victoria, B. C.

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 28th. day of March. 1942.

(Signature) Gutaba Ozur

Witness \_\_\_\_\_

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE \_\_\_\_\_

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Dec. 8/42

Our File No. 1994

Full Name OGURA, Yutaka  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10039 Male - Female  
(Check) Age July 3, 1890

Former Address 857 Pandora Ave., Victoria, B. C.

Date Evacuated 25/6/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Grand Forks, B. C.

☒ Married - Single  
(Check)

nee

Name of Wife (GOMO) Tomeyo #10040

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother OGURA, Eui (Dec'd) Name of Father OGURA, Hidejiro (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

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

Additional Information Clergyman.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1994

August 6, 1945.

Re: Yutaka OGURA, Reg. No. 10039

The file of this Japanese person reveals no Real  
Property interest.

Dated: August 6, 1945.

Certified correct

*J. MacLean*

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File No. 1994

August 6, 1945.

Re: Tataka OGURA, Reg. No. 10039

This file reveals no claims registered against this person.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information  
on file.

August 6, 1945.

*G. Matthews*

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 1994

August 6, 1945.

Re: Yutaka OGURA, Reg. No. 10039

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on March 28, 1942, and was evacuated on June 25, 1942.

Chattels: Declared 8 Books and one gold watch - books left at 857 Pandora Avenue, Victoria. On August 3, 1945, Mr. OGURA reported that all goods left at 857 Pandora Avenue, belonging to both himself and his wife, had been received with the exception of a pair of field glasses. As this was the first intimation this office had received in regard to the missing article, no action was taken on account of the time that had elapsed since shipment was made.

Securities: 2 \$50.00 Victory Bonds K-8H003672 and K-4 H015071 and one \$25.00 War Savings Certificate C132015, in his own possession were declared. These did not come under the control of the Custodian.

Life Insurance: Sun Life Assurance Co. Policy No. 842110 for \$1,000.00, beneficiary- wife, in his own possession, was declared; this did not come under the control of the Custodian.

Camera: The camera, dealt with in Specified Articles Summary, was reported by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This was mailed to the owner July 19, 1945, and receipt acknowledged.

Radio: The radio, dealt with in Specified Articles Summary, was left in the care of Mr. F.H. Humphrey, 1051 Holmes St., Victoria, the radio was reported to this office by Stocker Transfer Co., when it was given to them for shipment to the owner, in May 1943.

There is no evidence in this file of ownership by this man of any other personal property.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.

August 18, 1945.

*J. Maclean*

SPECIFIED ARTICLES SUMMARY

File No. 1994

August 6, 1945.

Re: Yutaka OGURA, Reg. No. 10039

Camera - R.C.M.P. No. 799 - Surrendered March 2, 1942  
- Handed to Custodian August 16, 1944  
Kodak, Lens 6.3 - Mailed to owner July 19, 1945.  
Serial Nos. 3707 & 30012 - Receipt of camera acknowledged August 3, 1945.

Radio - left in the care of Mr. F. H. Humphrey, 1051 Holmes Street, Victoria.  
This radio was reported by Stocker Transfer Co., Victoria, in May, 1943,  
when Mr. Humphrey attempted to ship it to OGURA without permission from this  
office. Permission to have radio shipped was given OGURA on August 6, 1945.

Dated: August 6, 1945

Certified Correct

J. Maclean

## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

No. 722

## EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. CIB

J.R. 10039

DATE August. 19/44.

Re: Yutaku OGURA, Victoria, B.C.

(Name of File)

On July 30/43 I F.R. Jefferson, Cst.

(Date)

(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by R.C.M.P. VICTORIA, B.C.

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		One Camera Kodak, Lens 6.3 Serial Nos. 3707 and 30012  994

REMARKS: Handed to Custodian Alien Property

(State briefly disposition)

DATE Aug. 6/44.

*Yes B. [Signature]* for Custodian  
(Signature of Recipient or Witness)

CERTIFIED CORRECT  
*F.R. Jefferson*  
F.R. Jefferson, Cst. #10552  
(Signature of Member)



1994

Copy sent Mr. Harold G. Hinton.

*real estate*

June 9th, 1942.

Mr. T. P. McConnell, *or He*  
120 Pemberton Building,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, we think it would be as well if you contacted Mr. Harold G. Hinton, 809 Bank of Toronto Building, Victoria, B. C. regarding this property as he is acting on our behalf regarding such matters. When writing to Mr. Hinton, if you can give him the name or names of the owners of the dwelling you refer to it will no doubt assist him in his investigation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to Mr. Hinton for his information.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Assistant Manager.

