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May 1/44

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN—Enemy Section

File No. 12938

Name: THE MUTUAL AID GROUP Reg. No.: P/W/

Home Address

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY

1. Location and Description NIL

Vested

2. Buildings and Other Improvements NIL

3. Insurance

4. Taxes (amount and where payable)

5. Encumbrances

6. Occupancy and Leases (if vacant so state)

7. State if any other person has any interest

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED

1. Give brief description and state location of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Machinery, Stock in Trade and Personal Effects NIL

2. Name and Address of any person having any claim on such Property

3. Insurance Carried on Personal Property

4. Bonds, Debentures, Shares, Stocks or other Securities

5. Bank Accounts and Disposition of same

6. Life Insurance

7. Liabilities other than items 4 and 5

8. Remarks This Group is composed of 11 members, a list of which is on file.

J. Poy

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Hastings Park,
Sept. 18, 1942.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION

NISHIZEKI, Tokusaburo
Reg. No. 14135
Hammond Rd., Pitt Meadows, B. C.

The above was one of ten members of a Mutual Aid Group, paying \$50.00 every six months into the funds for the benefit of the one whose turn it was to receive the money.

The following 3 members, YAMADA, Keizo Harris Rd., Pitt Meadows, MORI, Kunizo, Trunk Rd., Pitt Meadows, and OSATO, Shikazo, Haney, B. C., now all in Manitoba, received their amounts of \$500.00, but owing to evacuation the group could not be carried on, therefore the Declarant desires to claim the \$50.00 paid to each of them.

SIGNATURE... "Tokusaburo.Nishizeki"

WITNESS.. "F.:.T.:.Williams".....

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

550 SOMERSET BUILDING

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

January 7th, 1943.

R. C. BROWN
COMMISSIONER'S REPRESENTATIVE
FOR MANITOBA

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 11 1943
File #	3362
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Alford</i>

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Attention Mr. R. P. Alexander.

Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Department of The Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Kinya HINATSU and The Mutual Aid Group,
Your Reference No. 3362.

I beg to advise you I have now completed the transaction of turning over the \$100.00 held in trust by me, to Mr. Hinatsu as representative of The Mutual Aid Group. I enclose herewith the two forms respecting this, duly signed by Mr. Hinatsu and witnessed by me.

For your information and records I also attach copy of the receipt to me, which he signed in duplicate.

Yours truly,

R. C. Brown

R. C. BROWN,
Commissioner's Representative
for Manitoba.

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Enclosures, 3.

THE MUTUAL AID GROUP

EVACUATION
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To The Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

As it appears to be the consensus of opinion of the members of our Group that we either continue operating our Group as arranged between us or that we should be permitted to dissolve the Group under arrangements acceptable to all of our members, I have accepted from Mr. R. C. Brown, Representative for Manitoba of the British Columbia Security Commission, the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), previously paid to Mr. Brown in trust by Mr. Keizo Yamada.

Mr. Kunizo Mori has brought me the amount due by him to the Mutual Aid Group and I undertake to see to it that the Office of the Custodian is held free from any responsibility, either for the operation of the Mutual Aid Group or of any claim made to the Custodian in connection with the Mutual Aid Group by any member of the Mutual Aid Group.

I further undertake at this time to write to each member of the Mutual Aid Group, whose addresses are known to me and to Mr. Nishizeki, notifying all such members of my action and, at the same time, to forward to the Office of the Custodian copies of my letters to the members in question.

Date

R. C. Brown

R. C. Brown
Witness

K. Hinatsu

Kinya Hinatsu
Police Registration No. 14253

One copy (signed) removed to file 5362

THE MUTUAL AID GROUP

Keizo YAMADA	Reg. No. 14451	Oak Bluff, Manitoba.
Kunizo MORI	" 12024	c/o R. C. Brown, B. C. Security Commission, 550 Somerset Bldg., Winnipeg.
Shikazo OSATO	" 13978	Curtis Siding, Manitoba.
Sozo MOCHIZUKI	" 04067	Kamloops District.
Nisa MOCHIZUKI	" 04088	Slocan, B. C.
Tokusaburo NISHIZEKI	" 14135	Tashme, B. C.
Takejiro KUBOTA	" 14446	c/o R. C. Brown, B. C. Security Commission, 550 Somerset Bldg., Winnipeg.
Kinya HINATSU	" 14253	c/o Tully Bros., Oakville, Manitoba.
Goichiro NAGAMATSU	" 14594	New Denver, B. C.
Senjuro SAITO	" 14124	Westwold, B. C.
Hyogoro FUJII	" 14137	c/o R. N. Jutras, Latellier, Manitoba.

