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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO.

9641

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: ITO Sokichi

HOME ADDRESS: 7938 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03483 SEX: Male AGE: 34

OCCUPATION: Clerk, Import & Domestic Silk Co., 543 Granville St.,

Vancouver, B.C. Partnership-I Nishio, T. Nishio, Sokichi Ito.

(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: ----

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Misao 9690

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Same as above.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Makoto (M) June (F)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Same as above.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 7 yrs. 5 yrs.

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

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 7938 Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.
4 room house.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: W. H. Moore, Agent, 41st Ave., and Granville St., Vancouver, B.C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$22.50 per month, paid up to the 15th of May, 1942.
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
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 PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: None
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)
None

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \$900.00 Royal Bank of Canada, Robson & Granville Branch.

9. LIFE INSURANCE \$1000.00 Policy with Sun Life Ins. Co. Vancouver, Policy
No. 2222322. Beneficiary my wife Misao. Policy in my possession.

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None

2. TRADE DEBTS: None

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 20th day of May 1942.

[Signature]
Witness

(Signature)

[Signature]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Apr. 27/43

Car File No. 9641

Full Name ITO, Sokichi
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03483

Male - Female
(Check)

Age July 1, 1907

Former Address 7938 Granville St., City

Date Evacuated 28/5/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address ^(checked)
25/2/47 17 Melbourne Ave., Westmount, Que.

Married - Single
(Check)

nee
Name of Wife (HASHIMOTO) Misao #03490

Name of Husband _____

nee
Name of Mother (NAGAI) Tatsu (Dec'd) Name of Father Torakichi (Dec'd)

Names of Children under 16 Makoto (M) Sept. 27/35

June (F) Apr. 11/37

Requested by M. Arab

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Clerk. & partner in Import & Domestic Silk Co.

3 Granville St., together with Ippei Nishio, Tomotaro Nishio

SUMMARY of LIABILITIES

File No. 9641

October 28, 1946

Re: Sokichi ITO (Mr.)
Reg. No. 03483

This file reveals no claims against the above Japanese
person.

The above summary is certified
to be in accordance with the
information on file:

E. Robertson
E. Robertson.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 9641

October 26, 1946

Re: Sokichi ITO (Mr.)
Reg. No. 03483

Specified Articles:

Although not declared to the Custodian by Mr. Ito, it is revealed in a letter on file dated October 6, 1943, that the above Evacuee owned a car which he sold to a Mr. M.M. McCuish for the sum of \$200.00, but of which amount only \$20.00 was paid to Mr. Ito. The balance of \$180.00 was collected through Messrs. White & McFarlane, Barristers & Solicitors, and this amount, less collection fee of \$18.00, was remitted to the Custodian by the above Company on January 17, 1945. Accordingly the Custodian forwarded to Mr. Ito a cheque in the amount of \$162.00, being full balance owing from Mr. McCuish, less above fee of \$18.00.

Life Insurance:

In his JP form dated May 20/42, Mr. Ito declared a Sun Life Assurance Policy, No. 2222322, beneficiary being his wife, Masao. The policy was declared to be in Mr. Ito's possession. A memo on file dated September 22, 1942 indicates that the Sun Life telephoned to say they had the cash surrender cheque in connection with the above policy, amounting to \$208.94, which had been requested by Mr. Ito. We advised the above Company in our letter of September 28, 1942, that the Custodian had no objection to their remitting the above amount direct to Mr. Ito.

Bonds, etc.:

According to a memo on file the following securities were delivered to Mr. E. T. Read of the Custodian's office on behalf of Sokichi Ito (memo dated October 28, 1942):

Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$150.00
War Savings Certificates	355.00
Currency	154.95

The War Savings Certificates and Bonds were sent to Mr. Ito in Montreal with our letter dated May 25, 1943. The Currency was credited to Ito's account with the Custodian on October 27, 1942. Final funds in hands of Custodian as at ~~that~~ date of June 15, 1943 were forwarded to him, together with a statement of his account, on June 15, 1943.

Bank Account:

This Japanese person declared in his JP form that he had \$900.00 with the Royal Bank of Canada, Robson & Granville St. Branch, Vancouver. No action regarding this bank account was taken by the Custodian.

Accounts Receivable:

In July 1945 an amount of \$1.90 was credited to ITO's account, representing refund of security deposit for light from the B. C. Electric Co. Ltd.
(Remitted to Ito on Oct 25/47)

COPY File 9641.

Vancouver, 4th Sept. 1942

For the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars
and other consideration, I hereby transfer
to TOMITARO, NISHIO all my interest and
share in the Import & Domestic Silk Co.,
543. Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Signed in presence of

"SOKICHI ITO"
Sokichi, Ito

Witness

"A. G. RILEY"

File No. 9641

22nd September, 1942.

MEMO - MR. WRIGHT

Rec'd	SEP 22 1942
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Ans.	_____
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Re: Sakichi ITO

Mr. Hays of the Sun Life, telephone Pacific 5321, reports that Mr. Ito left for the East on September 7th and that the Sun Life are holding a cheque for \$208.94, representing the cash surrender value of his life insurance policy with them. Mr. Hays further stated that he understood from the Security Commission that Mr. Ito was about to return to Japan.

I have asked Mr. Hays to hold the cheque, and as I am informed you have the file, I would appreciate your giving this matter your attention.

RPA:LF

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Montreal,
October 22nd, 1942.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
360 St. James Street, West,
Montreal, P. Q.

Attention: of Mr. Peckham

Dear Sir:-

Re: Repatriation of Japanese.

I beg to advise you that when Sokichi ITO, one of the Japanese repatriates presently residing at Pointe Claire, Quebec, arrived in Montreal early in September last he had in his possession \$134.00 in cash. Since his arrival here this man sent a telegram to Ippie NISHIO at the Hotel Patricia, East Hastings, Vancouver, B. C. asking for \$50.00. He also asked this man to purchase for him a fishing rod and reel, together with a line at an approximate value of \$50.00.

ITO sent a further telegram to one K. HASHIMOTO, of Bridge River, Shalalth, B. C. asking him to send fishing rods and reels which had been left behind. It is understood that the addressee of this message is ITO's father-in-law.

Shortly after the sending of these messages the fishing rod asked for from NISHIO was received at Pointe Claire. This was a brand new rod and was marked \$60.00. A day or two later the Spanish Consul in Montreal called at the Grove at Pointe Claire and handed \$50.00 in cash over to ITO. It is presumed that this was the cash asked for from NISHIO, who had been instructed to send the money through the Spanish Consulate's office.

On the 30th of September, ITO sent another message to HASHIMOTO at the same address, in which he advised him that the repatriates were permitted to take trunks and instructing him to send a trunk, bedding, silverware, kitchenware, aluminum kitchenware and asked for \$200.00 by wire.

On the 1st of October, ITO stated that he proposed authorizing the Spanish Consul to loan some American funds to another repatriate, Jozo SUZUKI, another repatriate awaiting repatriation. It is believed that the Spanish Consul refused the request, advising that this man had insufficient funds to warrant the loan. ITO then proposed to hand the money over to SUZUKI to assist him.

It is felt here that this man ITO may have concealed assets in British Columbia in the care of his father-in-law, and is now gathering them together preparatory to leaving Canada, and proposes to evade the restrictions on currency by advancing money to the second repatriate Jozo SUZUKI, a loan which he expects will be refunded to him on their arrival in Japan.

No doubt the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property at Vancouver will be interested in this information, and it is being forwarded to you for whatever action you deem fit.

Yours very truly,

(H.A.R. Gagnon), Supt.
Commanding "C" Division.

WHL:b

W. Read

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
October 27, 1942.

Confidential

Mr. A. H. Mathieu,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

Re: Sokichi ITO and Ippei NISHIO

I have your letter of October 24th with enclosure. Mr. Read and I both interviewed Mr. Nishio this afternoon. Mr. Read advises me that Mr. Nishio came in to see him this morning and told him that he did not have any funds or assets belonging to Mr. Ito and that Mr. Ito had sold his interest in the Import & Domestic Silk Co. several months ago. Mr. Read then demanded the evidence of the sale and Mr. Nishio came back this afternoon with certain papers and assets.

