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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: ISHIHARA (Riyo) Mrs. Gisaburo

HOME ADDRESS: P.O. Box 86, Abbotsford, BC REGISTRATION No. 12924

SEX: Female AGE: 56 MARRIED? Yes

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Housewife

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Gisaburo ADDRESS: P.O. Box 86, Abbotsford

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: None 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

WITNESS:

P. Williams

1942.

S. Ishihara
on behalf of R. Ishihara
(Signature)

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO PAY THESE OFF?

LIST OF LIABILITIES:

None

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Oct. 7/43.

Our File No. 5716

Full Name ISHIHARA (Riya) Mrs. Gisaburo
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 12924

Male - Female
(check)

Age Nov. 23, 1886

Former Address P.O. Box 86, Abbotsford, B.C.

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

Present Address Stelling, Alta.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife -

Name of Husband Gisaburo #12923

Name of Mother Dead

Name of Father Dead

Names of Children under 16

Requested by ECX

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information

STATEMENT OF ASSETSCustodian's OfficeFile No.: 5716British Columbia Security Commission.Name: ISHIHARA, RyoReg. No. 12924Address: ALBERTA

Special Enquiry: _____

Credit with Custodian: NILCredit in Bank: NILLife Insurance: NILReal Property: NILNet RevenueNegotiable Assets: NILRemarks: Always information declared to the CustodianApril 17, 1943.Date: August 24, 1943.

Compiled by:

E. Corker

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

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

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Rec'd
File No. 444 97716
Ans.
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Dear Sir:-

I have been asked by two elderly Japanese evacuees:-

Riyo Ishihara, Kipp, Alta. (Widow)
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"

R. Y. Nishikawa

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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,

P.G. Shears,
Director.

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