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PERSONAL

BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE No. _____

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: MORI, Etsuji

HOME ADDRESS: 639 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 02871 SEX: Male AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Broker doing business under name of
Mori Brokerage, 366 Powell St., Van.B.C.

(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: Self

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Kiyono

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: 639 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: None

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: None

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) None

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) None

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed) None

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) None

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: None

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: None

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN: None

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 639 E. Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.
6 roomed wooden house.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. Corbett, address unknown.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
\$30.00 a month paid to the end 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

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)
1 \$1000 Victory Bond, 1942, In owner's possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: None

9. LIFE INSURANCE: None

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 28th day of May 1942.

[Signature]
Witness

(Signature) [Signature]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Apr. 14/43

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Full Name NORII, Etanji
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02871 Male - Female
(Check) Age July 27, 1888

Former Address 639 E. Cordova St., City

Date Evacuated 28/5/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address Minto City, B. C. Checked May 23/47.

Married - Single
(Check)

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Name of Wife (KAWAGUCHI) Kiyono #01533

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother Dec'd

Name of Father Dec'd

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by SCT Registered with Custodian _____
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Broker

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 10176

January 29th, 1946.

RE: Etsuui MORII, Reg. No. 02871

This file reveals that the above owned no real property in any protected area in British Columbia.

The file reveals that the above carried no Fire Insurance.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.
January 29th, 1946.
GBS:LEM

G. B. Spain
G. B. Spain

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 10176

February 21, 1946.

RE: Etsuji MORII, Reg. No. 02871

CHATELS: The above, who made his declaration to the Custodian on May 28th, 1942, and was evacuated the same day, declared no chattels. However two shrines were removed from 526 East Cordova Street to our warehouse which were identified as belonging to the above. When advised of these shrines he acknowledged ownership of same on September 16th, 1942.

The Traders Service Ltd., a storage company, advised us on March 23rd, 1945, that seventeen boxes had been stored with them under the name of "YAMA TAXI". The Traders Service Ltd. advised us on Feb. 5/46 that to the best of their knowledge Yama Taxi was operated by one, Shintaro YAMASHITA. On April 12th, 1945, we received a letter from Etsuji MORII, stating that as he had been Chairman of the Japanese Liaison Committee which was assisting the B.C. Security Commission in arranging evacuation of Japanese from the Coast, he had not had time to look after the storing of his own goods, and that he had asked his friend, Shintaro YAMASHITA, who had a thorough knowledge of packing and transportation, to look after this for him. In this letter he requested us to give the Traders Service Ltd. our permission to ship his goods to him. We also had a letter from Shintaro YAMASHITA dated April 12/45 confirming that he had stored the chattels of Etsuji MORII with the Traders Service Ltd. On May 10th, 1945, we advised the above that we had authorized the Traders Service Ltd. to ship his goods and on May 22nd, 1945, we received a letter from Etsuji MORII stating that he had received all his chattels which had been stored with the Traders Service Ltd. in good condition.

SPECIFIED ARTICLES: A Packard sedan, found to be registered in the name of the above, was sold for the net sum of \$98.02 on January 12th, 1943, and this sum was remitted to him on July 3rd, 1943.

Two radios, surrendered to the M.C.M.P. by Etsuji MORII, were later delivered to us and were sold at public auction for the net sum of \$39.11, and this amount was credited to his account. This represents his entire credit balance with this office.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: The Fuji Chop Suez Company listed Etsuji MORII as the holder of 110 shares in their company. This company was liquidated by P. S. Ross & Sons. Information which I obtained from Mr. Frederick Field discloses that after the liquidation of this company and payment of their liabilities, there were no assets available for distribution to the shareholders.

VICTORY BOND: The above declared a \$1000.00 Victory Bond in his own possession. This did not come under the control of the Custodian.

No property interests other than those mentioned above are found on this file.

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

February 21, 1946.

