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FRASER VALLEY

SUIOIDE CREEK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

FILE NO. 70139

## 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: FURUMOTO, Yoshikazu

HOME ADDRESS: Stave Lake Cedar Co, Suicide Creek, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 10793 / SEX: Male AGE: 60

OCCUPATION: Fisherman - logger

(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: Stave Lake Cedar Co.

MARRIED? ~~No~~ Yes but separated.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: ---

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: In Japan.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: ---

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: ---

AGE OF CHILDREN: ---

## 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) --- /

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) ---

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) ---



STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS. None
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST. ---
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN. ---

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION. N. Yabuki Camp, Stave Lake Cedar Co.  
Sulside Creek, B.C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS. Stave Lake Cedar Co. Sulside Creek, BC

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID. None

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.

Logging equipment to be left in care of the manager of the

Stave Lake Cedar Co. Sulside Creek, B.C.

26' gas fishing boat, 6 H.P. Vivian engine, "Sho", in custody of

Will Roy, Mead River, BC

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: None5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF  
OTHERS: None6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) None7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
None8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None9. LIFE INSURANCE: None10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: None11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: None

## LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: None2. 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 27th day of May 1942.(Signature) *J. D. Williams*

Witness

*That the above mark is Mr. Y. Roumstedt's*

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Sept. 21/43

File No. 10134

1 Name FURUMOTO, Yoshikazu *Deceased*  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 10793

Male - Female  
(Check)

Age Sept. 1, 1882

Former Address Mill Bay, Nass River, B. C.

*Died at New Denver on  
July 3, 1944*

Date Evacuated 22/6/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Sandon, B. C.

Divorced  
Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife Hayako (Japan)

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 or No)

Additional Information Fisherman. Owner of Gasboat.  
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September 13, 1946.

GENERAL SUMMARY

File No. 12134

Yoshihisa FURUMOTO, Dec'd.

Reg. No. 10723.

Yoshihisa Furumoto died at New Denver, B. C. on July 3, 1944. On his type form he stated that he had a wife, Miyoko, in Japan, from whom he was separated.

Furumoto declared that he owned logging equipment which was being left in the care of the Stone Lake Cedar Co. but that company reported that the equipment was taken by the swedes.

Furumoto also declares a fishing vessel "Duo #1" which he left at the Howe River Cannery. From correspondence on the file it would appear that this vessel was in poor condition and was left on the beach at Mill Bay Cannery in February 1942 and must be considered a complete loss. (See Summary from Vessels' Record on file.)

The B. C. Security Commission was informed that the deceased had no assets, of which we had knowledge, from which to pay funeral expenses.

FK.  
Please close this  
file. O'Brien

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SUMMARY FROM VESSELS' RECORDS

March 29, 1944.

FURUMOTO, Yoshikazu, Reg. 10793, File 10134

Vessel "Suo" or "Suo #1" Prince Rupert 1215, Vivian 6 HP (1930)  
Value: \$300.00 28'x7'x2.7'

Reported to Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee as "Suo" owned by Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, and said to be at Mill Bay Cannery, Naas River.

Another boat called "Suo" Prince Rupert 1364, of a similar description was in custody at Prince Rupert. This boat was licensed in the name of Eisuke TANAKA, File 2648, and was sold by him as shown in JPVDC Ledger #362. There is nothing to indicate that this boat is the same as that licensed in Furumoto's name.

List of boats attached to Mill Bay Cannery (supplied by B. C. Packers) shows "Suo" 1215, owned by Yoshikazu FURUMOTO.

Yoshikazu FURUMOTO's JP lists, 26' gas fishing boat, 6 H.P. Vivian engine, "Suo" in custody.

Sept. 28, 1943- Letter from E.R. Adams, B. C. Security Commission supervisor at Sandon asked for information of "Suo No. 1" taken by authorities immediately after declaration of war. Boat confiscated at Naas River Cannery. February 1942.

Nov. 11, 1943- Letter from E. R. Adams: "At time boat was confiscated some time in December 1941, Furumoto was in Vancouver but was told by friends from Naas River that his boat had been seized." From what Furumoto has heard, he believes that "Suo I" became water-logged and was beached near Mill Bay Cannery."

