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**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: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ KUWAHARA, Hiroshi
 HOME ADDRESS: #401, 504 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.
 REGISTRATION NUMBER 02668 SEX: Male AGE: 28
 OCCUPATION: Store manager

(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: Silk-O-Lina Ltd., 730 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: KEIKO ✓

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same address

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: Apartment house, 504 E. Hastings St.,
#401, Vancouver, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: MR. AND MRS. TATROFF, 504 E. Hastings St., Vancouver, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$30 per month paid to date
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: Shelving 4 shelves 20' X 11" each, 16' X 11", 15' X 11", 18' X 11" 15' Rack for garments, 2 counters 10' X 36" X 27". X 1 counter 12' X 36" X 36". 1 end counter 6' long used as dressing room. Located 730 Granville St; in care of Vancouver Block / Pays \$5.75 per month for rent. Wish to sell as soon as possible. Value about \$250

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS None
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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)
\$100 Victory Bond, 1951 maturity, in own possession

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, \$100, Acc.#5049

9. LIFE INSURANCE: Sun Life, Calgary Branch, \$2,000, 25-year endowment.
beneficiary wife KEIKO, in own possession

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 24th day of April 1942

(Signature)

M. Anderson

M. Anderson
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date

August 17/43

Our File No. 5101

Full Name KUWANARA, Hiroshi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02668

Male - Female
(check)

Age May 27/1914

Former Address

401, 504 East Hastings St. Vancouver B.C.
323 15th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.

Date Evacuated

Apr. 22/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

323 - 15th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.
Booked Feb. 1943

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife

Sasaki, Keiko Kay #04883

Name of Husband

Name of Mother

MATSUMOTO, Yasu (Calgary)

Name of Father

KUWANARA, Tatsuo (Calgary)

Names of Children under 16

Requested by

[Signature]

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Have Money

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Silk-o-Lina
730
GRANVILLE
DRESS GOODS MARKET

PHONE: MARINE 4737

VANCOUVER, B. C.

DATE March 23rd 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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MAR 24 1942

We Carry:
Dress Goods
of all kinds
Silks
Celanese
Rayon
Woollen
Cotton
Material.

Ladies' Undergarments
and Novelties.

Mall Orders Promptly
Executed.

Samples Sent Upon
Request for Piece
Goods.
Specify Your Favorite
Shades.

Lowest Price Is Our
Motto.

Mr. MacPherson,
Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We would like to apply for permission to ship the rest of the stock of merchandise to our affiliated company, SILK-O-LINA COMPANY of Calgary.

Just now, we are having a Close Out Sale as we have another month to go before our Lease on the store expires. We intend to close the store around the 15th of April and take the rest of the month to pack up all the balance and ship them to Calgary. As this company is wholly Canadian owned and capitalized; you informed us before, that we do not come under your jurisdiction up to this time.

However, the conditions and laws change so rapidly that we cannot see how we stand even till the morrow. We would, therefore, ask your permission to remove the balance of goods unsold at end of April to Calgary.

Yours very truly,

SILK-O-LINA LIMITED

Per. *Shuwhara*

C O P Y

Vancouver, B. C.

March 27th 1942.

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

Dear Sirs,

Re Hiroshi Kuwahara
730 Granville St. Vancouver, B.C.

The above party is the manager of Silk-O-Line Limited, carrying on business at 730 Granville St. Vancouver, B. C. This Company is owned by Japanese interests of Calgary, Edmonton and Regina, and this is a branch store in Vancouver.

The lease of the Silk-O-Line Limited of its store premises is being cancelled as of April 30th, 1942, so as to allow this Company to sell and remove its stock of merchandise prior to this date.

It is necessary that Mr. Hiroshi Kuwahara be allowed to remain in Vancouver until April 30th next, so that he may sell and remove this stock of merchandise prior to this date, which amounts to about \$30,000.00.

Mr. Hiroshi Kuwahara is a Canadian born citizen of Calgary, and he wishes to return to Calgary by April 30th, where his father carries on a store business as Silk-O-Line Company.

I therefore trust you will grant this Japanese a permit to remain in Vancouver until April 30th next, and then permit him to go to Calgary with his wife, where he will be self-supporting.