12935 & 3362

10th December, 1942.

R. C. Brown, Esq.,
Commissioner's Representative for Manitoba,
British Columbia Security Commission,
550 Somerset Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

Re: Kinga HIMATSU and
The Mutual Aid Group.

Thank you very much for your letter dated December 3rd. It is our suggestion that in so far as the \$100.00 being held by you in a trust account on behalf of Mr. Keiso Yamada, Registration No. 14251, is concerned, you hand your cheque for this amount to Mr. Kinga Hinatsu, Registration No. 14253, and obtain a receipt from Mr. Hinatsu for this amount in his capacity as representing the Mutual Aid Group.

At the same time, and in order that our records may be complete, kindly obtain Mr. Hinatsu's signature to the attached statement and have said statement returned to us.

Yours truly,

R. F. Alexander
Manager

RFA:LF

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November 26th, 1942

Mr. C. R. Brown,
Commissioner's Representative,
B. C. Security Commission,
550 Somerset Building,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:-

Re: HINATSU, Kinya
THE MUTUAL AID GROUP

Thank you very much for your letter dated November 20th in connection with the Mutual Aid Group following your conferences with Mr. Yamada and the daughter of Mr. Kinya Hinatsu.

In our letter to Mr. Hinatsu dated November 9th we requested Mr. Hinatsu to advise the Custodian whether or not it was the desire of the members of the Mutual Aid Group that adjustments be made by the Custodian and to this we have received no reply.

After consulting further with Mr. Hinatsu and if it is the desire of all of the members of the Mutual Aid Group to continue carrying on the operations of the Mutual Aid Group as originally intended, the Custodian Office has no objections whatsoever at least for the time being. We must, however, call your attention to the fact that certain members of the Mutual Aid Group requested aid from the Custodian in obtaining refunds of contributions given by them in the past.

If Mr. Kinya Hinatsu, Registration No. 14253, and Mr. Senjuro Saito, Registration No. 14124, and other members desire to continue the operations of the Mutual Aid Group and if Mr. Hinatsu will be good enough to obtain from each member an indication of the desire so to continue, the Custodian's Office would be pleased to receive this information and thereafter withdraw from this matter.

In other words, if all the members of the Mutual Aid Group are satisfied to continue, they may do so insofar as

*Alexander***BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION**

550 SOMERSET BUILDING

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

November 20th, 1942.

R. C. BROWN
COMMISSIONER'S REPRESENTATIVE
FOR MANITOBAOFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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NOV 24 1942Attention Mr. R. F. Alexander, Manager.Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: The Mutual Aid Group, Your Nos. 12935 and 3362.

Yesterday the daughter of Mr. Kinya Himatsu, Japanese Registration No. 14253, called at the office and brought your letter of November 9th addressed to her father. She requested me to write to Messrs. Yamada, Mori and Osato, in order to arrange for them to meet her father to discuss the contents of your letter.

Shortly after her departure from the office, Mr. Yamada called, and I was then able to take up with him the subject of your correspondence. The information I received from him is as follows.

In 1940 Yamada borrowed from The Mutual Aid Group the sum of \$500.00, for which he gave five notes repayable \$100.00 yearly commencing September, 1941. The first payment was made and he advised me he was prepared to make the second payment. After some discussion, in which I assured him it was your intention to pay the money to the group interested, he asked me to take charge of the \$100.00 which was due in September of this year. I therefore have on hand that amount, and I shall deposit it in a Trust Account in my own name pending receipt of advice from you as to its disposal.

Mr. Yamada further informed me that Mr. Mori, who lives on the same farm in Manitoba with him, had told him that in 1941 he borrowed the sum of \$400.00, repayable in four years at \$100.00 per year. He said Mori had stated to him he has the \$100.00 necessary to pay his instalment which was due in September of this year.

I do not know whether there is anything further you wish me to do in the matter of your letter to Mr. Himatsu, but from the conversation I had with Mr. Yamada yesterday I gathered that one of his concerns is whether or not this Japanese group will be permitted to carry on the operations of The Mutual Aid Group as originally intended or if it is your intention

to close down their operations and distribute the assets to them individually.
I should like to be advised at your earliest convenience as to the disposal
of the funds now in my hands.