February 18, 1944 - G. F. Harris, Manager, Mill Bay Cannery:

March 12, 1944- Report of R. Melhus, Skipper Coxswain, H.M.C.S. "Tordo"

These both tend to confirm the report that the boat was found to be in poor shape and sinking at the time of the seizure and that it was therefore left on the beach near Mill Bay Cannery.

This boat, from all accounts, was in poor condition in December, 1941. The report from Naval Service (March 12, 44) is that there is now no boat answering to the description of "Suo #1" on the beach at Mill Bay.

For the present, nothing further can be done about this boat.

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CANADA  
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6181  
PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 10134

808 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,  
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

June 25th, 1942

Mr. Yoshikawa FURUMOTO, Reg. No. 10793,  
SANDON, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Personal Property & Logging Equipment

The Custodian has been unable to trace the following effects declared by you to him, as being stored at Stave Lake:

The Stave Lake Cedar Ltd. report that the above effects were taken with you upon evacuation.

The Custodian assumes that you disposed of these articles before evacuation, but omitted to advise him of this.

Your other effects as declared to the Custodian have been placed in safe storage.

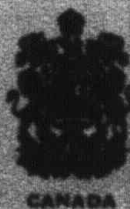
Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Assistant Manager.

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LABOUR



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EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 18 1943
File No.	10134
Ans.	<i>M</i>
Referred	<i>Matheson</i>

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
October 15th 1943.

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

Dear Sir,

Re Yoshikazu FURUMOTO #10793

We enclose herewith copy of a letter received from our Sandon Supervisor with regard to the fishing boat "Suo No.1" the alleged property of the above named man.

We shall appreciate receiving any information you may be able to afford regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown  
Office Manager.

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LABOUR



EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd OCT 1 8 1943

File No.

Ass.

Referred

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Sandon, B. C.,  
Sept. 28, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown,  
B. C. Security Commission,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, #10793.

The above-mentioned man claims that his fishing boat, "SUD No. 1", was taken by authorities immediately after the declaration of war, and that since then, has heard nothing as to its fate.

The boat was confiscated at Neas River Cannery in February, 1942.

Any assistance or information that you may be able to give to the above person with regard to his fishing boat will be greatly appreciated by this office.

Yours very truly,

E.R. Adams, Supervisor.

ERA:EH  
co-Custodian's Office.



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November 1, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Dick Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. #10793

In reply to your letter of October 15th, regarding the vessel "Duo I" owned by the above-indicated man, we would be pleased if you would obtain from Mr. Furumoto the following information:

1. A description of his vessel.
2. By whom the boat was confiscated in February, 1942.
3. Whether or not the boat was moved from Mill Bay Cannery, Nass River.
4. In the event of this boat not having been taken into custody, in whose care was she left.

There is no record of this vessel having been seized by Naval Service. In fact, to the best of our knowledge, no vessels were taken by Naval Service in February 1942. The impounding took place immediately after the outbreak of war with Japan. However, some boats were not impounded because the condition of the boat rendered it harmless from a security standpoint, because the boat was pulled up for the winter in the care of a cannery, or because it was overlooked and was not reported.

In order to assist us in tracing this boat, it would be advisable to obtain from Mr. Furumoto any and all information that he is able to supply.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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November 18, 1943.

The Registrar of Shipping,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Registered with this office are two vessels, as follows:

"Sno" PR.1364, PR.338-D - owned by Eisuke TANAKA  
28' x 7' x 3', built 1932  
Engine: Vivian 7, installed 1932.

This boat was sold on April 6, 1942 to the British  
Columbia Packers Ltd., at Prince Rupert, B. C.

"Sno" PR.1215, no naval identification number - owned  
by Yoshikazu FUKUMOTO, 439 Powell Street, Vancouver.  
28' x 7' x 2'7", built 1930.  
Engine: Vivian 6, installed 1930. ✓

This boat, to the best of our knowledge, has not been  
sold.

The descriptions of these two boats are suf-  
ficiently close for the possibility that there is only  
one boat, instead of two, to be suspected.

Will you please let us know if you have a record  
of the two licenses given? If so, give us as complete in-  
formation on the two boats as you are able to supply from  
your records.