*PD:MMC.*  
*[Signature]*

From the office of  
T.P. McConnell,  
Real Estate etc.  
120 Pemberton Bldg,  
Victoria, B. C.



Office of the Custodian  
Japanese Section

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May 30, 1942.

Custodian of Japanese Properties,  
Marine Bldg,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir :

Have a client interested in the purchase of a property such as that in Victoria B. C. known as City Lot 399, on which there is an old dwelling number 857 Pandora Ave, formerly used by the Japanese as a Japanese Mission.

If the property is for sale and title can be given this party would be interested in purchasing providing the price is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

*T.P. McConnell*

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April 19th, 1943.

Rev. W. P. Dunt, B.A., B.D.,  
Supt. of Missions, B.C., United Church of Canada,  
807 Dominion Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We note that Lot 399, Victoria City is assessed to the Methodist Church, Japanese Mission. Search of title in the Land Registry Office reveals that the registered owner of this lot is the United Church of Canada. I am informed by Rev. Yutaka OGURA, formerly minister at Victoria for this church, that the property was sold some months ago, presumably referring to a transfer from the Methodist Church to the United Church.

As there appears to be some Japanese interest in this property, I am enquiring of you, the nature of such interest, if any. If the property is owned by a Japanese Congregation I should like to know, if you have the information, the names of the Trustees of the Congregation and if not now owned by Japanese, the date of transfer by the Japanese Mission to the United Church together with the names of the trustees transferring.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson  
Title Examiner

IM:PB

**The United Church of Canada**  
**British Columbia Conference**

REV. W. P. BUNT, B.A., B.D.  
SUPERINTENDENT OF HOME MISSIONS

867 DOMINION BANK BLDG. 207 WEST HASTINGS ST.  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

April 20th 1943

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 21 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
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Mr. Ian Macpherson,  
Title Examiner,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Hastings & Granville St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your File 1994

This will acknowledge receipt of yours of the 19th inst addressed to Mr. Bunt. As he is at present in the east, I am taking the liberty of replying to your letter.

The property to which you refer, namely, Lot 399 Victoria City, was never held by Trustees of the Japanese congregation, but belonged to the former Methodist Church in Canada, of which the United Church of Canada is the legal successor. This property was sold by the United Church of Canada in October 1942, to the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation of Victoria.

Trusting this information will be sufficient for your purpose,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*(Miss) Agnes Murray*  
Office Secretary.

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## STRAITH, PRINGLE &amp; RUTTAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS  
NOTARIES, ETC.W. T. STRAITH, K.C., M.L.A.  
H. S. PRINGLE, B.A.  
J. G. RUTTAN, B.C.L.308-311 BANK OF TORONTO BUILDING  
1405 DOUGLAS STREET

VICTORIA, B. C.

April 20th, 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 21 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Stan Deep</i>

Ian Macpherson, Esq.,  
Title Examiner,  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Hastings and Granville,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yutaka Ogura, Your file No. 1994.

We have your letter of April 19th. The property in question was originally owned by the Methodist Church and was secured by them for the purpose of a Mission for Japanese Christians of the Methodist Church in this vicinity. The Methodist Church, of course, became a part of the United Church of Canada and it was necessary for this property to be transferred to the United Church of Canada before it could be disposed of. Mr. Ogura was the last minister of the Japanese Church here which explains why the tax notice was sent to him. The property, however, was never owned by the Japanese themselves but owned by the Church and maintained for the benefit of Japanese Christians of that denomination.

The property has recently been sold by the United Church of Canada to the C.C.F. organization and is now called the C.C.F. Hall. The property is located near the corner of Pandora and Quadra Streets in Victoria.

We trust that the above will answer your inquiry.

Yours truly,

STRAITH, PRINGLE &amp; RUTTAN

Per: *[Signature]*WTS/DC  
*110-100 internal*

**GEORGE A. TOUCHE & Co.**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

DONOVAN M. TOUCHE    E. JAMES BENNETT  
JOHN PARTON        GEORGE L. C. TOUCHE  
FRANK P. TURVILLE    J. HAYDEN YOUNG  
                         HAROLD G. HINTON

EDWARD S. READ

CABLE ADDRESS: A.G. OFFICE "TOUCHE"  
CABLES: MONTREAL A.G.O. WHYTEAR UNION

ENGLAND, LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM.

CANADA, MONTREAL, TORONTO, WINDSOR, REGINA, CALGARY,  
EDMONTON, VANCOUVER, VICTORIA.