I also represent the Burns Estate which rents the store premises at 730 Granville St. to this Company, and this Estate is anxious that this Company vacate the store premises by this date.

Yours truly,

WDGD.

W. D. GILLESPIE

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BARRISTER-AT-LAW
SOLICITOR, ETC.

TELEPHONE MARINE 1622

OFFICES:
612 VANCOUVER BLOCK
VANCOUVER, B. C.

March 27th 1942.

Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
MAR 30 1942

Dear Sir,

Re Silk-O-Lina Limited,
730 Granville St. Vancouver, B.C.

The above concern has been carrying on a drygood merchandising business at the above address, and has branch stores at Calgary, Edmonton, and Regina.

The lease on the Vancouver store is being cancelled on April 30th next, and a closing out sale is being conducted so as to dispose of as much goods as possible, and the goods remaining unsold on April 15th, will then be packed and shipped to the Calgary and Edmonton stores.


This company is owned by Japanese residing in Calgary, Edmonton and Regina, with H. Kuwahara as manager here and he is applying for permission to remain in Vancouver until April 30th so as to dispose of this stock.

I also represent the Burns Estate the owner of this store, and they are anxious to have these goods removed from this store by April 30th next.

I do not know of any prohibition against the removing of these goods to Calgary and Edmonton, but I wish to advise you of this, so that if there is any objection you can advise me.

Yours truly,

WDGD.



W. D. GILLESPIE

BARRISTER-AT-LAW
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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
MAR 30 1942

March 30th 1942.

Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

Re Silk-O-Lins Limited
730 Granville St. Vancouver, B.C.

I enclose copy of letter which I wrote to the B.C. Security Commission on the 27th inst. asking for permission for Hiroshi Kuwahara, manager of the above concern, to remain in Vancouver until April 30th next, so as to allow him to sell and dispose of a large stock of merchandise of the above Company at the above address.

On March 14th last, this Company obtained a licence from the City Licence Department authorizing it to hold a Closing-Out-Sale for 30 days, and at that time the value of the merchandise on hand was \$30,000.00, and since then some has been sold, but there is still a large amount on hand.

The B. C. Security Commission is prepared to allow Hiroshi Kuwahara, the manager of this Company, to remain in Vancouver until April 30th, provided you think it necessary for him to dispose of this large stock of merchandise and will recommend the same.

If this Japanese is allowed to remain in Vancouver, so as to dispose of this stock of merchandise it will save you considerable time and trouble, and the Burns Estate is anxious to have this store vacated by this date.

I therefore ^{trust} you will see your way clear to recommend that this Japanese ~~to~~ remain in Vancouver to dispose of this stock of merchandise, which can be done by him by April 30th.

Yours truly,

WDGD.

W.D. Gillespie

2nd April, 1942.

W. D. Gillespie, Esq.,
612 Vancouver Block,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Silk-o-Lina Ltd.
730 Granville Street

I have your letters of the 27th and 30th March and in reply regret to advise you that the policy of the Custodian's office is not to make any requests to the Security Commission to permit any Japanese to remain in the protected area. You will readily understand that if any exception were made to this rule in even one case it would be most difficult for the Custodian to refuse it in others.

I would be glad to discuss this matter with you if you would agree to get in touch with me.

Yours truly,

C. L. Drewry
Manager

CLD:LF

April 11, 1942.

Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association,
602 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Houghton

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephonic inquiry regarding the Silk-O-Lina, Ltd., 730 Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.

We are informed by Mr. Hiroshi Kuwahara, the Manager, and by W. D. Gillespie, Barrister at 612 Vancouver Block, that this company is owned by Japanese residing in Calgary, Edmonton and Regina.

We understand that the store premises are owned by the Burns Estate, which is represented by Mr. Gillespie.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Assistant Manager.

RPA:BM

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December 16, 1942.

Mr. Hiroshi KUWAHARA,
Registration No. Q2668,
c/o 323 - 15th Avenue West,
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:

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In your registration form of April 12th you declared some shelving garment racks, counters, etc., located at 730 Granville Street. To clear our records we would like your confirmation that all these things were either sold or removed by you from the Protected Area and that you have now nothing which the Custodian needs to attend to.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green,
Protection Department.