It appears that Mr. Ito has been guilty of an offence under the Custodian's regulations as has Mr. Nishio by supplying false information to this office. Mr. Nishio produced a typewritten paper which he stated was signed by Mr. Ito on the day indicated namely September 4th, wherein Mr. Ito sold his interest in the business for \$250.00 to Tomi Nishio, a son of Ippei Nishio. Mr. Nishio admits that in the company's income tax statement last year they showed that Mr. Ito had a one-third interest and he did not deny that the one-third interest was worth considerably more than \$250.00. Mr. Nishio, as Mr. Read has advised you in a carbon copy of his letter to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, has left certain bonds, securities and cash with Mr. Read this afternoon, which proves that he was not telling the truth this morning.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Nishio has been a member of that select committee of Japanese which acted as liason between the B. C. Security Commission and the Japanese and according to himself today consisted of three members, namely Etsui MORI, Arthur NISHIGUCHI and Ippei NISHIO. He says that he has a very high recommendation from the Chairman of the Security Commission and Mr. Eastwood, the Executive Head. He and his family were included in the first list of Japanese to be repatriated which we received in May last and which group are now en route to Japan. Mr. Nishio did not go. Some people felt that this was proof of his loyalty to Canada and said so. I was of the opinion that it proved nothing and I took this opportunity of asking Mr. Nishio why he did not return to Japan with the first group and why he is not going with the present group as he is also on the new list. Confirming my suspicions, he stated in the presence of Mr. Read and myself that he did not go because he was on this committee and was working closely with the Security Commission in the evacuation, but that he intends to go as soon as the evacuation is completed. In other words, we have a man and his family operating a store on Granville Street with the freedom of the city except for the curfew law, who in his heart is anxious to return to Japan and will do so if it is still possible as soon as the evacuation is completed.

I asked him why he sent the fishing pole to Mr. Ito since it would appear that Mr. Ito could have purchased a fishing pole in Montreal if Mr. Nishio had sent him the cash. He did not have any good reason but he did say that Mr. Ito was, no doubt, intending to take the fishing poles back to Japan. Under the circumstances and considering this man's reasons for not returning to Japan previously and his expressed intentions to do so in the future, I do not think for one moment that he is loyal to Canada and I would suggest that Mr. Gagnon be advised of his attitude and that any correspondence and articles that he sends to Mr. Ito be carefully examined.

In view of the investigation now pending here which directly relates to the work of the committee of which Mr. Nishio is a member, I have not considered it advisable to forward a copy of this letter or any of this information to either the Chairman of the B. C. Security Commission or the Local Commanding Officer of the R. C. M. P. The new Security Organization which I understand has been set up might be interested in information of this kind.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

G. W. Harrison,
~~Deputy Commissioner.~~

GWMCP:MA

Mr. Harrison - This letter is confidential to you and if you wish to follow up my suggestions I request you don't send a copy of it to anyone but perhaps you are better to include this part.

October 28, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR FILE NO. 9641

Re: Sokichi ITO

I received from Mr. Ippai NISHIO yesterday,
for and on behalf of Sokichi ITO, the following:

Dominion of Canada Bonds	\$150.00 ✓
War Savings Certificates	355.00 ✓
Currency	154.95 ✓
	<u>\$659.95</u>

Edgar T. Read

Edgar T. Read,
General Manager.

ETR:MA

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1409 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
October 30th, 1942.

Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: Ippei NISHIO, Tomi Taro NISHIO
and Sokichi ITO, carrying on
business under the firm name of
Import & Domestic Silk Company

Dear Sirs:

I would appreciate it if you would make an immediate investigation of the affairs of the above partnership, with particular reference to Mr. Ito's interest in this partnership, if any.

Circumstances surrounding the case are, briefly, that Mr. Ito is awaiting repatriation in the East and Nishio expressed his opinion in my office on Tuesday of this week that he intended to return to Japan as soon as the evacuation was completed. I am writing to the Commanding Officer of the R.C.M. Police, concerning Mr. Nishio, but do not know what action, if any, will be taken.

In the meantime I am very anxious that the Custodian have full information, concerning the set-up of this partnership. If you encounter any difficulty and require a Control Order, in order to prevent disposition of assets, I trust you will get in touch with me immediately and make a preliminary report.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPHERSON.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:HW.
Encl.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, October 30th, 1942.

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Mr. Read

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Sokichi ITO and Ippei NISHIO

I received your very interesting confidential letter of October 27th, relative to the relations existing between the above.

In my opinion Mr. Nishio has not yet fully disclosed all of the facts of this case, as it seems strange that he should hand some money over to your office on behalf of Ito and his wife presumably as the balance held. He did not mention, however, that the Spanish Consul General in Montreal received the sum of \$470.00 to be handed to the Ito's, and which, due to our insistence, has now been paid over to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, who will hold the funds until their departure. Mr. Ito also had, roughly, \$135.00 on his person and was attempting to help another repatriate who had no funds by having moneys transferred from Vancouver through the Spanish Consul General. This, of course, was stopped, and I had already requested that all correspondence and his actions be kept under watch. It might be that if you could use a little more pressure on Mr. Nishio he would disclose some very interesting facts.

In any event whatever you are able to gather as belonging to the Ito's should be retained by you, as there would now appear to be sufficient money in Montreal to provide them with the required amount when they leave.

While I will not circulate your letter I think there are certain facts which should be communicated to the authorities, particularly with reference to Nishio. I will get in touch with Scott of External Affairs and Saul of the R.C.M.P., as we, of course, cannot do anything with him so long as he remains in his present position.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Mathieu

(A. H. Mathieu)
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

COPY

Rec'd Nov. 2, 1942
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NO 9621

P. S. ROSS & SONS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Vancouver, B.C.

2nd November, 1942.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian,
1409 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Ippai NISHIO, Tomi Taro NISHIO and
Sokichi ITO, carrying on business
under the firm name of Import &
Domestic Silk Company

Pursuant to the investigation order enclosed with you /
letter of the 30th October we called at the office of the above
company in the Bower Building, 543 Granville Street, and found
that while the premises appeared still to be occupied no one was
in attendance.

We eventually contacted Mr. Ippai Nishio, and he advises
as follows about the company's affairs:

The business was a partnership owned by the above three,
and the partnership deed was registered at the Court House,
Vancouver. The partners shared equally, but Nishio advises us Ito
was not entitled to capital according to a Japanese custom, and
that he was only entitled to be repaid a nominal sum when ceasing
to work for the company. The son, T. T. Nishio, has been evacuated
to Bridge River, and has taken the books of the business with
him. The three partners drew equal salaries, but profits have
accumulated and the present capital is between \$40,000.00 and
\$50,000.00.

The business formerly imported silk etc. from Japan, and
has latterly been importing cotton and sundry merchandise from the
United States and Great Britain. There has been practically no
business during the last six months. The present assets of the
company are approximately \$20,000.00 in the bank, and merchandise
stored in bonded warehouses of McCoshan Storage Company Limited,

G. W. McPherson, Es. .,
Vancouver, B.C.

2nd November, 1942.

at Calgary and Edmonton.

The foregoing is information received by us from I. Nishio. In the absence of the books we have been unable to confirm same, but in view of the large bank balance and the probable value of other assets of the company, we feel that some control should be exercised until the position is definitely ascertained.

We will appreciate receiving your further instructions in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

P.S. Ross Sons. (Signed)

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912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
November 5th, 1942.

The Manager,
Dominion Bank of Canada,
207 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk

Under date of November 2nd, Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons, Chartered Accountants in the City of Vancouver, were appointed Controllers of the above noted company by the Secretary of State.

The partnership of this firm consisted of Ippai Nishio, Tomitaro Nishio and S. Okichi Ito. I understand that Ippai Nishio and Tomitaro Nishio operate bank accounts with your branch. In order that Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons may carry out their inspection and control of this firm, it is necessary that they have particulars concerning the personal bank accounts operated by the partners. It would, therefore, be very much appreciated if you would give them any information they require in connection with the bank accounts of Ippai Nishio and Tomitaro Nishio and you may consider this letter as your authority for so doing.

Yours truly,

Miss F. Carroll
For, Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

FO/EG



#604, 325 Howe st.,
VANCOUVER B.C. CANADA

December 1st, 1942

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attn: Mr. F.A. Read

Gentlemen;

Mr. Pedro E. Schwartz, Spanish Consul General,
has written requesting that I obtain the sum of one hundred
dollars from your office, from funds deposited with you,
for Mr. Sokichi Ito, who is now in Montreal, awaiting re-
patriation to Japan. Mr. Ito has been in Montreal since
early September, and may be there for some considerable time
yet, and allegedly needs these funds for living expenses.

