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FORM 1-1

FILE NO.

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MISSION
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: WATANABE, Ichijuro REGISTRATION No. 13008

HOME ADDRESS: Mill Rd. Abbotsford, B.C. MARRIED? No

SEX: Male AGE: 61

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Unemployed ADDRESS: _____

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: _____ ADDRESS: _____

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: _____ ADDRESS: _____

_____ ADDRESS: _____

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 17th day of April

1942. J. Watanabe
(Signature)

WITNESS: [Signature]

LIST OF LIABILITIES: *None*

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Oct.

Our File No. 4447

Full Name WATANABE Ichijuro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 13006

Male - Female
(check)

Age Mar. 31, 1881

Former Address Mill Road, Abbotsford, B.C.

Date Evacuated Apr. 17/42. Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Lethbridge, Alta.

Widower
Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife (KATO) Shina (Deid)

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother (MIZOKAWA) Tora Name of Father Toyotaro (Deid)

Names of Children under 16 (Deid)

Requested by ECJ Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Casual Labourer.

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June 1, 1949.

Mr. R. Y. Nishikawa,
728 - 16th St. N.,
Lethbridge, Alta.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of May 30th and have read with sympathy the situation in regard to the two elderly Japanese evacuees in whom you are interested.

There was an order-in-council under which advances were made to Japanese who had no funds returning to Japan, but this order was recently revoked and I am not aware that any further Government assistance is now available.

You will appreciate that this office has only administrative powers, and the question you raise would be a matter of policy, to be decided by Custodian and other Government Departments at Ottawa.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/AM

728 - 16th St. N.,
Lethbridge, Alta.,
May 30th, 1949

The Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Dear Sirs:-

I have been asked by two elderly Japanese evacuees:-

4449 Riyo Ishihara, Kipp, Alta. (Widow)
4449 Ichijiro Watanabe, Kipp, Alta. (Bachelor)

if your Department can give some financial assistance
for their return to Japan.

Both of the above parties were evacuated from Abbotsford, B.C.
in 1942 and have since been of the farm of Mr. Hans Ellingson,
Kipp, Alta.

Mrs. Riyo Ishihara whose husband passed away last fall is
crippled in the left leg and right hand and has no relatives
in this country to depend upon for subsistence. She is
presently living on a farm and is living on a meager relief
she obtains from the Welfare Department. She fears that
unless she returns to Japan to her relatives, she may become
totally disabled and become a patient in a Government
institution. Friends and neighbours have helped but she
cannot always depend upon their assistance.

Mr. Watanabe lives next door to Mrs. Ishihara and he was in
partnership on beet labour contract with Mr. Ishihara until
his sudden death last fall. He does some beet labour and odd
farm jobs in the summer, other than this he has no income.
From his meager income he has been helping Mrs. Ishihara.
He wishes to return to Japan to his relatives because at his
age of 68 he cannot make a living, and also to accompany
Mrs. Ishihara as she cannot travel alone in her semi-invalid
condition. He too has no relatives in this country.

I sincerely hope that your Department can give these elderly
persons some kind of help - say a fare back to Japan. If
they must pay their own fare they will have to spend most,
if not all of their some assets for fare alone. If they stay
in Canada they will become permanent burden to the Canadian
Government, and this would mean far greater expense to the
Government.

I would appreciate your reply as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

R. Y. Nishikawa

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