Thank you for the assistance you have given us  
in the past.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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November 29, 1943.

Commander Cree, R.C.N.,  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 13793

According to information supplied to this office, the above-indicated man was the owner of a vessel described as follows:

"Sue #1" License 1215 Prince Rupert 28 ft. x 7 ft. x 2.7 ft.  
6 HP Vivian engine. No naval identification number  
has been given in connection with this boat.

Furumoto, the owner, was in Vancouver in December, 1941, when the fishing vessels were being impounded, but he was informed by friends from Naas River that his boat had been seized by Naval Service.

He is under the impression that this boat was being towed to Prince Rupert, when she became water-logged and was beached near Mill Bay Cannery. This he believes to be quite possible as the boat had been pulled out of the water for winter and was in need of repairs.

Have you any record of this boat having been seized at Mill Bay Cannery? Any information you can supply from your records will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

P. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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CANADA

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Ans.	pm
Referred	Matheson

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
November 16th 1943

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

Dear Sir,

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO Reg No. 10793  
Custodian File No. 10134

With reference to your letter of the 1st inst.,  
we now enclose a copy of a letter which we have received  
from our Sandon Supervisor.

Yours truly,

M.L. Brown  
Office Manager.

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EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd NOV 17 1943

File No.

Ans.

Referred

Sandon, B.  
November 11

Mr M.L. Brown,  
Office Manager,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Re Yoshikazu FURUMOTO #10793

We are in receipt of your memorandum of November 2nd regarding boat belonging to the above named man, together with copy of letter which you have received from Mr Matheson, Custodian's Department.

We have seen Furumoto again in connection with this and he has given us the following particulars regarding his boat:

- (1) "Suo I" 28 feet length, Vivian 6 Cylinder Gas Engine.
- (2) At the time the boat was confiscated some time in December 1941, Furumoto was in Vancouver but was told by friends of his who came out from Naas River that his boat had been seized by naval authorities thro the R.C.M.P.
- (3) From what Furumoto has heard, he believes that "Suo I" when being towed to Prince Rupert became water-logged and was beached near Mill Bay Cannery. He further states that this is quite probable since the boat had been pulled up out of the water for the winter prior to seizure and was in need of repairs.

You will note that date of seizure now differs from date given earlier, namely Feb 1942.

We trust this information will be of use to the Custodian in tracing this boat.

(sgd) E.R. Adams  
Supervisor.



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January 10, 1944.

Commander Cree, R.C.N.,  
Naval Officer in Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. #10791

Attached is copy of a letter sent to your department on November 29th, 1943. No reply appears to have been received.

Since writing to you on November 29th, we have received information from the manager of Mill Bay Cannery that, to his knowledge, this boat of Furumoto's was seized by Naval Service, found to be unseaworthy and beached.

As you are probably aware, the Japanese, having been removed from their homes by orders of the Federal Government, the care of their property is the responsibility of the Canadian Government. In this case, we wish to obtain all possible information as to the age, condition and value of the boat, as at December 1941, so that we will be in a position to deal with Furumoto's claim for the loss of this vessel.

We would be pleased to receive any information you can give us in regard to this boat.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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January 10, 1944.

Mr. Douglas Souter,  
British Columbia Packers Ltd.,  
Box 939,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are endeavouring to obtain information about the boat "Suo No.1", Prince Rupert 1215, owned by Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, formerly of Mill Bay.

As you were the witness of the signature of Mr. Furumoto when he licensed this boat, we thought it possible that you could give us information about the boat.

We would like to know the age of this boat. Is this the same boat as the "Suo" Prince Rupert 1364, which was purchased by British Columbia Packers Ltd. from Eisuke TANAKA in April 1942? If so, have you any knowledge of another boat owned by Furumoto?

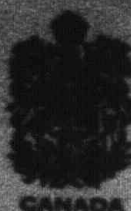
We would greatly appreciate any information you can give us. A stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.