U. S. A., NEW YORK, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, ST. LOUIS,  
MINNEAPOLIS, LOS ANGELES.

BANK OF TORONTO BUILDING,  
VICTORIA, B.C.

26th May 1943.

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Rec'd MAY 27 1943
File No. 1994
Ans.
Referred <i>Mackison</i>

F. G. Shears, Esq.,  
Acting Director,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

re Reverend Y. Ogura

A request has been received from the above named for the shipment to him of a radio. This Japanese is at present at Grand Forks, B. C.

The radio in question has, up to the present, been in the custody of Mr. F. H. Humphrey of 1051 Holmes Street, Victoria, B. C.; but is now with the Stocker Transfer Company who have been instructed to hold this instrument until authority has been received for its dispatch. The radio is crated and weighs 155 pounds and Ogura wishes it sent to him, all charges collect.

It would be appreciated if you would be so kind as to advise me whether it will be in order to proceed with this shipment. The policy in the past has been to hand over to the R. C. M. P. all radios, cameras and fire-arms belonging to evacuated Japanese; but as it is possible that these instructions may have undergone some modification, the matter is referred to you for instructions.

Yours faithfully,

*H. G. Hinton*

EWP:MHK

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May 31, 1943.

George A. Youche & Co.,  
Bank of Toronto Building,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Reverend Yutaka Ogura. Reg. #10039

In reply to your letter of May 26th  
I wish to advise that the policy in regard to radios  
is that these cannot be shipped to persons of Japanese  
origin resident in British Columbia.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.

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March 8th, 1944

Rev. Yutaka OGURA,  
Registration No. 10039,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

We recently received an application from Mrs. Yone Aihoshi for shipment to her of a Singer sewing machine and washing machine left at the Japanese United Church, Victoria. We had no previous record of this but see from our files that you and your wife left some belongings in this building. It was subsequently sold to the C. C. F. and we are not sure whether your things were moved or not.

Would you kindly write and advise whether there is anything left and if so, whether Mrs. Yone Aihoshi's articles described above, are among them. While we are in no particular hurry at Victoria, we shall be liquidating Japanese chattels there sooner or later and if you wish anything shipped to you or have other arrangements of any kind to make, we think you should put these in hand right away.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF

Grand Forks B.C.  
March 11th 1944

H. F. Green Esq.  
Protection Dept.  
Office of Custodian  
Japanese Evacuation Section.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 13 1944
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Ans.	Y.H. K.
Referred	Green

Your File 1994: 1992: 8608 .

Dear Sir.-,

I wish to thank you for your letter of March 8th 1944 re the matter of the belongings of Mrs Ogura and myself, left in Victoria B.C. Also with regard to the matter of Mrs Aihoshi's washing and sewing machines.

Our goods were left in some locked rooms at the Japanese United Church Victoria under the general custody of Rev. W.P. Bunt B.A.B.D. Superintendent of Missions for B.C. The United Church of Canada. He had the keys of these rooms and at the time of the sale of this building to the C.C.F. had an understanding with them that these rooms could and would be left intact for some time.

Mr. M. Sameshima, now of Slocan, who was treasurer of our church at Victoria also left some things therein among which may be and probably is Mrs Aihoshi's articles. I had nothing to do with these and did not know Mrs Aihoshi intimately.

As all these things were put into the rooms loosely and unpacked, I am afraid mixing and confusion would ensue the handling of these things but myself who alone could know and sort out my own personal things.

I am writing our Superintendent of Missions suggesting that he secure from the Security Commission permission for me to accompany him to Victoria and sort out my own things and pack them for shipment, following your suggestion that these matters be concluded. As soon as I hear from Mr Bunt I will advise you immediately.

It would be necessary for Mr Sameshima to identify Mrs Aihoshi's article by description and give order for their release from his custody, I think. I had nothing whatever to do with those things but they were put in my locked rooms by Mr Sameshima.

Thanking you for your favour  
I am yours heartily

(Rev.) Yutaka Ogura  
(Rev. Yutaka Ogura)

Write N.S. on his file re Mrs. Ine Aihoshi's  
B.C. to see what luck he has

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Rev. W.P. Bunt, B.A., B.D.  
Superintendent of Home Missions.

807 Dominion Bank Bldg.,  
207 West Hastings St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
April 22nd, 1944.

Superintendent Gray,  
R.C.M. Police,  
Federal Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Rev. Y. OGURA - Reg.No.10039.

