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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Dec. 17/42

Our File No. 13626

Full Name KUZUHARA, Loras (Mrs. Taihei) (White woman)  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. N/R

Male - ☒ Female  
(Check)

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Former Address 115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby, B. C.

Date Evacuated \_\_\_\_\_

Naturalized - ☒ American  
Canadian-Born - National  
(Check)

Present Address Now with parents in or near Chicago (can be traced thru U. S.

Consul) NO! She was delivered to Superintendent St. Elizabeths  
Hospital, Washington, D. C. March 6, 1943

Married - Single  
(Check)

Name of Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children under 16 \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

B. McKim

Registered with Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

No  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Please refer to letter from R. C. M. P. dated Dec.

7th re. above. She is an American.



June 17/46

Re: Loras KUZUHARA (Mrs. Taihei) - File 13626

Mrs. Kuzuhara is a white woman and an American Citizen.

She owns, together with her husband, property known as Lot A of Lots 8 & 9 of Blk. 5 of Lot 186, Group 1, Map 3704, Mun. of Burnaby, N.W.D. - 115 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, as "Joint Tenants".

There is a registered mortgage against this property by Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. for \$2500.00 dated March 10/31.

Position at Nov.24/45: Princ. outstanding \$2381.32  
Interest paid to Nov.15/45

Since Nov.24/45 payments of \$20.00 have been made on Dec.6, Jan.7/46, Feb. 6, Mar. 4 and April 3rd,

Being handled by P. S. Ross & Sons.

L.R.



Catalogue No.

File Nos. 11715 & 13626.

Taihei KUZUHARA  
Loras KUZUHARA

Reg. Nos. 10753

Civic Address: 115 Gilmore Avenue

Legal Description: Lot "A" of Lots 8 and 9 of Block 5 of  
Lot 186 Group 1 Map 3704 Municipality of  
Burnaby in the District of New Westminster.

Classification: Dwelling.

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SEE "REAL PROPERTY" FILE NO. 11715



### REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

**JAPANESE NAMES:** Dr. Taihei KUZUHARA Reg. No. 10753 File No. 11715  
Loras KUZUHARA (Mrs. Taihei) Not Registered - American citizen.

**CATALOGUE NO.:** Not advertised

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 115 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, B. C.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Lot "A" of Lots 8 and 9 of Block 5 of Lot 186, Group 1, Map 3704, Municipality of Burnaby in the District of New Westminster.

**TITLE:** In the names of Loras KUZUHARA and Tai KUZUHARA, "Joint Tenants".

**ENCUMBRANCES:** Certificate of Vesting No. 25710, April 12, 1943, covering the interest of Dr. Taihei KUZUHARA.

663540 10th March 1931 Mortgage in Fee to Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company for the sum of \$2500.00 with interest at the rate of 8% per annum

Certificate of Charge No. 2196 has been issued.

**ASSESSED VALUE:** 1942 - Land \$350.00  
Imp. 2200.00 - \$2550.00. Taxes - \$77.57

1949 Land and Improvements 2550.00. Taxes - \$84.10.

**CLASSIFICATION:** Property consists of a one and a half storey frame building. D. W. Reeve of Messrs. Johnson, Reeve & Watson appraised this property on October 12, 1944, at \$3250.00 to \$3500.00. In their appraisal report they said this property was situated in a good neighborhood, convenient situated for access to transportation and shops, with a school in the next block north. Lot - 61 ft. on Gilmore Avenue and 80.2 ft. on Triumph Street. Concrete walks badly cracked and uneven. House approximately 37 ft. by 30 ft., exterior walls of shingles and siding round the basement, shingle roof. Fairly well built on low concrete wall foundation and contained 5 rooms and bathroom on ground floor, and 2 rooms in attic with sloping ceilings with access from a closed stairway. Oak floors in living room, dining room and entrance hall. House appears from 18 to 20 years old. Basement has concrete floor, hot air furnace and laundry tubs. Plumbing and other fixtures are not modern. Exterior condition fairly good but interior in need of painting and redecorating.

