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PERSONAL

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

FILE NO. 8069

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: GOTO, Sotaro

Humpback Bay, Skeena River, B. C.

HOME ADDRESS: Now in Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10984 SEX: Male AGE: 52

OCCUPATION: 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: S&K Oceanic Cannery Co. Skeena River, B. C.

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

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:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

VACANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST:

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

1 Cork line and lead line worth about \$50.00
Carpenter Tools 50.00
1 Gurdy 35.00

The above stored at Oceanic Cannery Co. Skeena River, B. C.

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

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: _____

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) _____

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) _____

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

REMARKS Declarant claims he registered around beginning of May 1942. OK

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

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 17th day of June 1942.

(Signature) S. Goto

E. C. Puffley
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Sept. 23/43

Our File No. 8069

Full Name GOTO, Sotaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10984 Male - Female
(Check) Age Apr. 23, 1890

Former Address Humpback Bay, Skeena River, B. C.

Date Evacuated 21/8/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Tashme, B. C.

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Dec'd Name of Father Dec'd

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by ECT Registered with Custodian yes
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman.

Tashme B.C.
June 14th, 1946.

Office of Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 21 1946
File No.	8069
Ans.	see June 17/46
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir:

I have received your letter (File No. 8069) on May 25th, and I thank you.

I have found out through your reference that the "Oceanic 269" Naval No. PRO49M is the ship "Venus". The record is as follows.

Name	Oceanic 269
Recognition No. Alloted	PRO49M
Length	21'
Beam	6'6
Net Tons	2
Engine	7 H.P. Vivian
Housework	Trunk cabin
Colour	and Doghouse all white

Built at Osland B.C. 1940
Licence No. 819PR.

Since you have the list of this vessel, you may have the details attached to the form. If you have, please let me know why this vessel was not included with the others and why I am not eligible for the claim.

Hoping that I hear from you at your most earliest of convenience as I am leaving here soon, I remain,

Yours truly,

Sotaro Goto

Sotaro Goto Reg. No. 10984

P.S. Permit gives length of vessel as 28'

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 8069

May 25, 1946.

Re: Sotaro GOTO, Reg. No. 10984

This man signed a declaration to the Custodian on June 17, 1942. He was evacuated on August 21, 1942. He also signed a declaration on May 7, 1942.

In his declaration, he reported a cork line and a lead line, carpenters tools and a gurdy stored at Oceanic Cannery. The lines and gurdy were purchased by the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. for the total sum of \$40.00 for the lines and \$35.00 for the gurdy. This money was credited to the account of Sotaro GOTO and was remitted to him on June 25, 1943. The tool box was shipped to him in January, 1944.

He reported a fishing boat which he had been buying from Oceanic Cannery on instalments, and stated that the boat was valued at \$950.00, of which \$450.00 had been paid, and that he had agreed to accept \$200.00 for his equity. This vessel was the "Oceanic 269", Naval No. PR.049-M, which was released from custody of Naval Service to the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. licensed owners. On May 26, 1942, we received from the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. cheque for \$134.95, being equity in boat - \$200.00; wages for 4 hours work - \$2.00, less \$67.05 advances received by GOTO from Oceanic Cannery previously. Paid to Sotaro GOTO, on June 17, 1942.

On April 14, 1942, the Canadian Fishing Company paid to the Custodian the sum of \$106.00, being payment for 18 gurdies supplied to the company (\$156.00) less \$50.00 cash previously paid to GOTO. The cheque was endorsed and handed to GOTO on or about the date it was received in this office. The file does not contain a receipt for this cheque from GOTO, but he has signed the copy of the fishing company's statement, which probably is the equivalent.

On October 5, 1942, the Canadian Fishing Company sent us a list of chattels at Oceanic Cannery identified as the property of Sotaro GOTO. Copy of this list is filed directly behind this summary. Of the articles listed, only the box of tools which was shipped, is accounted for on this file. In August 6, 1945, Mrs. Arnold, acting for the Custodian, reported that the Oceanic goods were not worth anything and should be regarded as discarded. It is noted that an inventory, apparently that taken by D. Smith, of this office, in April, 1942, lists a storage battery and a generator in this man's name. It is possible that, if these were of any value, the fishing company considered them part of the boat.