Will you please advise if you are prepared to
release this amount, for remittance to Mr. Ito, through Mr.
Schwartz.

Yours very truly

Spanish Viceconsul-Vancouver.

806 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
December 10th, 1942.

F.P. Bernard, Esq.,
Spanish Viceconsul,
325 Howe Street,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: Sokichi ITO

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 1st, addressed to Mr. Read, has been referred to me for reply.

Information which the Custodian has indicates that the activities of Mr. Ito, Mr. Nishio and a Mr. Hashimoto require careful investigation by this office. It appears from information available that Mr. Ito has requested Mr. Nishio to send certain funds to him, also Mr. Hashimoto. At the time the requests were made neither one of these parties had disclosed to the Custodian that he was holding property for this party, but since the original requests were made by Mr. Ito I have obtained an admission from Mr. Nishio that he has funds and that at least a part of the funds have been turned over to this office.

You will recall that I spoke to you a few days ago, concerning the investigation being made into the affairs of Mr. Nishio, and until this investigation is completed, which I hope will be by the end of the present week, the Custodian is not prepared to release any funds from this office for Mr. Ito.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:HW.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,

Ottawa, December 3rd, 1942.

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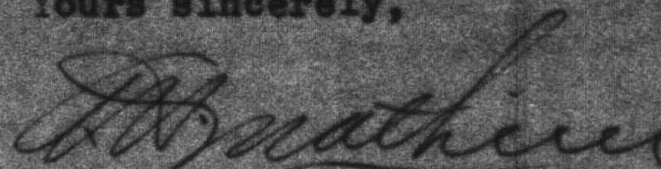
Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Japanese Repatriates

A few days ago I sent you a copy of an intercept on actions of S. Ito now awaiting repatriation at Montreal. I have just received a letter from Mr. Peckham, who has been in touch with Sgt. Lewis of the R.C.M.P. of Montreal, and he informs me that S. Ito has sent a telegram to K. Hashimoto, Shalalth, B.C., asking for the sum of \$300.00, also that Hashimoto is endeavouring to have Ito's application for repatriation withdrawn.

Will you please inform me if you have any information showing what interest Hashimoto would have in the affairs of Ito, and whether he is holding any assets belonging to the Ito family.

Yours sincerely,



(A. H. Mathieu)

Assistant Deputy Custodian.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
December 10th, 1942.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: S. Ito

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of December 3rd.

Insofar as K. Hashimoto and Mr. Nishio, the other party to whom Mr. Ito has been referring requests for funds, are concerned, both of these parties are under investigation at the moment by this office, and from information available at the present time it appears that I may shortly recommend to Dr. Coleman that charges be laid against Mr. Nishio.

This office has no information at the moment, concerning any funds held by Mr. Hashimoto for Ito, but this matter is being inquired into further and I will advise you.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPHERSON.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:HW.

December 22nd, 1942.

MEMORANDUM

Re: S. ITO

Mr. Mathieu has been writing concerning Mr. Ito, as has the Spanish Consul in Montreal.

Mr. Ito was a partner of Mr. Nishio and it does not appear that Mr. Ito should be given any additional funds until Mr. Nishio's position and the enemy interest in his partnership is determined.

GCMcP:HW.

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VACUATION SECTION	
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE
INCOME TAX DIVISION

739 Hastings St. W.,
Vancouver, B. C.

December 29th, 1942

Frederick Field & Company,
Chartered Accountants,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
Income Tax Return

Information received subsequent to the date of filing of Partners' returns for the above Company, apparently indicated that there will be an increased assessment levied thereon.

Will you kindly take the necessary steps to insure that Dominion Income Taxes will be liquidated before funds are finally disbursed.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Norman Lee
Inspector of Income Tax

RPO/S

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P. S. Ross & Sons

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MONTREAL TORONTO WINNIPEG
CALGARY VANCOUVER

MAJ GEN J. G. ROSS, C.M.G.	G. E. HOULT.
J. W. ROSS, LL.B.	S. B. PECKHAM.
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J. A. GRANT.	H. S. HAWTHORNE.
W. L. GATEHOUSE.	F. E. H. GATES.
G. M. HAWTHORN.	J. A. ROSS.
J. A. ROSS.	F. A. COFFEY.
H. I. ROSS.	G. G. HARRIS.
G. M. SMITH.	

VACATION STOP

Rec'd JAN 4 1943

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Ans.

Referred *Allyson*

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
360 ST JAMES STREET

MONTREAL QUE.

Vancouver, B. C.

31st December, 1942.

Office of the Custodian,
Enemy Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Sokichi Ito

We attach hereto a copy of a letter received from the Income Tax Department with reference to the Import and Domestic Silk Company. As the above person is being repatriated and is a partner in this concern we presume a copy of this letter should be on your file.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. Ross & Sons

Enclosure;

N/A

9575, 9641 & 13525

26th January, 1943.

Your File - 235-169

Messrs. F. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Co.

Before Mr. McPherson left he wrote as follows to Mr. K.
Hashimoto:

"I would appreciate receiving by return mail from
you full information as to your connection with
S. Ito and whether or not you are holding any funds
belonging to this party, or any property for him.

I wish to point out that this information is re-
quested under the provisions of the Consolidated
Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939)."

We now have Mr. Hashimoto's reply as follows:

"Answering the letter dated December 10th inst. I
wish to state as follows:

- (1) That the above stated S. Ito is my son-in-law.
That is to say that Mrs. S. Ito is my own daughter.
- (2) That I hold no property nor any fund for the
above party.

I trust that the above information will meet with
your approval."

We are passing this on to you for your information and as you
are aware, we have asked Mr. McPherson to advise us in regard to your
enquiry in connection with obtaining a legal opinion as to the extent of
any enemy interest; so far we have not had any reply in regard to this
matter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FCS/PMH

P. S. Ross & Sons

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MONTREAL TORONTO WINNIPEG
CALGARY VANCOUVER

MAJ. GEN. J. G. ROSS, C.M.G.	G. E. HOULT
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G. M. HAWTHORN	J. A. ROSS
I. A. ROSS	F. A. COFFEY
H. I. ROSS	G. G. HARRIS
G. H. SMITH	

LV COLLECTION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAR 20 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

ROYAL BANK BUILDING

250-251 AVENUE

MONTREAL-QUEBEC
Vancouver, B.C.Our file 295-169

18th March, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.Attention: Mr. F. G. Shears

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
and Sokichi Ito

9641
102483

As we have previously advised you Sokichi Ito, a partner in the above Company, was to be repatriated but it would now appear that his plans have been altered. He has requested that the Company should pay him \$200.00 on account of a balance in his personal account, which amounts to approximately \$225.00, and a cheque is enclosed herewith. This balance in the personal account is entirely separate from any interest Mr. Ito may have in the capital or undistributed profits of the partnership.

While we have no confirmation as to Mr. Ito's present whereabouts, we are advised through Mr. Nishio that his address is 5828 10th Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal, Quebec. If you consider this cheque should be forwarded to Mr. Ito will you kindly do so and advise us.

Yours faithfully,



Enclosure.

Copies of Receipts
of Property of Mr. Sokichi Ito and Mrs. Misao. Ito
Vested to

Department of the Secretary of State of
Canada. The Custodian of Japanese Evacuee Property.
Vancouver Office.

APR 3 1943

Referred

Department of the Secretary of State
of Canada. The Custodian of Japanese
Evacuee Property. Vancouver Office.

Receipt No. I403
Date, Oct. 27th. 1942

Received from Sokichi Ito.
the Sum of Dominion of Canada Bond and War Savings Certificate
for Safekeeping

In payment of Dominion of Canada, 3% June 15th, 1951

\$100. K4A446678.

Dominion of Canada, 3% March, 1st, 1954

\$50. K8 H.O. I4300.

War Savings Certificates,

Nos. TA270450 for \$5. Nos. CI62049. TC19672.

TEI6834. TEI6835. TEI6836 for

2 X \$25. and 3 X \$100.--\$350.

Bonds \$150.

War Saving Certificates \$355.

Signed, C H. Reed-Casher
for the Custodian of
Japanese Evacuee Property.