The above named gentleman, is a minister of the United Church of Canada, and prior to the evacuation was in charge of our Japanese Mission in Victoria. When leaving Victoria, quite a number of his personal effects, as well as a sewing machine, washing machine, and a few other items belonging to other Japanese were left in the Mission building in Victoria, in a room for which I have the keys. This building was our property, and has since been sold to the C.C.F., and they are anxious to have us get these effects out of the building without further delay. Then too, the Rev Mr. Ogura has had a letter from the Custodian's Office, asking that he arrange to have these effects disposed of by which I mean, shipping what he wants to his present address at Grand Forks and turning the rest over to the Custodian for sale. It need hardly be said that he is the only one that can give direction in this matter, as the various items left in the mission building are not tagged or listed, so that an outsider could not go in and handle the situation. When the evacuation took place, we were under the impression that the United Church could hold these articles for our Japanese ministers, but with the developments in the whole process of handling the Japanese, that is not feasible.

I am writing you to request that a permit be granted to Mr. Ogura to come from Grand Forks to Victoria, in order to get this matter straightened up, and if you will grant this permission, you will be doing not only a favour to Mr. Ogura, but also a very real one to me, as I am anxious to get the responsibility for these articles off my shoulders. Mr. Ogura is prepared to pay all expenses in connection with the trip and I shall arrange for his supervision by a responsible minister of our Church while here in Vancouver, and will arrange also to have one of our ministers go with him to Victoria, and to stay with him during the two or three days he may need to straighten matters up in that city. Of course, I understand that in addition to any supervision we will provide it will be necessary for him to conform to your regulations in keeping in touch with your officials both in Vancouver and Victoria.

Our United Church Minister in Grand Forks, if necessary, will travel from Grand Forks to Vancouver with

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Mr. Ogura, and as he (Rev. Thomas Keyworth) will be coming down to our Annual Conference, on the 14th or 15th of May, I would ask that the permit for Mr. Ogura be dated so that he can leave Grand Forks at that time, and would suggest that you date it, on or after May 14th, as at the moment I am not sure just exactly when Rev. Mr. Keyworth will be leaving Grand Forks for Vancouver.

I trust that you will find it possible to grant this permission, and beg to assure you that the United Church will co-operate fully with you in the matter, as has been our policy ever since the problem of the Japanese arose.

Yours very truly,

sgd

(W. P. Bunt)

WFB/AM

CANADA

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

TO WIT:

IN THE MATTER OF a receipt for camera  
owned by Yutaka OGURA, of Victoria,  
British Columbia, Clergyman.

I, Yutaka OGURA, of 857 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia, Clergyman, do solemnly declare:

1. That I owned a camera, Kodak, lens 6.3, Serial Nos. 3707 and 30012, and have personal knowledge of the facts herein declared.
2. That I had in my possession and control at 857 Pandora Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia a Kodak camera, lens 6.3, Serial Nos. 3707 and 30012.
3. On the Fifth day of February, 1942, I delivered the said camera to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and received a receipt therefor.
4. That I have made a most diligent search for the said receipt in all repositories where such receipt might be. I have not found the same and I verily believe that the said receipt has been lost beyond recovery or destroyed.
5. That I have not in any way dealt with the said receipt or papers relating to the said camera and have not pledged or hypothecated the same or lodged the receipt with any person, firm or corporation as security.
6. That the sole reason for the non-production of the receipt is that it has been lost or accidentally destroyed.
7. That I have been informed that my camera is in the possession of the Custodian.
8. I hereby make application for the release of this camera, and request that this camera be shipped to me at my present address, Grand Forks, B. C.

AND I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

DECLARED before me at the <sup>City</sup>Village of

GRAND FORKS, in the Province of

BRITISH COLUMBIA, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of

July  
A.D. 1945

*Archer Davis*

A Commissioner for taking Affidavits within  
British Columbia

*Yutaka Ogura*

July 6, 1945.

To: Mr. Spain

From: F. Matheson

Re: Yutaka OGURA, Reg. 10039, File 1994

This man owns camera, RCMP No. 799, being a Kodak, Lens 6.3, Serial Nos. 3707 and 30012.

He has sent us funds to cover postage and a Statutory Declaration, in lieu of the missing camera receipt.

Will you kindly arrange to have this camera mailed to,

Rev. Mr. Yutaka OGURA,  
Registration No. 10039,  
Box 295,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

*F. Matheson*

*mailed July 19<sup>th</sup> 45  
Rev. Mr. Spain*

435 JUL 19

Parcel

Post Insurance

From: F. Matheson

TO: VANCOUVER

Post Office

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See to it that receipt is  
of the parcel.