HFG:MA

REC'D	DEC 30 1942
File No.	5101
Ans.	12/26
Referred	Green

323-15th Ave. West,
Calgary, Alta.,
Dec. 29th, 1942.

Mr. H.F. Green,
Protection Department,
Office of Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Your letter of Dec. 16th, 1942; File No. 5101.

Sorry I am late in answering your letter, but I have had a bad cold, and had not felt very good till now.

In reply, may I state that there is some misunderstanding in this letter.

First: The date of my registration of these counters, garment racks, shelvings was around April 23rd, the day before my departure from the Protected Area, not April 12th, though this is only a minor detail.

Second: I left these goods in the hands of the Custodian with the note that we will not be liable for the rent accruing on these goods, as these goods had value of only \$300. and the rent of the place was \$5.75. a month. I told the Custodian to please dispose of these for me as I had to leave the Protected Area right away, and I had sold all I could sell.

Third: I have had no word concerning their disposal from either the Custodian, or the proprietor of the Burns Building in which these goods were located. Also, I have no way of disposing it myself here. I am in complete darkness as to the final disposal of these goods I had entrusted to the Custodian, so I would appreciate it if you will let me know what has been done to these goods from the time I left Vancouver till now.

Yours truly,

Shiroshi Kawabata
Registration No. 02668,
Calgary, Alta.

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January 5, 1943

Mr. W. D. Gillespie
612 Vancouver Block
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hiroshi KUWAHARA

Would you kindly refer to your letter of March 27th (paragraphs 2 and 4) and yours of March 30th?

In reviewing our files, we wrote to the Japanese asking him to confirm that the shelving, garment racks, and counters left at 730 Granville Street had been sold or removed by him. He now answers that he asked us to dispose of these.

Our records show that this is not the case and we quite understood, from your letters referred to above, that he himself would be making all arrangements. Alternatively, it may be that this equipment was regarded by you as fixtures. In any case, would you kindly let us have your comments?

The items in question are as follows:

Shelving: 4 shelves 20' x 11" each, 16' x 11", 15' x 11", 18' x 11".
15' rack for garments.
2 counters 10' x 36" x 27".
1 counter 12' x 36" x 36".
1 end counter 6' long, used as dressing room.
- Located 730 Granville Street, in care
of Vancouver Block.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:NDE

W. D. GILLESPIE

BARRISTER-AT-LAW
SOLICITOR, ETC.

TELEPHONE MARINE 1822

OFFICES:
612 VANCOUVER BLOCK
VANCOUVER, B. C.

January 13th 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION JAN 14 1943 5101 <i>[Signature]</i>

The Custodian,
Protection Department,
606 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs,

Re Hiroshi Kuwahara,
Your file 5101.

I have received your letter of the 5th inst. The store premises at 730 Granville Street was rented to Silk-O-Lins Limited, the shares of which was owned by Japanese of Alberta. Mr. H. Kuwahara was one of the shareholders and manager of the Company at Vancouver.

This Company ceased operations in April, 1942, and shipped its goods remaining unsold from the store at 730 Granville St. to its premises in Calgary and Edmonton, where its shareholders reside.

I understand this Company sold whatever fixtures it could from this store at 730 Granville St. and the remainign fixtures on hand were not sold.

The fixtures remainig in this store are not considered of any value, but at the time the store was vacated in April, 1942, they belonged to Silk-O-Lins Limited. The reason these fixtures have remained in this store, is because this store has not since been rented, but at the time the Silk-O-Lins vacated this store they were told to take everything they wanted from the store.

This store is likely to be rented at an early date, and any of these fixtures remaining will be destroyed, in order to get rid of them, as they were made from common fir, to fit this particular store, and would probably be of no value elsewhere.

The owners of this store would be much obliged if you could arranged to have these fixtures removed at an early date for they are in the way and would be of no use to an incoming tenant, and would only cause the owners the trouble of having them removed.