On May 16, 1946, GOTO wrote this office filing claim for \$55.00 refund of expenses incurred in connection with the impounding of the vessel "Venus", Prince Rupert Lic. No. 819, Naval No. PR.049M. As the Naval No. given is the same as that carried by the "Oceanic 269", it would appear to be the same vessel. However, there is no record of a claim for this refund having been filed with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee, and as only sufficient funds were paid in to this office to cover the claims lodged with the Committee, there is nothing that can be done about this matter at this time.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

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

J. Mathias

May 25, 1946.

Name: GOTO, Sotaro

November 2, 1942.

File: 8069

Reg. Nos 10984

LIST OF CHATTELS

2 Pns. steering chain (used)
9 Lanterns
2 Galv. water tins
1 Galv. gas tank
1 5-gal. water can
1 5-gal. gas can
1 Box cooking utensils
1 C.I. rice pot and wood cover
1 C.I. fry pan
2 Used Coleman gas stoves
1 Ctn. cooking utensils
1 Ctn. household goods
1 Box household goods
2 1-gal. oil tins
1 Box boots etc.
1 D.B. axe
1 Net roller
1 Box tools
1 Box kitchen utensils
1 7' bucking saw
1 50# box sugar
100# Jap rice

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
NOV 28 1942

(Please send) Shipped

This represents all my chattels in any protected area of
British Columbia.

Date Nov. 25 / 42 Signed S. Goto #10984.

Please sign and return one copy to this office.

File 5069
non 15/43

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 6 1944
File No. 5069
Ans. J. H. H.
Referred Green
6-163-A

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.
CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address TASINE Date NOVEMBER 19, 1943.
BRITISH COLUMBIA

To: The Secretary of State, acting in his capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.

I, GOTO, Setaro, Police Registration No. 10984 hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property stored at VANCOUVER, B. C. in possession of THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to such property.

Description of Property:

1 box of tools.
[Handwritten signature and date: 11/2/43]

Original Address OCEANIC CANNERY, SKEENA RIVER, B. C.
Date Evacuated to Vancouver MARCH 23, 1941
Date Evacuated to Present Address AUGUST 21, 1941
Number in Family - 12 years and over _____
Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old _____
Number in Family - under 5 _____
TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY _____

I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia Security Commission.

APPROVED:
BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: [Handwritten signature]

Claimant Signs Here
Setaro Goto

Vancouver, B.C. January 4th, 1944.

Custodian of Alien Property ✓
506 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B.C.

Two copies of this Release to you. Shall arrange to ship as soon as mutually convenient. Please advise where this box of tools is located.

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION
[Handwritten signature]
C.W. Fisher, Transportation

CWF:FF

VESSEL SUMMARY

File 8069

May 25, 1946.

Re: Sotaro GOTO, #10984

This man declared a fishing vessel, which he stated he had been purchasing on instalments from the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. He said the vessel was valued at \$950.00 and that \$450.00 had been paid. He stated however that he had agreed to accept \$200.00 for his equity. This money was paid to the Custodian on May 26, 1942.

The vessel concerned was the "Oceanic 269", Naval No. PR.049-M. She was released from Naval custody at New Westminster in February or March, 1942, to the Canadian Fishing Company Ltd. upon that company producing acceptable evidence of ownership to the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee.

It would appear that this is the vessel referred to in letter of May 16, 1946, from Sotaro GOTO, as the "Venus" Prince Rupert Licence No. 819, Naval No. PR.049M. The vessel file is "OCENIC 269", J.F.V.D.C. "Released Vessels" cabinet.

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

J. Matheson

May 25, 1946.

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June 17, 1946.

Mr. Sotaro GOTO,
Reg. No. 10984,
TASHME, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 14th, we wish to advise that the Custodian received from the Dominion Government a cheque to cover the claims that had been lodged with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee by the fishermen who had brought their vessels into Steveston and Prince Rupert from outlying points. This office was supplied with a list giving the names of the fishermen and the vessels concerned and showing the amount of each claim. This office credited the account of each of the fishermen concerned with the amount due him in full settlement of his claim. Your name did not appear on the list of claimants supplied to us.