**HISTORY OF ADMINISTRATION:** When evacuated Dr. Kuzuhara left his wife (an American) and family in the house. According to R.C.M.P. letter of October 30, 1942, Mrs. Loras Kuzuhara and the two sons, Gene and Tai Kuzuhara, were allowed to remain the protected area, exempt from Japanese rules and regulations. As these premises were occupied by members of Dr. Kuzuhara's family no rents were collected by the Custodian, and Taxes, Water Rates and Fire Insurance premiums were paid by Dr. Kuzuhara through this office.

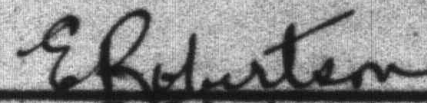


Mrs. Loras Kusuhara entered St. Elisabeths Hospital, Washington, D.C., for treatment of a mental illness on March 6, 1943. (See letter of July 12/43 from R.G.M.P. and letter of April 21, 1944 from St. Elisabeths Hospital). As the Custodian was not in a position to convey Title in this property, the Attorney General of British Columbia was asked in a letter dated October 2, 1944, if he would act as a Committee to look after the interests of Mrs. Kusuhara but the Attorney General replied on October 5, 1944 that under Section 53 of the Lunacy Act it was not intended that the Attorney General of this Province should be the Committee of a person outside the Province, therefore he could not act in the manner suggested as there is no Statutory authority.

After Mrs. Loras Kusuhara left Canada these premises were occupied by Mrs. Rita Stewart (see memo March 14/44), a sister of Gene Kusuhara's wife. A footnote to memo of March 14/44 dated October 7/44 indicates that Gene Kusuhara was then tenant of these premises, together with his wife and family, and his brother, Tai. Gene Kusuhara later had his name changed to MURFORD, his mother's maiden name, and this is confirmed by letter of October 18, 1944, on file from the Division of Vital Statistics, Victoria, B.C.

Mr. Wright's memo of November 2, 1944, indicates that it was agreed with Mr. Field that in view of Mr. Kusuhara making payment of interest, taxes, water rates, etc. on this property it was best to defer action regarding sale of the property, and Mr. Field said instructions would be given to charge 5% interest and apply the interest residue received from Dr. Kusuhara towards reduction of the principal sum. P.S. Ross & Sons' liquidation report of November 24, 1945 gave the position of the Mortgage as: Principal Outstanding \$2381.32, with Interest paid to November 15, 1945, and Mr. Johnston's memo of May 17, 1946 reveals that monthly payments of \$20.00 for December through April were also received from Dr. Kusuhara. A check of Japan & Canada Trust Savings Company ledger account, Entry 125, reveals that further payments amounting to \$740.00 are recorded, and the Accounting Department have today advised that in conversation with Mr. Field on June 22nd, 1949, it was learned that Dr. Kusuhara was purchasing this Mortgage at a figure agreed to by Mr. Field and that settlement will be received by this office in due course.

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

  
E. Robertson.

/ER  
June 24, 1949.



FILE NO.

NAME

FILE NO.

KUZHARA, Loras  
(See also File 11715)

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COMPANY	POLICY NO.	AMOUNT	EXPIRATION			PROPERTY
			MONTH	DAY	YEAR	
Royal Insurance Co.	10/714402	\$1500.	Oct.	16	1945	115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby Subdiv. A of Lots 8 & 9, Block 5, D.L. 186
	<i>Ren'd by Royal Ins. Pol. 783217</i>					
Home Fire & Marine Insurance Co.	131669	\$1500.	Oct.	16	1945	115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby Subdiv. A of Lots 8 & 9, Block 5, D.L. 186
	<i>Ren'd by Home Fire &amp; Marine Ins. Pol. 176591</i>					
Royal Insurance Co.	783217	\$1500.00	Oct.	16	1948	115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby, B.C. Subd. A of Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 5, D.L. 186
	<i>Ren'd by Royal Ins. Pol. 855724</i>					
Home Fire & Marine Insurance Co.	176591	\$1500.00	Oct.	16	1948	115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby, B.C. Subd. A of Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 5, D.L. 186
	<i>Ren'd by Home Fire &amp; Marine Ins. Pol. 177039</i>					
Royal Insurance Company	855724	\$1500.00	Oct.	16	1951	ditto above
	<i>Relinquished Sept. 16/49</i>					
Home Fire & Marine Insurance Company	177039	\$1500.00	Oct.	16	1951	ditto above
	<i>Relinquished Sept. 2/49</i>					



Internee File 125

INVOICE 1110 127

(Signature)



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4th December, 1942.