Receipt No. I404
Date, Oct. 27th. 1942

Received from Sokichi Ito.
the Sum of One Hundred and Fifty Four Dollars-95 cents, Cash
Re: Ito Sokichi Regn No.----- File No.-----
in Payment of For Deposit to His Account

\$154.95

Signed, C H. Reed-Casher
for the Custodian of
Japanese Evacuee Property.

Receipt No. I405
Date, Oct. 27th. 1942

Received from Mrs. Misao Ito.
the Sum of War Savings Certificate for Safekeeping
No. A8203237. for \$5.

Signed, C H. Reed-Casher
For the Custodian of
Japanese Evacuee Property.

Original Receipts, Attached and mailed by Reg'd Post, 15th, March, 43
to Mr. S Ito at Montreal. P.Q.

Total--Dominion of Canada Bonds \$150:
War Savings Certificates \$355:

Cash

\$154.95-----\$664.95

5828 - 10th Avenue,
Rosemount,
Montreal, P.Q.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 3 1943
File No. 9641
L. M. C.

R.P. Alexander, Esquire,
Manager,
The Custodian of Japanese Evacuee Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing with reference to our property (described in the attached sheet), which was vested to you through Mr. Ippai Nishio on October 27, 1942, while we were awaiting to be repatriated. However, we cancelled our application for repatriation last November, and have been living since in Montreal with the permission of the Canadian authorities.

I am a Naturalized Canadian and my wife and two children have all been born in Canada. My naturalization paper and the birth certificates of my wife and children have been restored to us through the R.C.M.P.

We have been managing to live on a small reserve of money, but this is almost exhausted as a result of the difficulty experienced in finding living quarters in this crowded city, and of the serious eye injury suffered by my boy on February 24th. He was twice operated on, and is still under a specialist's care. Because of my bad stomach ulcer, I have not been able to work.

In these trying circumstances, I should be most grateful if you would kindly return to me and my wife at your earliest convenience the bonds and cash now under your control.

Thanking you in advance for your sympathetic consideration of my request, I am

Yours very truly,

Sokichi Ito
(Sokichi Ito, No. 03483)

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EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd APR 6 1943
File No. _____
Ans. _____
Referred *planned*
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5828 - 10th Avenue,
Rosemount,
Montreal, Que,

R.P. Alexander, Esquire,
Manager,
The Custodian of Japanese Evacuee Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge with many thanks
the receipt of your letter of March 25th (File No.
9641), in which you kindly enclosed your Cheque No.
2361 for \$100.00. May I take this opportunity to
ask you to please send me the \$100.00 now remaining
in my account, as I am badly in need of cash.

Yours truly,

Sokichi Ito
(Sokichi Ito, No. 03483).

9641

April 24, 1943.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
5828 - 10th Avenue,
Rosemount,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find our cheque No. 2852 payable to your order and amounting to \$100.00, the receipt of which please acknowledge by return mail.

In reviewing our records we find that on October 27, 1942, the sum of \$154.95 was deposited to the credit of your account with us, followed by \$2.25 on the same date representing Victory Loan coupon proceeds, by \$1.50 on February 1, 1943, also representing Victory Loan coupons, and on March 22, 1943, with \$200.00 from your personal account in the Import & Domestic Silk Company, making a total credited to your account with us of \$358.70. From this was deducted \$100.00 sent to you on March 24th and a further \$100.00 represented by the attached cheque. This leaves a balance remaining in your account with us at this time of \$158.70.

The present remittance is sent to you in response to the request contained in your undated letter which reached us earlier this month indicating that you were badly in need of funds. We propose to send you a further remittance of \$100.00 one month hence.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
Enc.

April 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. SHEARS

Attached is the file on which you will see undated letter received April 3rd from Sokichi ITO, requesting surrender to him of bonds and War Savings Certificates. Is it your desire that these securities be released to Mr. and Mrs. Ito? ~~No reply as yet has been sent to Sokichi ITO.~~

Replied Apr 27 1943
What next?

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RPA:MA

RMS

I recommend sending him his own securities!

RMS

awaiting reply from Mr. and Mrs. Ito
re: securities
under Res Control
JLB

File No. 9641

April 26, 1943.

MEMORANDUM - MR. SHEARS

Attached is the file on which you will see undated letter received April 3rd from Sokichi ITO, requesting surrender to him of bonds and War Savings Certificates. Is it your desire that these securities be released to Mr. and Mrs. Ito? No reply as yet has been sent to Sokichi ITO.

RPA:MA

9641

April 27, 1943.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
5828 - 10th Avenue,
Rosemount,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made at this time of undated letter from you requesting funds and the return to you of certain securities surrendered to the Custodian on your behalf on October 27, 1942, by Mr. Ippai Nishio.

Last week we sent you a cheque for \$100.00 and gave you particulars of your account with us.

We are forwarding to your wife her War Savings Certificate and will be dealing shortly with your request for return to you of your bonds and War Savings Certificates. *

Yours truly,

RPA:MA

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

5828 10th Ave
Rosemount Montevallo
P.A.

May 4th 1943

R. C. Alexander Esquire,

Manager

Custodian of Japanese Evacuee Property
506 Royal Bank Building,

Dear Sir:

EVACUATION SECTION	
MAY 10 1943	
File No.	
Ans.	<i>Ans.</i>
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I desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of Apr. 24th (File No. 9641) yesterday in which you kindly enclosed your cheque \$100.00. I shall be most grateful if you would kindly forward the remaining cash immediately. As I explain by previous letter of my circumstance I am still not working also some owing for hospital and doctor for my boys accident. I am needing the cash badly.

To-day I also received your letter Apr. 27th. I understood you are returning my wife War Saving certificate also my bonds and War Saving Certificate shortly. I shall be appreciative if you would kindly return to us in your earliest convenience.

Yours Very Truly

Sokichi Ito

(Sokichi Ito, No 03483)

9641

Your file No. 295-169

May 12, 1943.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
Sokichi ITO

Inv. # 281.

The Evacuation Section is holding for safekeeping \$150.00 in Victory Bonds and \$350.00 in War Savings Certificates on behalf of Mr. Sokichi ITO, these securities having been handed to the Custodian on October 27, 1943, by Mr. Ippei Nishio on behalf, it is alleged, of Mr. Sokichi Ito. Mr. C. H. Reed issued receipt Nos. 1403 and 1404 and the securities themselves are in the vault.

Mr. Sokichi Ito, who is at present residing, as you know, in Montreal, has applied to the Custodian for the return to him of the securities mentioned above, but before complying with the request of Mr. Ito, this matter is referred to you as you are in control of the affairs of the Import and Domestic Silk Company and as it occurs to us that the securities may possibly be the property of the partnership and not of Mr. Ito personally. We would appreciate hearing from you in this connection as soon as possible.

Before replying, and if you desire to examine relative securities, I am sure that Mr. C. H. Reed or Mr. Good would be glad to render them available to you for perusal. The receipts themselves read "received from Mr. Sokichi Ito".

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

9641

May 12, 1943.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
5828 - 10th Avenue,
Rosemount, Montreal, P. Q.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter dated May 4th. Please find attached our cheque No. 3140 payable to your order and amounting to \$100.00, the receipt of which please acknowledge by return mail. We trust that this cheque reaches you safely.

This opportunity is taken to advise you that we have now received from Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons a cheque for \$23.55 representing balance in full of salary account due to you by the Import & Domestic Silk Company. This sum of \$23.55 has been credited to your account with us.

We anticipate sending you a further cheque for the balance then remaining in your account with us.

We will be writing to you shortly in connection with the Bonds and War Savings Certificates in our hands.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA
Enc.

P. S. ROSS & SONS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MONTREAL TORONTO WINNIPEG
CALGARY VANCOUVER

ROYAL BANK BUILDING

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Our file 295-169

13th May, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.Attention: Mr. R. P. Alexander

Dear Sirs:

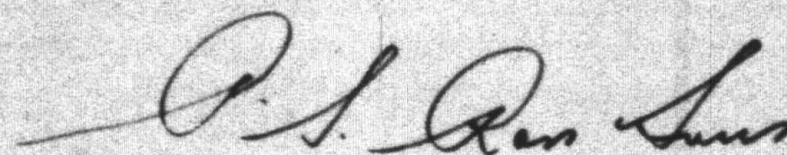
Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
and Sokichi Ito

Referring to your letter of May 12th, we would advise you that the books of the Company do not show that the \$150.00 in Victory Bonds and \$350.00 in War Savings Certificates, held by you for Ito's account, are the property of the Company.