GBS:LHM

Geo. W. Lyman
G. W. Spain

March 13, 1947

Since making up the foregoing summary the following information has been reported to this file:

On February 8, 1947, it was reported that goods belonging to MORII or MARU were stored at 952 West 16th Avenue, Vancouver. The following goods were found and removed from these premises:

| | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 4 Cartons Books, Baskets, Papers) | Sold at auction on |
| 3 Bundles Jardinieres) | Dec. 6, 1946, Feb. 3 & 25, 1947 |
| 2 Boxes Flower Pots) | for the net sum of \$20.57, |
| 4 Glass Windows) | which has been credited to |
| | the account of Etsuji MORII. |
| 2 Bbles. Bamboo Flower Sticks - | Discarded as valueless. |

Letters in the boxes identified these goods as belonging to Etsuji MORII. *See letter of March 15, 1947. Proceeds of sale transferred to Akashi Suspense. Jm*

According to information supplied by Mr. Wills, of this office the two shrines belonging to Etsuji MORII were badly damaged and were discarded as valueless. *←**

J. Matheson
May 23/47.

The sum of \$30.00 was transferred from the account of Togoro KITASAKA, File 954, to the account of Etsuji MORII, in payment of moneys owing by KITASAKA. This transfer was made in accordance with the request of Mr. KITASAKA made in his letter of July 8/46. This \$30.00 is being remitted to MORII today, May 23/47.

L. McKinnon

FILE Small, David

REGISTRATION NO. 68871

FILE NO. 10875

The following chattels were sold by public
auction at 322 Small, Eugene, 3030 May 2, 1944.

Spartan canoe combination
Spartan canoe

\$ 21.00
2.00

Total:

Auctioneer's Fee \$1.00
Less Expenses: Advertising 0.51
 Swings 0.48
 Storage 1.00

Net Proceeds Credited:

\$ 16.00

\$ 6.99

\$ 7.11

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Wills

Extracted from Auctioneering list No. Vancouver 18

Remarks.

MEMORANDUM

July 2nd, 1943.

To: File 10176

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MORII, E. - Reg. 02871

| <u>ARTICLE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>APPRAISED VALUE</u> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| RADIO | ✓Sparton Radio, Mantle model. | \$ 7.50 |
| | ✓Sparton Radio, Console model, 30. Phonograph Radio | 10.00 |

1 - Sold by auction 2/5/44. Proceeds 18

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No.

DIVISION and File No.
(Jala No. 2572)

DETACHMENT and File No. G.I. 36

DATE April 25th 1944

No. 2011 - 599 E. Cordova St. Vancouver, B. C.

On March 18th, 1942, F. R. Jefferson, Cst.

(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by Shintaro YAMAHITA

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

| No. of EXHIBIT | No. of PACKAGES | CAPACITY OR WGT | DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| | 1 | | Spartan Radio mantle model (1) |
| | 1 | | Spartan Radio console model 30 (2) |

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REMARKS: Handed over by Shintaro YAMAHITA

DATE APR 25 1944

(Date when received)

John J. ... For Custodian

(Signature of Custodian or Member)

F. R. Jefferson

F. R. Jefferson, Cst. G.I. 36

(Signature of Member)

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

\$ _____

Vancouver B.C. 1000 1942

Received from Shuntaro Yamashita on behalf of
E. MORII 639 E. Cordova St Vancouver

One radio - Spaton Mantel model

One radio - Spaton console Model 30

Dollars,

Signature J.F. Miles

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MEMORANDUM

To: File 10176
From: Specified Articles Department

2nd July 1943

Re: MORII, Etsuji - Reg. 02871

| <u>ARTICLE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u> | <u>APPRAISED VALUE</u> |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| CAR | 1929 Packard Sedan No. C124 License No. (42) 65496 | \$125.00 |

Sold to: J. E. Shoultz

27th August 1942

Selling Price: \$125.00

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

Form Pacific 9131
PLEASE REFER TO
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808 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

January 12, 1943.

Mr. Etsuji MORII,
Reg. No. 02871,
Bridge River, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Our No. C 124

Re: Motor Vehicles

Your Packard sedan

which was surrendered to the Authorities, has been
sold for \$125.00

Charges against your car were as follows:

Liens \$

Administrative Expenses \$ 26.98

The Balance thereafter remaining of \$ 98.02

has been placed to your credit in our trust account.

Yours truly,

Specified Articles Department.

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17th January, 1949.

Mr. Enai MORI,
Regn. No. 07549,
R.N. No. 1,
Kamloops, B.C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to our letter of the 4th instant we wish to advise you that we have now heard from Mr. Etsuji MORII, and he states the parcels forwarded to you belong to him.

Mr. Morii is now living at Mile 83, P.C.E. Railway, D'Arcy, B.C., and it will, therefore, be necessary to return the parcels to be forwarded by P.C.E. Express in this City.