Cst. Davidson,  
c/o Royal Canadian Mounted Police,  
Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Your File No. 10753.

We have obtained the registration of Taihei Kuzuhara, Police Registration No. 10753. Our files indicate that his wife, Loras Kuzuhara, is not registered, but we understand that she is American and probably will not be evacuated and probably will be remaining in Vancouver with her children.

We presume that the Ministry of Justice has permitted these people to remain under some special ruling, but purely in order that our files may be complete, we would appreciate receiving confirmation from you, so that we may close our file covering Mrs. Loras Kuzuhara.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Manager.

RPA:GF







*W. D. L. L. L. L. L.*  
L.H. 2A

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
JAPANESE REGISTRATION  
"E" DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Our File No. 10753  
DIV. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Your File No. 13626  
H. Q. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vancouver, B. C.,  
December 7th, 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
**RECEIVED**  
DEC 9 1942

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

Attention Mr. R. P. Alexander

Re: Taihei KUZUHARA - #10753

Sir:

In answer to your letter of December 4th, regarding Taihei KUZUHARA, our number 10753, and his wife, please be advised that Loras KUZUHARA is not registered with us and being American is not required to follow rules and regulations governing Japanese.

Mrs. KUZUHARA is at the present time at Essondale Mental Hospital. Two sons, Gene and Arthur are residing at 115 Gilmore Avenue in Burnaby. The two sons, being Eurasians, are registered with us; their numbers being, respectively, 13201, 13713, but they are exempted from being evacuated and are allowed to remain within the area free from regulations governing Japanese within the protected area.

We trust that this information will prove satisfactory to you. If anything further is necessary do not hesitate to call on us.

*R. A. Davidson* Cst.  
(R. A. Davidson)  
In Charge Japanese Registration

KD:HM  
MARINE BLDG.

*One*



Written by  
Mrs. D. I. Nakano, Mrs. Lora Kiyuhara's mother  
whose address is  
at 1383 1/2 Hodiamont Ave.,  
St. Louis, 12 means the mail district  
of carrier W. S.

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Rec'd	JUL 10 1943
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

St. Louis, Mo.  
July 3rd 1943

Mr. K. W. Wright  
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver B. C., Canada.

~~Supt. M.~~

Supt. Mann of The Prudential  
Ins. Co., kindly suggests that I  
get in touch with the Japanese  
Custodian who may be able  
in assisting me to locate my  
daughter Mrs. Tai Kiyuhara  
whose husband is a dentist  
and Japanese Custom is: The man  
takes the wife's name which may  
is a different way than most other  
customs. She is all American born  
I am her real mother and have  
been writing and writing to her and  
no answer for a year and a half.

Mr. K. W. Wright, where is she?

Kindly let me know. My husband  
second husband died in the hospital over five years  
ago and I live alone in St. Louis  
W. S. 1383 1/2 Hodiamont. Ask her if  
she wishes to come home to me or  
stay in Vancouver? Their home address  
was 115 Gilmore Ave. Vancouver Canada.



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Legal Section

912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
July 10th, 1943.

Cst. R.A. Davidson,  
i/c Japanese Registration,  
B.C. Security Commission,  
Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA

We have a letter from Mrs. D.I. Wamano of St. Louis, mother of the above named, enquiring as to the whereabouts of her daughter.

In a letter, dated December 7th, 1942 you advise that Mrs. Kuzuhara was at Essondale Mental Hospital. A report on our file, which is dated May 21st, 1943, indicates that the above named is no longer in Essondale and we would be obliged if you would furnish us with information as to the present address if possible, in order that we may communicate with Mrs. Wamano.

Your early attention would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT  
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/DG



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE  
JAPANESE REGISTRATION  
"E" DIVISION

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

Our File No. 10753  
DIV. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

H. Q. FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Vancouver, B. C.,  
July 12th, 1943.

Rec'd	JUL 13 1943
File No.	13621
Ans.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Mr. K. W. Wright,  
Counsel to the Custodian,  
912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA

Sir: {

With reference to your letter  
of the 10th instant we wish to advise that  
the present address of the above-named  
woman is -

St. Elizabeth Hospital,  
Washington, D. C.