Several weeks ago we wrote to Mr. McPherson and advised him we had heard that Mr. Ito proposed to start a business in Montreal, and that we could not, therefore, reconcile this to the fact that Mr. Ito had declared, upon his proposed repatriation to Japan, he had no assets to indicate he was financially able to commence a business. Mr. McPherson acknowledged this and advised us that the information was of interest to him.

In view of this you may wish to contact Mr. McPherson before delivering any securities to Mr. Ito.

Yours faithfully,



EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 15 1943
File No.	9641
Ans.	RM
Referred	Alexander

*His form
shows \$900 -
but - let
him have
securities
of his money
Jus*

5828 10th Ave
Rosemount Montreal.
May 19, 1943.

R. G. Alexander, Esquire.
Manager

The Custodian of Japanese Evacuee Property.
506 Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Rec'd	MAY 25 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	Alexander

Dear Sir:

I thank you very much for your letter dated May 12th. (File No. 9641) in which you kindly enclosed your cheque No. 3140 for \$100⁰⁰.

Yours truly

Robert H.

File #9641.

22nd May, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Shears

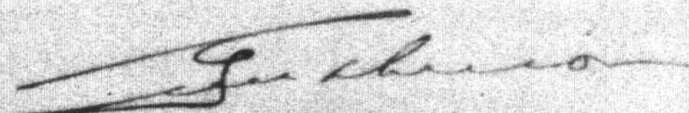
From: Mr. G.W. McPherson.

RE: Sokichi ITO.
Import & Domestic Silk Company.

I have read Mr. Alexander's memorandum of May 17th and Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons' letter of May 13th relating to \$500.- Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates held by this office for the above Ito's account.

Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons' letter is not quite correct when it states that Mr. Ito declared that he had no assets since his J.P. form actually sets out that he had \$900.00 in the Royal Bank.

Under the circumstances the Custodian is agreeable to the Bonds and War Savings Certificates totalling \$500.00 being released to him.



G. W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/PMH

File No. 9641
Reg. No. 03483

<u>Date</u>	<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Sokichi ITO</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1942	October 27 Deposit to his account Proceeds of Victory Loan Coupons		\$	\$ 154.95 2.25	
1943	February 1 Royal Bank of Canada - Victory Loan Bond Coupons			1.50	
	March 22 Import & Domestic Silk Co. - personal account in Company			200.00	
	March 24 Ck 2361 - Sokichi ITO			100.00	
	April 22 Ck 2852 - Sokichi ITO			100.00	
	May 10 Import & Domestic Silk Co. - balance in full of salary due			23.55	
	May 11 Ck 3140 - Sokichi ITO			100.00	
	June 8 Ck 3598 - Sokichi ITO			58.70	
	June 14 Cheque - Sokichi ITO			23.55	

382.25

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FILE # 156-1

Date: July 20, 1943.

Full Name: ITO, Seichi

Registration No. 03483. Date: April July 1, 1907.

Home Address: 7738 Graville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Date Exempted: 28/5/42. Naturalized:

Married: Yes. **Name of Wife:** Nee HASHIMOTO, Misa, #03490.

Name of Mother: WEE HAGAT, Toton, (Deceased).

Name of Father: Terukichi (Deceased).

Names of Children under 16 Hakoto (a) Sept. 27/35.
June (2) Apr. 11/37.

Occupation: Partner in Import & Domestic Silk Co., 543 Granville St., together with Ippei Nishio, Tomotaro Nishio.

Agents: Reg. L. Proctor & Co.

Personal Property None.

Cash on Credit: \$382.25. Total paid out to Ito.

Liability: None.

Life Insurance Neither policy nor proceeds in Office of Custodian.

Further Information: On May 20, 1942 this person declared to the Custodian the following:

Cash - \$900.00 Royal Bank, Robson & Granville, Vancouver.
Life Insurance - Policy No. 2222322, Sun Life, \$1000.00,
Beneficiary Wif. Wingo, (Cash surrender
value \$208.94.)

Securities: On Sept. 4, 1942, Sakichi Ito transferred all his interest and share in the Import & Silk Co. to Tomitaro Nishio for the sum of \$250.00.

Bonds and War Savings Certificates held by the Custodian for safekeeping forwarded to Ito on May 25, 1943. (Receipt 1403).

9641 & 10179

Your File No. 295-169

July 28, 1943.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
Sokichi ITO and Innei NISHIO

Receipt is acknowledged with thanks of your cheque No. 7047 payable to Mr. I. Nishio representing June salary of \$197.10 and your cheque No. 7051 payable to Mr. S. Ito in the amount of \$75.00 for services re settling the commission accounts with the agent in Montreal.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

Re: REPATRIATION

Files 9641 & 9690

5th August, 1943.

The names of Sokichi ITO, File No. 9641, and his wife, Misa
ITO, File No. 9690, do not appear in revised list of Repatriates attached to
letter dated August 2, 1943 in the Repatriation File from G.W. McPherson,
from which it is concluded that they are not returning to Japan.

RPA:FM

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5828 10th Avenue
Rosemont, Montreal
August 24, 1934

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vanouver, B. C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 30 1943
File No.	7051
Ans.	Q19
Referred	Mr. Alexander

Dear Sir:

We acknowledged the receipt of your letter of July 28th with cheque No. 7051--the amount of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) through the National Selective Service.

Kindly excuse the delay in replying the same. Thanking you again, I remain

Yours very truly,

Salvador Lto
Salvador Lto 03488

WHITE & MCFARLANE

BARRISTERS. SOLICITORS. ETC.

C. J. WHITE

M. M. MCFARLANE

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 5035
CABLE ADDRESS "SAMAC"

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BLDG
602 HASTINGS STREET WEST

VANCOUVER, B. C.
CANADA

6th Oct. 1943.

Custodian of Alien Property,
Japanese Section,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 7 1943
File No.	9641
Ans.	AGM/13
Referred	W. H. H. H.

mis McArthur

Dear Sir:

Mr. Sokichi Ito, formerly of 7938 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C., sold a car to M.M. McGuish for \$200.00. Mr. McGuish apparently paid \$20.00 and has not paid anything more.

Would you please advise us as to how proceedings to recover this balance should be taken and in whose name?

Yours very truly,

WHITE & MCFARLANE

Per. *Chas White*

CJW/LP

9641

October 13, 1943.

Messrs. White & McFarlane,
Barristers & Solicitors,
Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.,
602 W. Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Sokichi ITO, Registration No. 03483,
Our File 9641.

Your letter of the 6th instant has been
received.

The Custodian will have no objection to
your taking whatever action you see fit on behalf of and in
the name of your client relative to making collection of
money owing to him. However, as rights of action together
with certain other personal property vest in the Custodian,
it will be in order that you keep the Custodian advised of
your action and forward proceeds if any to this office for
the credit of Sokichi Ito.

When remitting net proceeds would you kindly
attach signed approval for deductions covering your own fees
and disbursements.

Yours truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Administration Department.

AGM:AS

1183
9641(Brac)
Legal Dept.

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 6th, 1944

Constable Davidson,
The R. C. M. P.,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Shokichi ITO

Dear Sir:

According to the information on our files, the above named was evacuated from the protected area on May 28th, 1942, and his present address is 5828 Tenth Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal, Quebec.

Will you kindly inform us where this man was between the date of his evacuation and September 1st, 1942, on which date we are informed he arrived at Montreal.

Yours truly,

K. W. BRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

GHE/JT

1183
9841 (Exco)
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 12th, 1944

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
and Shokichi ITO - Your File 225-162

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of the fifth instant, we beg to advise you that we are informed by the R.C.M.P. in regard to Mr. Ito's movements as follows:

"In answer to your letter of the 6th instant we wish to advise that the above-named subject was evacuated to Bridge River on May 28th, 1942. In September he came to Vancouver in preparation for repatriation to Japan, and proceeded direct to Montreal. Plans for repatriates were changed at that time and he has remained in Montreal since then".

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 26th, 1944.

Dept. of Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. Wright.

Re: Sokichi ITO - #03483.

We have today received the following telegram from our
Montreal representative which we are passing on to you for your
consideration and comments:-

"Understand Mr. Sokichi ITO #03483 has funds credited his
account amounting nine hundred fifty dollars with Custodian
deposited by I. NISHIO of Import and Domestic Silk Coy.
Please wire amount immediately need imperative deposit
necessary on year rental of new house to board twenty five
Nisei now boarding with ITO homeless unless payment is
paid to Proprietor."