Enclosure





Department of National Defence

Naval Service

Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.,  
6th January 1944.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

N.S. CH: 1-10-1

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd JAN 15 1944
File No. 10134
Ans.
Referred Matheson

F. Matheson Esq.,  
Specified Articles Department,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Hastings and Granville,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of 29th November, File Number 10134, the Security Intelligence Officer at this Base has made an investigation of the whereabouts of the "Suo #1", a copy of which is attached.

It is regretted that no information further to the enclosed report is available.

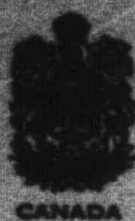
It is possible that Captain "D", H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt may be able to supply further information and it is suggested that he be contacted regarding this matter.

Yours truly,

(C.M. Cree)  
COMMANDER, R.C.N. (Temp),  
Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

COPY TO:  
Captain "D",  
H.M.C. Dockyard,  
Esquimalt, B.C.





Department of National Defence

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. ....

Naval Service

H.M.C.S. "CHATHAM",  
Prince Rupert, B.C.,  
5th January, 1944.

FROM: The Security Intelligence Officer,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

TO : The Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

YOSHIKAZU FURUMOTO, REG. 10793

No reference can be found on our files referring to the seizure or beaching of a vessel by name SUO #1, in the vicinity of Mill Bay Cannery.

2. It was found that the Japanese craft were rounded up during December 1941 and January 1942 and that H.M.C.S. "TAKLA" and H.M.C.S. "STANPOINT" were detailed to seize all Japanese owned fishing vessels in the area of Naas River. The Commanding Officers of these H.M.C. vessels, at this time Skpr. Coxn. C. Parkvold, H.M.C.S. "TAKLA", and Skpr. Lieut. K. Bennet, H.M.C.S. "STANPOINT", were questioned but could not recollect seizing any vessel by that name. Parkvold searched the files on H.M.C.S. "TAKLA" but the only beaching incident that occurred to a seized vessel was when a craft SN 651 (during astrong wind) broke away whilst anchored at GUINAMASS BAY on the night of 9th January, 1942, and was wrecked on the beach.

3. Consulting the log of H.M.C.S. "STANPOINT", we found the following entry on 5th January, 1942:

1545 - Arrandale Cannery - 8 gillnet boats launched, one leaking badly and left at Cannery.

There was no name given in the log to this vessel.

4. The records of C.X.O. were consulted but here, also, no reference could be found of the seizing or beaching of vessel SUO #1. However, a list (prepared by the Customs Office, dated 8th December, 1941) was found. This list gave the licenses, vessels and owners' names of all Japanese vessels in Prince Rupert area recorded at the Customs. SUO #1, license 1215, owner YOSHIKAZU FURUMOTO, was on this list.

A confusing issue was turned up at this point, namely, that a vessel SUO was recorded as being seized. This vessel was owned by YESUKE TANAKA, had the same physical description as SUO #1, license number was 1364 and it came from Port Essington. It was subsequently sold by the Japanese Fishing Vessel Disposal Committee to B.C. Packers Ltd. and was given Naval Identification Number PRO38D. We hold a receipt for the handing over of this vessel to the B.C. Packers Ltd. dated April 6th, 1942. It is now owned by Nelson Bros. Fisheries and operates under fishing license #2081 and the same Naval Number as above.

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5. The Customs Office was next contacted and the licenses, etc., checked for both vessels SUO #1 and SUO.

(1) SUO #1 - License 1215, dated 13th July, 1940.  
Description - 28 ft. long; 7 ft. in width; 2'7" in depth.  
6 H.P. Vivian motor.  
Certificate of ownership dated 13th July, 1940, signed by YOSHIKAZU FURU-MOTO; witnessed by D.W. Souter, Mill Bay Cannery, c/o B.C. Packers Ltd.

(ii) SUO - License No. 1364 dated 20th April, 1932.  
Description - 28' long; 7' width; 3' depth; 7 H.P. Vivian.  
Operating in Port Essington Area.  
Now owned by Nelson Bros. Fisheries; operates under license 2081.

It is possible that these vessels are one and the same, though it is unlikely.

6. CONCLUSIONS:

(i) No records can be found of SUO #1 on Naval files.

(ii) There is a possibility that the vessel beached by the "STANPOINT" at ARRANDALE CANNERY was the SUO #1 but it is considered unlikely.