We understand that these claims had been lodged with the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee through the representatives of the owners of the impounded vessels. Each claim was, we understand, investigated by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee before the claims were sent to Ottawa. It is possible that some fishermen who had brought vessels into Steveston or Prince Rupert did not lodge claims for this refund with the Committee. It is also possible that some claims were disallowed because it was found upon investigation that the person claiming the refund had not brought a vessel to Steveston or Prince Rupert. We do not know why your name was not on the list of claimants.

If you wish to supply us with any evidence you may have to support your claim for a refund of expenses incurred in connection with the impounding of the fishing vessel, we shall place this evidence on record. This office, however, is not in a position to deal with this matter beyond the placing on record of whatever evidence you can supply.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

/FM

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May 25, 1946.

Mr. Sotaro GOTO,
Reg. No. 10984,
TASHME, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 16th has been received. It is noted that you claim that the sum of \$55.00 is due you as refund of expenses incurred at the time of the impounding of the vessel "Venus", Prince Rupert Licence No. 819, Naval No. PR.049M.

With reference to this matter, we wish to inform you that the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee supplied to this office a list of persons who had lodged with the Committee claims for such refunds. However, your name does not appear on this list.

The claims lodged with the Committee were paid in full by the Canadian Government. In the case of vessels brought from Prince Rupert to New Westminster, the amount of the claim was \$50.25. The funds in settlement of these claims were paid in to this office, and were distributed by this office to the accounts of the persons concerned in accordance with the list supplied by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee. The only interest this office has had in these claims has been to see that the funds were credited to the various accounts. As only sufficient funds to cover the claims lodged with the Committee were paid to this office, the Custodian is not in a position to deal with additional claims.

We might state that we have no record of a vessel "Venus" Prince Rupert Licence 819, but we believe that the vessel you referred to may be the vessel shown on our records as "Oceanic 269" Naval No. PR.049M.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

/FM

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July 10th, 1943

The Canadian Fishing Co.,
Foot of Gore Avenue,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Sotoro GOTO--Oceanic Cannery

We are not sure if Mr. Salter ever received our letter of December 1st addressed to his attention in Vancouver. This asked if he would be so kind as to forward to the above Japanese, all freight and charges collect, the tool box held at the Oceanic for him. The Japanese tells us he has not yet received this and perhaps Mr. Salter would be so kind as to attend to it now. Sotoro Goto is at Tashme. If Mr. Salter is unable to ship all charges collect, perhaps he would be so good as to advise us accordingly as we will then write to the Japanese for funds to prepay these.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF
c/c for Mr. Salter attached
c/c sent direct to Sotoro Goto

June 16, 1942

MEMORANDUM

To Mr. Spain

From Mr. Alexander

Re: Sotoro Goto

Attached you will find our cheque No. 29 for \$134.95 payable to Mr. Sotoro Goto, registration No. 10984 who is reported in your note dated June 11th, to be in the "H" building at Hastings Park. Would you please pay this to Mr. Goto and obtain his receipt for it.

At the time you make payment you may inform Mr. Goto that we received a corresponding cheque for \$134.95 from the Canadian Fishing Co., Ltd., Oceanic Cannery. The cheque is made up as follows :-

\$200. for the boat equity in Oceanic No. 269 plus \$2. for four hours of work at Oceanic. This total of \$202. was subject to the following deductions : \$14.55 "Fare North", \$2.50 for "Stores at Oceanic in winter" \$50. "Cash received from Winter Watchmen". The figure of \$134.95 represents the balance due to Mr. Goto.

Perhaps at the time you pay this cheque to Mr. Goto it would be opportune to obtain his registration which we trust you will be successful in arranging.

S. Goto declared he had already registered about 5th May, but additional forms were filled in today, 17th June.

RPA/PMH

Encl.

William

April 14, 1942.

GOTO, S. Reg.No. 10984

The Canadian Fishing Company, Ltd., of Vancouver, B. C., sent us on April 7th a cheque for the amount and transaction described below. Said cheque was endorsed made payable to payee.

To making eighteen (18) drums and preparing fourteen (14) boats for drums at Porcher Island Cannery. 1/3 share.....\$	156.00
By Cash from Oceanic Cannery on account.....	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 106.00

RMA

EPA:BM

LIABILITY SUMMARY

File No. 8069

May 25, 1946.

Re: Sotaro GOTO, Reg. No. 10984

This file reveals no liabilities.

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

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May 25, 1946.