Yours truly,

"M. L. Brown"

M.L. Brown
Office Manager.

MLB/MS

1183
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Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 28th, 1944

The B. C. Security Commission,
Dick Building,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Brown

Re: Sokichi Ito - #03403

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 26th instant, in which you advised us of your Montreal representative's telegram stating that the Custodian was holding \$950.00 to the credit of Sokichi Ito, we regret to advise you that this is not the case.

Sokichi Ito is said to be a partner of the Import and Domestic Silk Company, a partnership operated in Canada, but believed to be enemy owned, and the extent of Ito's interest in the Company, if any, is not established.

Early this year, a request was made by Ippai Nishio, one of the partners, to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, Controllers of the Import and Domestic Silk Company, to allow a disbursement from funds of the Company of \$500.00 each to himself, his son and Ito. On the recommendation of Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons, his request has been refused.

In the latter part of March this year, the Controller was requested by Ippai Nishio to pay to Ito the sum of \$450.00, said to cover salary for his services to the Import and Domestic Silk Company earned for the months of June, July and August, 1942. However, as Ito was evacuated on May 28th, 1942, there is some doubt that he is entitled to this amount of remuneration, as this depends on the nature

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The S. C. Security Commission

April 28th, 1944

of his services rendered during the period he was evacuated.

If you have any helpful information in this connection, we will be pleased to be advised.

We are awaiting a further report from Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons before making a decision as to this payment.

Yours truly,

K. E. BRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSIONER

EW/17

1183
9841 (Brac)
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 28th, 1944

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Import and Domestic Silk Company
and Sokichi ITO - Your File 295-169

Gentlemen:

We are advised by The B. C. Security Commission that they are in receipt of a telegram from their Montreal Representative reading as follows:

"Understand Mr. Sokichi ITO #03483 has funds credited his account amounting nine hundred fifty dollars with Custodian deposited by I. NISHIO of Import and Domestic Silk Coy. Please wire amount immediately need imperative deposit necessary on your rental of new house to board twenty five Nisei now boarding with ITO homeless unless payment is paid to Proprietor".

This evidently refers to the \$500.00 cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company in favour of ITO which was sent to you by Ippai NISHIO, but was not countersigned by you for reasons given in your letter of March 1st last, and the cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company for \$450.00, in favour of ITO, which you sent us in your letter of March 23rd last, and said to cover salary earned by ITO in June, July and August, 1942.

In regard to the salary cheque, your letter of March 23rd last states that if our file revealed that ITO left Vancouver around the end of August, 1942, that this cheque would be in order. However, we are advised by the R.C.M.P. that ITO was evacuated to Bridge River, B.C. on May 28th, 1942, came to Vancouver in September, 1942 and proceeded direct to Montreal.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons

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April 28th, 1944.

In your letter of the fifth instant you state in part:

"We are now informed by Mrs. Benstead, who acted as bookkeeper for the company in recent months, that while Mr. Ito was transferred to Bridge River on 26th May, 1942, he did not live there until the end of August."

This is contrary to the information given by the R.C.M.P.

In view of the above, it appears desirable to satisfy yourselves that Ito rendered services to the Import and Domestic Silk Company during June, July and August, 1942, that would entitle him to payment.

Please let us hear from you as soon as possible in order that we may keep B. C. Security Commission advised.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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1183
9641 (Evac)
Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 2nd, 1944

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Domestic & Import Silk Company and
Sokichi ITO - Your File 203-163

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of April 29th last, we return herewith the \$450.00 cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company, drawn on the Royal Bank of Canada, Vancouver, in favour of Sokichi Ito, with the request that you countersign it and forward it to the payee as recommended in your letter. Mr. Ito is presently residing at 5836 - 10th Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal, P.Q.

With regard to the \$500.00 cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company, in favour of Sokichi Ito, which is held by you, this matter is being given consideration and we would ask you to kindly continue to hold this cheque until further advised.

Yours truly,

K. E. BRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE COMPTROLLER

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Legal Dept.

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 4th, 1944

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Import & Domestic Silk Company
Your File No. 295-169

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of April 20th last, regarding the \$500.00 dividend cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company in favour of Sokichi Ito, you state:

"With reference to the further cheque for \$500.00, the accounts of Import and Domestic Silk Company as prepared by us from the records available show a balance in favour of Mr. Ito in excess of this item of \$500.00. In view of the fact that the affairs of the company are now liquidated, it would seem reasonable that these funds might be disbursed to him".

However, your letter of March 1st last, in regard to the three \$500.00 cheques in favour of Tomitaro NISHIO, Sokichi ITO and Ippei NISHIO, states:

"In our opinion these cheques should not be issued at this time and in any event not until Mr. Nishio has made satisfactory proof of the extent of his interest in the partnership".

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Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons

May 4th, 1944

In view of the foregoing and the legal opinion in regard to this partnership, we would be pleased to have you advise us if any additional information has been received by your firm during the period between your letters quoted.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Legal Dept.

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 4th, 1944.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Import & Domestic Silk Company
Your File No. 295-169

Gentlemen:

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However, your letter of March 1st last, in regard to the three \$500.00 cheques in favour of Timitaro NISHIO, Sokichi ITO and Ippei NISHIO, States:

"In our opinion these cheques should not be issued at this time and in any event not until Mr. Nishio has made satisfactory proof of the extent of his interest in the partnership".

In view of the foregoing and the legal opinion in regard to this partnership, we would be pleased to have you advise us if any additional information has been received by your firm during the period between your letters quoted.

Yours truly,

K. W. Wright
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 5th, 1944.

The Import & Domestic Silk Co.,
c/o Iffei Nishio,
Bridge River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of April 28th last, and beg to advise you that we have instructed Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons to countersign and forward to Mr. Sokichi Ito the \$450.00 salary cheque issued in his favour by your Company.

With regard to the dividend cheques of \$500.00 each to Ippai Nishio, sokichi Ito and Timitaro Nishio, in view of the conflicting evidence on our file regarding their interest in the partnership, this matter is being referred to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons for their recommendation, upon receipt of which the Custodian will give the matter further consideration.

Yours Truly,

K. W. Wright
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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1183
Legal Dept.

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
May 5th, 1944

The Import & Domestic Silk Co.,
c/o Ippai Nishio,
Bridge River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We have your letter of April 28th last, and beg to advise you that we have instructed Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons to countersign and forward to Mr. Sokichi Ito the \$450.00 salary cheque issued in his favour by your Company.

With regard to the dividend cheques of \$500.00 each to Ippai Nishio, Sokichi Ito and Tomitaro Nishio, in view of the conflicting evidence on our file regarding their interest in the partnership, this matter is being referred to Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons for their recommendation, upon receipt of which the Custodian will give the matter further consideration.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

GHP/JF

May 18th, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: MR. P. G. SHEARS
FROM: MR. E. W. WRIGHT
RE: Import and Domestic Silk Company and
Sokichi ITO

About three weeks ago we were advised by the B. C. Security Commission that they received a telegram from their Montreal Representative indicating that Sokichi ITO had funds at credit with the Custodian amounting to \$950.00. This referred to a \$500.00 cheque of the Import and Domestic Silk Company in favour of ITO, which was sent to Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons by Ippai NISHIO, but was not countersigned by Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons. They advised on March 1st, that Ippai NISHIO enclosed 3-\$500.00 cheques to them in favour of Tomitaro NISHIO, \$500.00; Sokichi ITO, \$500.00; and Ippai NISHIO, \$500.00; but in their opinion the cheques should not be issued until Mr. NISHIO had made satisfactory proof of the extent of his interest in the partnership.

Correspondence followed, and on May 2nd, we advised Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons to forward \$450.00, salary cheque, in favour of Sokichi ITO. We advised that consideration would be given to the delivery of the \$500.00 cheque, but to hold same for further instructions.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons in their letter under date of April 29th last, state that it would be reasonable to have these funds disbursed to ITO.