You may forward the parcels by Express Collect and address them to our Agents in Vancouver, as follows:

Messrs. W.R. Campbell, Limited,
Foot of Melan Drive,
Vancouver, B.C.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

WJ:RA

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4th January, 1949.

Mr. Etsuji MORII,
Bagg. No. 10176,
Minto Mine, B.C.

Dear Sirs

Personal goods now in Custodian storage include one large carton of photos and a carton of framed and loose pictures listed in the name of E. MORII.

If these items belong to you and you wish to receive them, please inform the Custodian on or before the 31st day of January, 1949, giving your full name and address for shipment.

Failing to hear from you by the above date, the Custodian will assume that you have no interest in these goods and will dispose of them at his discretion.

In addition to the goods listed as belonging to yourself and others, there are various unidentified shrines, notes, trophies, photographs and papers, which will be abandoned as of no value unless evidence of ownership is submitted to the Custodian on or before the 30th of June, 1949.

We enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston,
Office of the Custodian.

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March 13, 1947

Mr. Masaji MORII,
Reg. No. 02871,
MIYATO CITY, S. C.

Dear Sir:

In December, 1946, this office was requested by Mr. Kliman, Solicitor, to remove from 952 West 16th Avenue, a quantity of goods which had been left there by a Mr. Morii. The premises, part of an estate that was being settled, was being disposed of. These goods were accordingly removed and were sold by the Custodian.

Letters in some of the boxes indicate that at least some of these goods were your property. Would you kindly let us know if the goods which was stored at 952 West 16th Avenue was your property or if these goods were the property of persons other than you?

For your convenience in replying, we enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Office of the Custodian.

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Enclosure

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February 13th, 1946.

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Mr. Shuji MORII,
Reg. No. 02871,
MINO MINE, S.C.

Dear Sir:

Your file has been reviewed and the following is noted.

When you made your declaration to the Custodian on May 26th, 1942, you declared no property of any kind with the exception of a \$1000.00 Victory Bond. This bond was in your own possession and did not come under the control of the Custodian.

On August 26th, 1942, two shrines belonging to you were discovered at 526 East Cordova Street, and were moved to Custodian warehouse, where they are retained at present. You confirmed ownership of these shrines on September 16th, 1942.

A Packard Sedan automobile was discovered to be registered in your name. This was sold and the proceeds in the sum of \$96.02 were remitted to you on July 3rd, 1943.

Two radios belonging to you were delivered to us by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These radios were sold at public auction and the proceeds amounting to \$39.11, credited to your account. We are enclosing Custodian cheque in this amount with this letter which will close your account.

The Traders' Service Ltd. advised us that Mr. Shintaro YAMAMITA had stored nineteen cases of yours in their warehouse and requested our permission to effect shipment to you. This permission was granted and we have been informed that the shipment of all your boxes in their storage went forward to you as requested.

According to the list of shareholders of the Fuji Chop Suesy Ltd., you are one of the shareholders. The liquidation of this company, after paying off the creditors, left no assets for the shareholders.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian

Mr. Steugi MORII

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February 13th, 1946.

and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque, we are enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain
Protection Department

GBS:ES

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| Rec'd | FEB 6 1946 |
| File No. | 10176 |
| Ans. | |
| Referred | Spain |

343 RAILWAY STREET
VANCOUVER, B. C.

February 5th, 1946

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

Dear Sirs: Attention: Mr. Spain

With reference to household goods stored under Lot Numbers 671 and 673 under the name of Yama Taxi, we wish to advise that, to the best of our knowledge, Yama Taxi was operated by one Shintaro Yamashita.

The goods were delivered into our warehouse by the Shigamatsu Transfer. It was our understanding from deliveries made with your authority, that there were several owners, one of them being Mr. Mori.

We trust this is the information your require.

Yours very truly,

TRADERS' SERVICE LTD.

[Signature]
Manager

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December 7th, 1945.

Mr. Basaji WADII,
Reg. no. 02571,
MIRTO HIRE, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 4th instant with reference to your two radio items left with the A.C.M.P.

The present is to advise you that these two articles have been sold at public auction for a net amount of \$39.11, which amount we will be pleased to remit to you if you will send us the receipt you received from the A.C.M.P. at the time the radios were surrendered.

Yours truly,

G. B. Spain
Protection Department.

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