Yours truly,

R. C. Brown

~~Commissioner~~ Representative
for Manitoba. *RCB*

RCB'Mc.

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North Kamloops

Nov. 14. 1942.
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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The Custodian
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear sir:-

Re. Your letter of Nov. 9th to
the Mutual Aid Group.

I am writing Mr. X. Hinatawa
& Mr. K. Yamada to find out
from other members of the said
three members, what they are
intending to do. So please
wait till I hear from them
before taking any steps.

What I was thinking
was that we settle this
matter amongst ourselves.
He said three members has
to refund the \$50 between
themselves in 4 years time to
each member, which was paid
in by them up to now.

The \$7 difference is that
the drawer does not have to
pay in this share making
it \$50 even to him.

Yours truly
S. Latta

PLH

12935 and 8273

November 9, 1942

Mr. Senjuro SAITO
Registration No. 14124
Westwold, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: The Mutual Aid Group

A number of individuals have called our attention to the fact that they were members of a Mutual Aid Group, which had a membership of eleven individuals of the Japanese race (of all of whom we have a record), and that you and Mr. Kinya HINATSU acted as Treasurers or Auditors of the group in question.

It is our understanding that Mr. Keizo YAMADA, Mr. Kunizo MORI, and Mr. Shikazo OSATO each drew \$500.00 apiece.

Applications have been received by us from other members of the Mutual Aid Group for the Custodian to take steps to obtain refunds of their contributions.

We are not entirely familiar with the by-laws (if any) of the Mutual Aid Group and do not know whether or not the three Japanese individuals mentioned above are obligated to make the refund at this time.

We would appreciate receiving your advice, and if it is the desire of all of the members of the Mutual Aid Group that some adjustment be made and if the three individuals who gained by the enterprise are obligated to make refunds are able to do so and are willing to do so, the Custodian's Office will be glad to assist further in this connection and is willing to receive refunds from Messrs. Yamada, Mori, and Osato and to distribute refunds thereby obtained amongst all of the members of the Mutual Aid Group.

4200
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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NOV 5 1942

Alexander
House # 198 - 7th Ave.
Jashme, Hope Bldg.
Nov. 2nd 1942.

Department of the Secretary of State
Office of the Custodian, Japanese Section
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Hastings + Granville, Vancouver Bldg.

Dear Sir, -

In request of your letter of September 28th for
file # 4200, the individuals making up of our
Mutual Aid Group was

* Keigo Yamada, Pitt Meadows 5022	Manitoba
* Kunizo Mori 8679	"
* Shikazo Osato Honey 2543	"
Sozo Mochizuki Whonock 6984	Kamloops
Masa Mochizuki 6986	Slocan
Tokumatsu Mochizuki Pitt Meadar 4200	Jashme Hope
Takejiro Kubota 4208	Manitoba
Kingya Hinatan 3362	" Cl. Tully Pro. Oakville, Man.
Goichiro Nagamatsu 8684	New Denver
Senjuro Saito 8273	Summerland Westmald, B.C.
Hyojoro Fujii 3783	Man.

Amongst above eleven members the first-
three people have received \$500⁰⁰ each. The
treasurer or more like the auditor of our group
were Kingya Hinatan and Senjuro Saito, both of former

at the meadows. The order in which the members were to receive payment and the interest they have to pay varies each time and by choosing certain method. We were to have meeting twice a year and each time each individuals are to bring \$50⁰⁰ and a chosen member to borrow the whole sum, but he still has to bring \$50 each following meeting until the whole sum is paid off. Therefore, the three members that I have mentioned before are the only people that holding our group's money and the treasurers or the auditors are not holding a cent of our treasure.

Hoping this will give you some aid in further investigation of our Mutual Aid Group in order to hasten the refunds.

Yours very truly

Jousaburo, Nishijeki

14135

COPY

October 22, 1942.

Mr. Tokusaburo NISHIZEKI,
Registration No. 14135,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Please refer to our letter to you dated September 28th in connection with the request made by Mr. Williams of our staff regarding the Mutual Aid Group.

You will, of course, appreciate the fact that without further information from you in this connection it is not possible for us to take any steps towards aiding you in any way. Unless we hear from you in this connection we therefore propose to let the matter rest.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

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