You may recall that an opinion was obtained from Mr. Sheppard in regard to this partnership. This opinion concludes as follows:

"According to the available records of the partnership the greater interests is in former partners who are now resident in Japan. On the other hand if the explanation of Ippai Nishio that a retiring partner was not to be entitled to withdraw his distributive share that explanation excludes any real interest being in Nishio, and again points to the real owner being in Japan. Therefore, in our opinion the available evidence indicates that the real owners of the firm are resident in Japan and that the firm assets are the property of an enemy. We observe that you have been appointed controller with power to supervise and control this firm. Under Section 11 of the Regulations you may be given "such powers as the Secretary of State may determine". We are of the opinion that you should proceed as follows:

- (a) That you should obtain the power to get in and retain the firm assets as enemy property.
- (b) If the Nishio, or either of them contend they have a substantial interest they might be given an opportunity of presenting evidence but in our opinion that evidence has not been presented".

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons' report of May 3rd has just been received and they state that the enemy interest in this partnership is \$31,958.77. On Page 5, of the report you will note a recommendation to inform NISHIO that the sum of \$31,958.77 is considered to be enemy property.

The assets as shown in Exhibit A amount to \$55,995.75.

Mr. G. W. McPherson on May 22nd, 1943, advised as follows:

"The Custodian, however, desires that all proceeds of liquidation should be held until such time as it is definitely ascertained what the enemy interest in this company consists of.

I have read Mr. Sheppard's opinion with considerable interest and certainly agree with his conclusions".

There is nothing to indicate that the supposed partners in Canada paid anything at the time they were admitted to the partnership. It does not appear that these Canadian ~~partners~~ ^{Associates} would be entitled to anything upon retirement from the partnership.

Under all the circumstances it would appear desirable to take the position that the enemy interest in this Company is \$55,995.75, rather than \$31,958.77, as suggested by Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons. This question should be given careful consideration when the report of May 3rd, 1944, of Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons is reviewed.

On looking over some of the correspondence that Mr. G. V. McPherson had and which is on our file, I think he will agree that we should not, at this time, admit that these Canadian ~~partners~~ ^{Associates} were in fact partners, and entitled to share in the residue of Import and Domestic Silk Company following payment of creditors.

K. W. WRIGHT

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509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
July 17th, 1944.

B. C. Security Commission,
300 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Sokichi ITO - #03483

We have your communication of the 14th instant.

Will you be kind enough to refer to our letter to you dated 28th April, 1944, wherein you were advised that we had refused a disbursement of \$500.00 each to the supposed partners, also our letter of May 2nd, 1944, indicating that the \$450.00 salary check would be forwarded to Sokichi ITO.

As Controllers, Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons obtained an opinion from Mr. F.A. Sheppard in regard to this partnership. This opinion concludes as follows:

"According to the available records of the partnership the greater interests is in former partners who are now resident in Japan. On the other hand if the explanation of Iffei Nishio that a retiring partner was not to be entitled to withdraw his distributive share that explanation excludes any real interest being in Nishio, and again points to the real owner being in Japan. Therefore, in our opinion the available evidence indicates that the real owners of the of the firm are resident in Japan and that the firm assets are the property of an enemy. We observe that you have been appointed controller with power to supervise and control this firm. Under Section 11 of the Regulations you may be given "such powers as the Secretary of State may determine". We are of the

R. C. Security Commission

July 17th, 1944.

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- (b) If the Hishio, or either of them contend they have a substantial interest they might be given an opportunity of presenting evidence but in our opinion that evidence has not been presented".

Until satisfactory evidence is produced, payment will not be made.

Yours truly,

R. F. Wright
COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSION

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE

INCOME TAX DIVISION

739 Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 16th, 1944.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
c/o Custodian of Alien Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir or Madam:-

Request to file Income Tax returns for the year 1942

Your income tax returns for the year, above stated, required to be filed under the provisions of the Income War Tax Act, 1917, and amendments do not appear to have been received. The necessary forms are enclosed which please complete and forward to this office as promptly as possible.

These forms must be completed and filed whether or not you believe yourself to be taxable. If you are not taxable, no assessment notice will be issued. If you have already filed a return for the above mentioned year, under another address, or should there be any mistake in the spelling of your name or in the initials as indicated herein, please notify the undersigned.

Kindly give this request your immediate attention.

Yours faithfully,

" D. H. SHEPPARD "

"E. B."

INSPECTOR OF INCOME TAX

9641
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
August 19th, 1944

Inspector of Income Tax,
739 Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Reference: LCFP/EB

Dear Sir:

Re: Sokichi ITO, #03483

With reference to your form letter dated 16th instant requesting that the above named file an Income Tax return for 1942, we beg to advise you that your letter and blank return forms have been forwarded to Sokichi ITO, 5828 10th Avenue, Rosemount, Montreal, P. Q., with the request he attend to this matter and communicate directly with your office.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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9641
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
August 19th, 1944.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 33483,
5828 10th Avenue,
Rosebunt, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a letter with blank 1944 Income Tax forms attached from the Inspector of Income Tax, requesting that you file a return covering your income for that year.

We have informed the Inspector of Income Tax we are forwarding the above to you for attention and that you will communicate directly with them in this matter.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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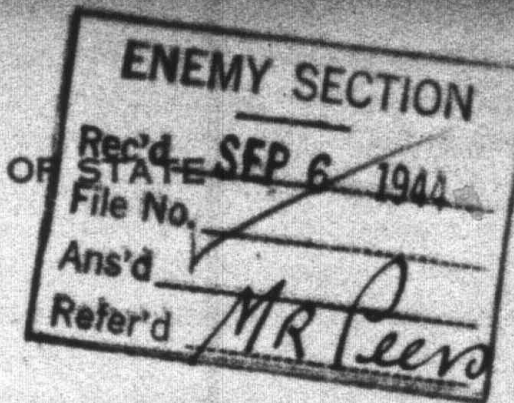
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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE NO. 9641

Evacuee Section



509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
August 19th, 1944.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
5828 10th Avenue,
Rosemount, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a letter with blank 1942 Income Tax forms attached from the Inspector of Income Tax, requesting that you file a return covering your income for that year.

We have informed the Inspector of Income Tax we are forwarding the above to you for attention and that you will communicate directly with them in this matter.

Yours truly,



K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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9641
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
September 20th, 1944.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
17 Malbourne Avenue,
Westmount, Quebec.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a letter with blank 1942 Income Tax forms attached from the Inspector of Income Tax, requesting that you file a return covering your income for that year.

We have informed the Inspector of Income Tax we are forwarding the above to you for attention and that you will communicate directly with them in this matter.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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9641
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
September 20th, 1944.

Inspector of Income Tax,
739 Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Reference: LCFF/EB

Dear Sir:

Re: Seichi ITO, #03483

Further to our letter of August 19th last we are now advised by the R.C.M.P. that the above named is presently residing at 17 Melbourne Avenue, Westmount, Quebec.

The 1942 Income Tax Returns which we sent to this man were returned from his previous address and now have gone forward to the proper destination.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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JAN. 4TH 1945

Department of The Secretary of State,
office of the custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Royal Bank Building,
Hasting & Granville St.
Vancouver B.C.

ENEMY SECTION	
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Dear Sir:-

Will you please inform me whether Mr. M.M. McCuish
has paid any amount through White & McFarlane, the solicitor
in Vancouver. If Mr. M.M. McCuish has done so, I would like
you to send me the amount you hold to my credit.

Yours Very Truly.

Sokichi Ito
Reg.No. 03483 Sokichi Ito

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Evacuee

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.,
January 11th, 1945.

Messrs. White & McFarlane,
602 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. C. J. White

Dear Sirs:

Re: Sekichi ITO

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. ITO dated the 4th instant inquiring if your firm had paid the Custodian any of the funds derived from the debt of Mr. W.M. McGuish to Mr. ITO, the collection of which you were handling.

Will you kindly let us have a report of the progress being made in this matter.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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9641
Evacuee

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 11th, 1945.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
17 Melbourne Avenue,
Westmont, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, we beg to advise you that we have not received any funds from Messrs. White & McFarlane in connection with your claim against Mr. M.M. McGuish.

We are today writing to Messrs. White & McFarlane, asking for a report in this matter, and will advise you as soon as further information comes to hand.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

GHP/O'B

WHITE & MCFARLANE

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.

C. J. WHITE

M. M. MCFARLANE

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA BLDG
502 HASTINGS STREET WEST

TELEPHONE PACIFIC 5035
CABLE ADDRESS WHITE & MCFARLANE

ENEMY SECTION

JAN 18 1945

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File No.