(iii) It is not possible for the Customs Office to state that there were actually two vessels, SUO and SUO #1, as the officials issuing licenses do not actually see the craft.

(iv) A suggested line of action would be for the B.C. Packers, Mill Bay Cannery to be contacted by the Custodian to determine if they have any records of this alleged incident, or this could be done by our next patrol vessel proceeding to this area.

*J. C. Gray*  
(F.E. GRAY),  
Lieutenant (S.B.), R.C.N.V.R.,  
Security Intelligence Officer.



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January 19, 1944.

Commander C. M. Cree, R.C.N.,  
Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 10793  
and M.V. "Sue #1" PR.1214

Thank you for your letter of January 6th, with report of the Security Intelligence Officer in regard to the above-indicated subject.

The two "Sue" boats of very similar descriptions have been noted by this office and we have endeavoured to ascertain if two boats did exist. The results of our investigations, to date, are the same as those of Lieutenant Gray.

There is nothing to indicate that this boat was left at Arrandale Cannery, and it is not thought likely that the "Sue #1" was the boat referred to in the log entry of January 5th, 1942.

We will investigate this matter further and let you know the results obtained.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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January 19, 1944.

Captain "D",  
H.M.C. Dockyard,  
Esquimalt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 10793  
and M.V. "Suo #1" PR.1215

The Naval Officer-in-Charge, Prince Rupert, has suggested that we write to you in regard to the above-indicated subject, as you may possibly be able to supply information in connection with this. The information we have is as follows:

1. Yoshikazu FURUMOTO is the licensed owner of the boat "Suo #1", which was attached to Mill Bay Cannery, Naas River.

2. The description of the "Suo #1" as given on License #1215, Prince Rupert, is: length, 28 feet; breadth, 7 feet; depth, 2 feet 7 inches; engine, 6 HP Vivian.

3. Another "Suo" was licensed at the port of Prince Rupert, License #1364, in the name of Yesuke TANAKA. This boat was seized at Port Essington and taken to Prince Rupert by Naval Service. She was released to British Columbia Packers Ltd. on April 6, 1942, having been purchased by that company. There is no evidence to show that this is the same boat as that claimed by FURUMOTO, although the descriptions are similar.

4. At the time of the seizure of Japanese boats, FURUMOTO was in Vancouver, and his boat was in the Naas River district, presumably at or near Mill Bay Cannery. He was informed by friends from Naas River that his boat had been seized by Naval Service. Further information given to him was that his boat, while being towed to Prince Rupert, became water-logged and was beached near Mill Bay Cannery. This he thought probable as the boat was in need of repairs.

5. The manager of Mill Bay Cannery has informed us that a boat, which he understood belonged to FURUMOTO, was taken off the beach by Naval Service and beached because of its condition. This boat has since broken up on the beach.

6. The log of H.M.C.S. "Stanpoint" contained the following entry on January 5, 1942:



"1545-Arrandale Cannery- 8 gillnet boats  
launched, on leaking badly and left at  
Cannery."

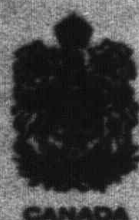
No vessel's name is given. We doubt that the boat referred to  
was the "Sue #1".

If your records contain any information in regard to  
boats found to be in such condition that these were not taken  
into custody, or of boats that were launched, and beached because  
of their condition, this might be of help to us. If such in-  
formation is not readily available, it is not essential that we  
have it. As cases such as the "Sue #1" come up we endeavour to  
get all the information possible, and Naval Service is a probable  
source of information, to which we shall apply for assistance  
when our own records are insufficient. It might save both offices  
a certain amount of trouble, if you give us any other information,  
on boats that were not impounded, that you come across while  
checking into the "Sue #1". We wish to be in a position to  
deal with this claim, and similar claims. Any assistance you can  
give us will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.





Department of National Defence

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. CH: 1-10-1

Naval Service

H.M.C.S. "Chatham",  
Prince Rupert, B.C.,  
20th January 1944.

F. Matheson, Esq.,  
Specified Articles Department,  
Department of Secretary of State,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Hastings and Granville,  
Vancouver, B.C.

File # 10134.