Check when it's mailed

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July 19, 1945.

Mr. Tutaka OGURA,  
Registration No. 10039,  
Box 295,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise that we have mailed your camera to you by insured parcel post today. The postage was 19 cents. The balance of the 50 cents sent by you for this purpose is being returned to you herewith in the form of stamps to the value of 31 cents.

In reviewing the files of yourself and your wife, we note that you declared, 8 books, 1 gold watch, books being left at Mission House, 857 Pandora Avenue, Victoria.

Mrs. Ogura declared 8 boxes and 2 trunks containing clothing, books, sewing machine, kitchenware, chinaware and bedding, left at the Mission House.

On your file we note a request for the return of a radio left in the care of Mr. F. H. Humphrey, 1051 Holmes Street, Victoria.

We understand that all the personal belongings of yourself and your wife were shipped to Mrs. Ogura in July, 1944, except for such articles as had been taken with you when you left the Protected Area.

There is no record of your radio being returned to you, and if you have not had this returned, we would advise that there is no objection to your arranging to have this shipped. Such arrangements should be made direct with the person taking care of the radio.

We would be pleased if you would advise us whether the radio has been returned, and confirm that all the personal belongings of yourself and Mrs. Ogura, which were left at the Mission House, have been returned to you, and that no property of yours remains in the Protected Area. At the same time, please let us know if your camera has reached you. For your convenience, we enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.

Enclosures (2)

Box 295  
Grand Forks. B.C.  
August 3. 1945

Mr. F. Matheson  
Special Articles Dept.  
Japanese Evacuation Bureau  
Office of Custodian  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Referring to your file 1992-1994 Yutaka Ojima.

Dear Mr. Matheson:

Thank you very much for your courtesy  
in forwarding my camera, also refund from postage  
allowances on same - all received in due course.

For thank you, all goods left at 854 Pandora St.  
Victoria B.C. both of my own as well as those of  
my wife, have been received by us, with exception  
of a pair of field glasses which were locked up in  
a writing desk, but which were not along  
with other goods when arriving. However I suppose  
there is little or no hope of recovering those and  
we must accept our loss.

With regard to my radio - it is still in the custody  
of Mr. F. H. Humphrey 1051 Holmes St. Victoria. I wrote  
Mr. Humphrey a long time ago asking him to ship my  
radio and he tried to do so but found the Customs  
people would not undertake to ship without some  
special permission - but where I do not recall.  
It may have been R.C.M.P. but I cannot say.  
However whoever's permission was needed could  
not be had and Mr. Humphrey reported some ship  
brokers about him having it. However to best of  
my knowledge he still has it.

Would it be an asking too much - for you to write

J. Hetheron  
Customs Office

has a letter of permit to ship, which I  
might enclose in a letter I just wrote  
Mr Humphrey. This would doubtless facilitate  
its shipping.

Immediately upon receipt of the radio  
I will surely advise you.

Thanks you for all your courtesies  
I am Yours Sincerely

(R) Yutaka Ogura,

1994 & 1992

August 6, 1945.

Reverend Mr. Yutaka OGURA,  
Box 295,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In regard to the radio, which you left in the care of Mr. F. H. Humphrey, 1051 Holmes Street, Victoria, we wish to advise that the Custodian has no objection to your arranging shipment of this radio.

At the time your previous request for shipment was received, regulations did not permit this office to grant permission for the shipment of radios to owners residing in British Columbia. These regulations have since been changed.

It will not be necessary for you to obtain permission from either the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or the British Columbia Security Commission to have your radio shipped.

We are enclosing a copy of this letter, which you may send to Mr. Humphrey to show that it will be in order to ship the radio to you.

As you are no doubt aware, all arrangements in regard to shipping and the costs of shipping should be made by you direct with Mr. Humphrey. This office is not responsible in any way.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.

CC attached.

1994 & 1992

August 6, 1945.

Reverend Mr. Tataka OGURA,  
Registration No. 10039,  
Box 295,  
Grand Forks, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of August 3rd, reporting that your camera had reached you.

We were very sorry to learn that a pair of field glasses were missing from the shipment of chattels sent to Mrs. Ogura last year. At this date, so long after shipment was made, it is impossible for us to trace this article.

Attached is letter in regard to your radio, with a copy which may be sent to Mr. Humphrey.

We shall be pleased to hear from you when you have received your radio.

Yours truly,

Enclosure

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.