VANCOUVER, B.C.
CANADA

Refer'd

17th Jan. 1945.

Your file No. 9641
Evacuee

The Custodian's Office,
509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re Sokichi Ito

We duly received your letter of the 11th inst. inquiring as to the collection we were handling for Mr. Ito.

Yesterday we received the balance owing by Mr. M. M. McCuish and have now collected the full amount of the claim \$180.00.

We have Mr. Ito's authorization to deduct our collection fee of 10%, and enclose herewith cheque for \$162.00.

Will you kindly acknowledge receipt?

Yours very truly,
WHITE & MCFARLANE
Per.

CJW/LP
Encl.

Chas. J. White

9641
Evacuee Section

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
January 19th, 1945.

Mr. Sokichi ITO,
Registration No. 03483,
17 Malbourn Avenue,
Westmont, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir:

Further to our letter of the 11th instant, we beg to advise you that we are in receipt of a letter from Messrs. White and McFarlane enclosing their cheque amounting to \$162.00, representing the collection of your account against Mr. M. H. McGuish amounting to \$180.00 less collection fees charged by Messrs. White and McFarlane. These funds have been placed to your credit with the Custodian.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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WHITE & McFARLANE
Barristers, Solicitors

VANCOUVER, B.C.
Canada

16th Feb. 1944.

Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl,
Barristers etc.,
1010 St. Catherine St. West,
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Sirs:

Re S. Ito v. M. M. McGuish

We must apologize for not acknowledging your letter of December 16th, and making a report.

On receipt of your letter of November 9th enclosing cheque which Mr. McGuish had sent to Mr. Ito and which was dishonoured, we immediately wrote to the debtor and it was some considerable time before we could locate him as he had changed his position. We finally got in touch with his home and found Mr. McGuish was quite ill at that time and it was necessary to let the matter drop for the time being.

We had put the matter forward in our diary for attention at the first of the year. Mrs. McGuish called on January 18th and made a payment of \$25.00 and promised faithfully that she would keep the matter in mind and see that another payment was made within a month. We shall let you know if this comes in.

We have on hand therefore \$50.00 to Mr. Ito's credit, but in view of the letter received from the Custodian, copy of which we sent you, it would appear necessary to send the amount less our charges to him. We shall not send this until the next payment comes in.

Yours very truly,

WHITE & McFARLANE
Per. Chas. J. WHITE

CJW/LP

ENEMY SECTION

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17 Melbourne Avenue,
Westmount,
Montreal 6, P. Q.
January 22, 1945.

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of the 11th instant for which I am very grateful.

With regards to my credit account, I sold my car to Mr. M. McGuish and received part payment by cash and a balance of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) by easy payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) per month starting September 1942.

Since I came to Montreal in the fall of 1942, I wrote several times to Mr. McGuish for remittance, but all I got was twenty dollars (\$20.00) and one uncashable check. Therefore, I handed the matter to Crestohl & Crestohl in Montreal for collection and they in turn handed the matter to White & McFarlane in Vancouver.

I have enclosed a copy of a letter received by Crestohl & Crestohl from White & McFarlane. According to this letter, White & McFarlane held some amount less 5% commission to my credit, but, they are unable to send this amount to me by your order. Therefore will you give a consent to White & McFarlane so that they can send me the amount they hold to my credit.

In future will you please take care of the amount still due from Mr. McGuish.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

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Reg. No. 03483

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17 Melbourne Avenue,
Westmount,
Montreal, P.Q.
February 2, 1945.

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
together with a cheque for one hundred sixty-two dollars
(\$162.00), for which please accept my sincere thanks.

Yours very truly,



Registration No. 03483
File No. 9641 Evacuee Section

306 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

30th November, 1946.

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Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl,
Suite 525,
Dominion Square Building,
1010 St. Catherine St. West,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk Co. and
Ippai Nishio.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant.

We do not appear to have received any formal Notice covering personal assessments but we have been advised as previously indicated to you that the amount will be approximately \$15,000.- in addition to the \$11,091.47 covering excess profit tax.

In accordance with the desire of your clients and on instructions as set out in your letter, we are forwarding to the Inspector of Income Tax the amounts you mentioned, namely:

On behalf of Ippai Nishio	\$4,615.49
On behalf of Gokichi Ito	2,669.11
On behalf of Tomitaro Nishio	651.12

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/TMR

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

30th November, 1946.

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Your Ref. LPH

Officer in Charge of Legal Process,
Department of National Revenue,
Taxation Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk Company and
Israel Elshio.

You are aware that we are holding the sum of \$24,000.- to cover possible tax assessments for excess profits and personal tax in connection with the above.

Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl, Barristers & Solicitors, Montreal, are acting on behalf of these people and for your information we enclose a copy of a letter just received and our reply to same.

In accordance with these instructions we are enclosing our cheques covering these amounts and we would be obliged if you would let us have your official receipt for same.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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January 8, 1948.

AIR MAIL

E. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk Company

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 31st, 1947. We are enclosing herein cheque for \$2,711.09 in favour of the Receiver General of Canada, covering the Income Tax Assessment Notices which you forwarded and as listed in Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl letter of December 24th to F. P. Whitman, Esq., M.P. Please return the Income Tax Assessment forms in due course for our files.

This payment leaves a balance standing to the credit of Import & Domestic Silk Company of \$18,844.92, as per statement enclosed in quadruplicate.

As you are aware, we were asked by the Income Tax Department to "hold" \$24,000.00. Please advise if the payment of the amount enclosed will release us from further responsibility in this regard.

We are not sure whether the balance on hand is to be divided equally between the two Nichies and Mr. Ito and will ask you to kindly advise us whether our cheque should be issued to Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl asking them to obtain releases from the interested parties or whether you will obtain an authority for payment signed by all three.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Enc.- Cheque \$2,711.09
Income Tax Assessment Forms
Statement of Account

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
February 17, 1948.

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K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk

I am enclosing copy of a letter received from Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl, also copies of releases signed by Ippai NISHIO, Tomi Taro NISHIO and Sakichi ITO.

If it is in order, will you please let Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl have a reply to the third paragraph of their letter..

With reference to paragraph 4 in their letter, the only document I am aware of which might possibly be sent is refundable savings balance receipt covering Ippai NISHIO's 1943 Excess Profits Tax - \$675.67.

Yours truly,

B. Good
Comptroller.

BG/GW
Encl.

CRESTOHL & CRESTOHL
Attorneys & Solicitors

Suite 525
Dominion Square Building
1010 St. Catharine St. West

MONTREAL 2, February 4, 1948.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Hastings and Granville,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Import & Domestic Silk
Your File No. Int. 1183,
9641, 10179, 1018.

We acknowledge receipt with thanks your letter of January 29th with the enclosures of 3 cheques in favour of Ippai Nishio, Tomitaro Nishio and Sekichi Ito, as well as the income tax receipts which we forwarded to you on a previous occasion.

In conformity with your directions we have handed these three cheques to the respective parties and obtained from them receipts and discharges, duly signed. We are enclosing herewith the said receipts in your favour, which we trust you will find in order.

Our clients have requested us to secure your permission to return to them their books, records and documents. We understand that the books are now in the possession of Messrs. Sheper Steinberg & Co., and your authority to us to direct them to release these records to our clients will be sufficient.

Will you also kindly advise us whether you are in possession of any further records, books, files, etc., which should be returned to our clients. We would appreciate your very kind and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

"CRESTOHL & CRESTOHL"

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
February 28, 1948

B. Good, Esq.,
Comptroller,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Import & Domestic Silk
Your Files Int. 1183, 9641, etc.

Dear Mr. Good:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 17th instant, with enclosures.

Now that the funds have been paid to Ippei Nishio, Tomi Taro Nishio and Sokichi Ito, there would appear to be no objection to your handing over the books and records of the Company. However, before doing so, you might speak to Mr. Field and if he confirms this view, a letter should be sent to Messrs. Sheper Steinberg & Company authorizing them to turn over the records to Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl.

Messrs. Crestohl & Crestohl should forward an acknowledgment that delivery has been made in order that your records may be complete.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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March 4, 1948.

P.S. Ross & Sons,
411 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Field:

Re: Import and Domestic Silk

Enclosed herein please find copy of a letter
which Mr. Good has received from Mr. Wright, and would be
glad of your comments in regard to same.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears
Director.

FGS/GM
Encl.