YOSHIKAZU FURUMOTO, Reg. #10723  
SUO #1

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File No.	10134
Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

Dear Sir:

Your letter dated 10th January 1944 under this heading has been received.

It is hoped you have now received my letter dated 6th January enclosing report from Security Intelligence Officer, Prince Rupert. It would appear my letter crossed your letter in the mail.

If you have not received my letter dated 6th January please advise and copies will be despatched to you immediately.

Yours truly,

(G.M. Cree)  
COMMANDER, R.C.N. (Temp),  
Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

LW/YR.



10134

January 29, 1944.

Mr. M. L. Brown,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Dick Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 10793

With reference to the report, dated November 11, 1943, of your Supervisor at Sardon, B. C. in regard to the boat "Sue I" belonging to the above-indicated man, we would be pleased if you would have Mr. Furumoto interviewed and endeavour to obtain from him the following information:

1. Serial number of the engine
2. Name of company from whom engine was purchased.
3. Year the engine was purchased.
4. If second-hand when purchased by Furumoto, give any information available as to age and the source from which it was purchased.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.





# Department of National Defence

Naval Service

Office of Captain (D),  
H.M.C. Dockyard,  
Esquimalt, B. C.,  
27th January, 1944.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

N.S. D.E. 10-7-2.

## EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd JAN 31 1944

File No. 10134

Ans. *gm*

Referred *In the case*

Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 10793 *Out to you*  
and M.V. "Suo #1" PR.1215

I wish to acknowledge your letter, file No. 10134, dated 19th January, 1944, in which you inquire whether I have any information regarding the boat "Suo #1" owned by Yoshikazu Furumoto.

It is regretted that my files contain no information regarding this vessel; nor are any officers on my staff familiar with her.

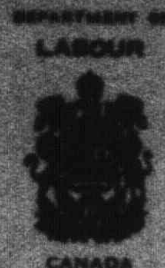
Your request for any other information regarding boats that were not impounded is noted but it is regretted that the files of this office contain no information other than that which you already possess.

Yours very truly,

*P. B. German*  
(P. B. GERMAN),  
A/CAPTAIN, R.C.N.,  
CAPTAIN (D), ESQUIMALT.

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





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**BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION**

Custodian File  
No. 10134

360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
February 12th 1944

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

Dear Sir,

Re Yoshikazu FURUMOTO #10793

With reference to your letter of the 29th ulto., we now enclose a copy of a letter received from our Sandom Supervisor which we trust gives you all the information you desire.

Yours truly,

*M.L. Brown*  
M.L. Brown  
Office Manager.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Sandon, B.C.  
February 7, 1944

Mr M.L. Brown, Office Manager, Vancouver.

Re Yoshikazu FURUMOTO #10793

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 1 with a copy of letter received from Custodian asking for information regarding boat "Suo I", belonging to the above man.

We have interviewed this man today and obtained the following information to the questions asked in Custodian's letter.

- (1) Does not know the serial number
- (2) Purchased direct from Vivian Company
- (3) Purchased about 1929
- (4) Purchased new,

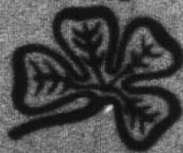
The engine is a 6 H.P. Vivian and apart from the foregoing information, Furumoto can not give us any further particulars.

(sgd) E.R. Adams  
Supervisor.



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## EVACUATION SECTION

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Ans.

Referred *Matheson*

February 8th, 19 44

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
Vancouver, B.C..

Dear Sir;

In reference to the matter dealt with  
in your letter of the tenth of January, I would  
refer you for detail to:-

G.F. Harris,  
B.C. Packers Limited,  
Box 939, Vancouver, B.C..

Yours very truly,

D. Souter.  
B.C. Packers Limited.

DS/m



10134

February 17, 1944.

Mr. G. F. Harris,  
British Columbia Packers Ltd.,  
Box 939,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO. #10793

The above-indicated man was the owner of a boat called "Suo", licensed at Prince Rupert #1215. The description of this boat is similar to that of the "Suo" purchased by your company from Eisuke TANAKA on April 6th, 1942, and it is thought that it may be the same boat.