If you wish to inspect or remove these fixtures, kindly advise me at an early date, otherwise these fixtures will be disposed as soon as this store can be rented.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

wdgd.

GBS

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MEMORANDUM

File No.: 5101

January 18th, 1943

TO: Mr. Spain

FROM: Mr. Green

Re: KUWAHARA, Hiroshi

Would you please note my letter of January 5th and Mr. Gillespie's reply of January 13th on file herewith. I think we should have Mr. Smith go down and decide whether these shelving and counters are fixtures or whether it is up to us to remove them to storage. In the former case, I do not think we are under any obligation to remove them, but in the latter, we should, of course, take the usual steps. If you will let me know what is decided, I will advise the Japanese.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 5101

February 17th, 1943

To: FILE

From: Mr. Spain

Re: KUWABARA, Hiroshi

In view of request in W. D. Gillespie's letter of January 13th, efforts were made in many directions to dispose of counters and shelves and these were finally sold as follows:

Forst's Limited --- 2 Counters	\$10.00
B. C. Dental Supply Company --- 1 counter & Shelves	<u>\$15.00</u>
	<u>\$25.00</u>

Geo. B. Spain

GHS:IF



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February 19th, 1943

Mr. Hiroshi KUNAHARA,
Registration No. 02668,
323 15th Avenue West,
Calgary, Alberta.

Dear Sir:-

We have not answered your letter of December 29th more promptly as it has taken us some time to investigate this matter and dispose of the goods.

We agree that your registration was on April 24th but we do not agree that you instructed us to sell these goods as you say in your letter of December 29th. Your declaration merely reads "wish to sell as soon as possible" from which and from your letter of March 23rd, we understood that you were making your own arrangements.

On receipt of your letter of December 29th we inspected the shelvings, counters, etc. left at 730 Granville St. and discussed the matter with Mr. Gillespie, agent for the owners of the premises. He wrote as follows to us on January 13th and our own investigation confirms that what he says of the value of the fixtures is largely true.

"The fixtures remaining in this store are not considered of any value, but at the time the store was vacated in April 1942, they belonged to Silk-O-Lina, Limited. The reason these fixtures have remained in this store, is because this store has not since been rented, but at the time the Silk-O-Lina vacated this store they were told to take everything they wanted from the store.

"This store is likely to be rented at an early date, and any of these fixtures remaining will be destroyed in order to get rid of them as they were made from common fir to fit this particular store, and would probably be of no value elsewhere.

"The owners of this store would be much obliged if you could arrange to have these fixtures removed at an early date for they are in the way and would be of no use to an incoming tenant, and would only cause the owners the trouble of having them removed."

Mr. Hiroshi KUWAHARA

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February 19th, 1943

We have finally been able to obtain \$10.00 for two of the counters from one party, and \$15.00 for one counter and shelf from another and have credited your account with \$25.00. We should mention that it took us a good deal of time and trouble to effect this sale and as you yourself were not able to arrange anything before evacuation, we think we have done well in making this arrangement.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

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Name

KUWAHARA, Hiroshi

Address

323-15th Ave., Calgary, Alta.

Amount

\$5.40

Reg. No.

02668

Refund of 1% Wage deductions for first six months
of 1941 from Provincial Collector Vancouver.

Extract

File 5101

January 10, 1944

SILK O LINA CO.

The Japanese noted below holds shares in the above
company. INOUYE, Fred - registration # 02668.

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February 18, 1947.

Mr. Hiroshi KUMAHARA,
Reg. No. 02668,
323 - 15th Ave. W.,
CALGARY, Alta.

Dear Sir:

We enclose herewith Custodian cheque in the sum of \$5.40.
This represents a refund of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ % wage deductions for the first six months
of 1941.

We advised you in our letter of February 19, 1943, that the
counters and shelving left at the Silk-O-Lina Ltd. were sold for the sum
of \$25.00. Your lawyer, Mr. Gillespie, advised us that these fixtures
really belonged to the Silk-O-Lina Ltd. We have therefore transferred
this amount from your account to the account of the Company.

As no property belonging to you now remains under the control
of the Custodian, we are closing your account.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson
Office of the Custodian

LHM:

Encl. (1)