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ALL COMMUNICATIONS RESPECTING PATIENTS MUST BE  
ADDRESSED TO THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.  
ALL CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, ETC., TO BE MADE  
PAYABLE TO PROVINCIAL MENTAL HOSPITAL.



THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Provincial Mental Hospital**  
ESSONDALE, B.C.  
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

SEP 26 1942

September 24, 1942.

R. P. Alexander, Esq.,  
Manager, Japanese Evacuation Section,  
506 - Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re - Buta SAKATA, (your file #12685):

In reference to the above, he was admitted to this Hospital, December 15, 1919, from Oakalla Prison Farm. Previous to this, he was living at Nanaimo for a short time and, prior to that, had several addresses in Vancouver. He is still in the Hospital. He was committed as a result of murdering his wife and three children at 1701 Cedar Street, Vancouver, on November 3, 1919.

He was born on October 19, 1882, in Japan and came to Canada in 1900, arriving at Victoria. He had no brothers or sisters. His mother was dead. His father's name was given as Motoichi Sakata. We have no further addresses of relatives.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Ryan'.

E. J. Ryan  
Medical Superintendent.

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File No. 12685

28th September, 1942.

MEMO - MR. WRIGHT

Re: Buta SAKATA

The Provincial Mental Hospital and Government Tuberculosis Units advises us that the Provincial Mental Hospital at Essondale has a claim against Motoichi Sakata, who is in Japan, for expenses involved in maintaining his son, Buta Sakata, who is in the Provincial Mental Hospital, partly as a result of having murdered his wife and three children back in 1919.

You may possibly wish to contact the Provincial Mental Hospital and instruct them to file a claim, if they so desire, on Form "C". The file itself is attached and I would appreciate your returning it to us as soon as possible.

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1st September, 1942.

Collector of Institutional Revenue,  
410 Seymour Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Buta SAKATA

Reference is made to the claim you have on file with us against Buta Sakata in connection with which you advised that his closest relative, his Father, was Mr. Motoichi Sakata, whose address was given by you as Oasa Nakatsu Yamura, Hidakogun Wakayama, Japan.

We regret having to inform you that we have been unable to trace any letter in our files regarding Mr. Buta Sakata, nor have we met with any success in identifying this individual after correspondence with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In order that we may deal with this claim properly we would appreciate your providing us with some further information regarding the address of this patient at the time or shortly before he received treatment, his present age, his occupation and the full names of any other relatives known to you. It would also be of some assistance if you could provide us with particulars of the dates upon which Mr. Sakata received treatment and the date of his discharge.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander,  
Manager

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