As FURUMOTO was employed by your Mill Bay Cannery, we thought you might be able to tell us if the "Suo" purchased by your company was the same as that formerly in FURUMOTO's hands.

Any information you can give us in regard to the boat, said to belong to Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, which was beached at Mill Bay Cannery, would be appreciated.

We enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.

Enclosure



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Ans.	
Referred	Matheson

February 18, 1944.

Messrs. Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir: File: 10134 - Y FURUMOTO #10793

We have knowledge that the above named Japanese had a gillnet boat while he was fishing at Mill Bay, but do not know whether it was Licensed under the name "SUO". However the boat he had was taken by the Navy and because it was in poor shape for towing was returned by them and left on the beach at Mill Bay. It was in poor shape then and now is considered a total wreck.

From information supplied by our Mr. Lawson the boat "SUO" ex E. Tanaka is not the boat that belonged to Furumoto as it was Licensed to Furumoto as it was Licensed in Prince Rupert under the number 1364.

We hope this information is what is required by your department.

Yours truly,  
BRITISH COLUMBIA PACKERS LIMITED

*G. F. Kauri*

Manager.  
Mill Bay Cannery.

GFR/jb.



10134

February 24, 1944.

Commander C. M. Gree, R.C.N.,  
Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: N. S. CH:1-10-1

With reference to your letter of January 6th, enclosing report of the Security Intelligence Office in regard to the boat "Suo #1" Prince Rupert 1215, owned by Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, Reg. 10793, we wish to advise that we wrote to Captain (D), Esquimalt, but he could supply no information.

In reply to an enquiry from this office, Mr. G. F. Harris, Manager of Mill Bay Cannery, has written as follows:

"We have knowledge that the above named Japanese had a gill-net boat while he was fishing at Mill Bay, but do not know whether it was licensed under the name "Suo". However the boat he had was taken by the Navy and because it was in poor shape for towing was returned by them and left on the beach at Mill Bay. It was in poor shape then and now is considered a total wreck."

We would be pleased to have your comments in regard to this, and also any information, in regard to the present condition of this boat, that may have been obtained by your patrols.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



FROM: Commanding Officer,  
U.S.C.A. "TORO".

TO : Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

12th March, 1944.

1230 P.M. contacted Watchkeeper at Mill Bay Cannery, Nass River and inquired about Gillnet boat owned by Yoshikazu Furumoto, "Boat #1". Mr. J. H. Clark, Watchkeeper at Mill Bay said he remembered the boat being left on the beach, by the Navy because it was in very poor shape and almost sinking. Since then Mr. Clark has been working at other plants in between seasons, and says there is no boat answering to "Boat #1" Reg. 10793, on the beach here now.

Sgd. R. Helms,  
Skipper Coxswain.



H.M.C.S. "Chatham",  
Prince Rupert, B.C.

23rd March, 1944.

CH: 1-10-1

Department of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Ltd.,  
Hastings & Granville,  
Vancouver, B.C.

"SUO # 1"  
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Referred	<i>Matthewson</i>

*out to you*

In reply to your letter No. 10134 dated 24th February, attached is the copy of a report received from H.M.C.S. "Tordo" on the 12th March 1944 which is self explanatory.

2. No further information regarding "Suo #1" is available.

LW/YR.  
Encl.

*Matthewson*  
(C.M. Gree)  
COMMANDER, R.C.N. (Temp),  
Naval Officer-in-Charge,  
Prince Rupert, B.C.





EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd JUL 18 1944	
File No. <u>10793 101 34</u>	
Ans. _____	
Referred <u>William</u>	

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

360 - Homer Street,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.  
July 17, 1944.

Office of the Custodian,  
506 - Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO, #10793 - New Denver.  
(Deceased)

We have received notification of the death of  
the above-named person on July 3, 1944, in the Slocan  
Community Hospital.

Please advise as to the financial status of  
this man for payment of funeral expenses, as and when  
account is received for same.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

M. L. Brown,  
Office Manager.

/VH.



10134

July 21st, 1944.

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

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Yoshikazu FURUMOTO--Reg. No. 10793

Thank you for your letter of July  
17th informing us of the death of the above Jap-  
anese. We regret to advise that we have no funds  
to the credit of this man's account.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

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