B. She entered this hospital  
March 6th, 1943.

Yours truly,

DICK BLDG.

J. Davis (for) Cst.  
(R. A. Davidson)  
i/c Japanese Registration  
(A.O.D.)



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Legal Department

912 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
July 13th, 1943.

Mrs. D. I. Nakano,  
Apt. 1383 A, Hodiament Ave.,  
St. Louis 12, Missouri.

Dear Madam:      Re: Mrs. Loras KUSUHARA.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 3rd instant, enquiring as to the present whereabouts of your daughter, Mrs. Loras Kusuhara.

We are informed by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that Mrs. Kusuhara entered the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D. C. on March 6th, 1943, and it is suggested that you endeavor to contact her there.

Yours truly,

KWW/W

K. W. WRIGHT  
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN



File No. 11715  
13626

December 4, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. A. G. MacArthur

From: Mr. W. J. Johnston

Re: Dr. Taihei KUHARA and Lorea KUHARA (wife)

PROPERTY: Lot "A" of Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3 of Lot  
136, Group 1, Map 7704, Municipality of Burn-  
aby in the District of Port Metlakatla.

CURRENT ADDRESS: 113 Wilmore Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.

REGISTERED OWNER: Lorea KUHARA and Tai KUHARA,  
"Joint Tenants".

REGISTERED MORTGAGE:

1931-1. 10th March, 1931, Mortgage in  
favor of Japan and Canada Trust Savings  
Company for the sum of \$2500.00 with  
interest at the rate of 2% per annum.  
Copy of Mortgage in File 11715.

INDEX: Filing No. 25710.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATION (on file): States "No deal-  
ings without consent of P.A. Ross & Sons  
(Controllers under trade with enemy)".

NATIONALITY OF KUHARA and Family:

Dr. Taihei KUHARA-- Japanese National.  
Mrs. Lorea KUHARA-- American Citizen.  
3 sons: Considered Derogatory.

REMARKS:

Dr. KUHARA-- Dental Surgeon, Tachoo  
Hospital, Tachoo, B.C. near Hope, B.C.  
Mrs. KUHARA-- Unknown. Possibly with  
parents in or near Chicago, U.S.A.  
Can be traced through U.S. Consul.  
(Note on H.C.E.P. Form dated May 21, 1943).  
Lorel(?) Living at Tachoo or Hope, B.C.  
One visiting in Vancouver at present  
time.



File: 11713  
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December 4, 1943.

Re: Mrs. A. G. Rasmussen

From: Mr. W. J. Johnston.

RECEIVED on file, dated October 7, 1942, states:  
"We have been informed by the R.C.M.P. that the  
Minister of Justice has recognized Mrs. Rasmussen's  
claim (she being a white woman) to her U.S. Cit-  
izenship and the Minister has also agreed tempo-  
rarily to treat the two sons, Tai and Gene, as Can-  
adians and are not subject to evacuation but will  
remain in Vancouver with all privileges".

RECEIVED I phoned Dr. Rasmussen's house on Gilmore Av-  
enue on Thursday, Dec. 2, 1943, and was informed  
that Mrs. Rasmussen is not in the City and that  
the two sons are living at Hope, B.C. The house  
is occupied but the details of tenancy were not  
obtained. The phone number is Glenburn 0351X.

In view of the fact that the property is regist-  
ered in the names of the above-mentioned as  
"Joint Tenants", would the Custodian be entitled  
to collect Dr. Rasmussen's share of revenues from  
rents which are probably being paid by the pres-  
ent tenant.

Dr. Rasmussen has paid taxes in full for 1943 di-  
rect to the District of Burnaby. Copy of receipt-  
ed Tax Notice is on file 11713.

The Assessed Value of the property is:

Land: \$350.00  
Imp: \$1200.00

Dr. Rasmussen's Account with the Custodian has a  
debit balance of \$1.00.

WJ:ED

.....  
*[Signature]*



11715 and 13626.

20th January, 1944.

American Consulate General,  
355 Burrard Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

re: Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA.

The above-mentioned party is an American Citizen, white in colour, and is the wife of Dr. Taihei KUZUHARA, a Japanese National who was evacuated from the Protected Area to Tashme, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. KUZUHARA are joint-owners of a lot and dwelling at 115 Gilmore Avenue in the District of Burnaby, and it is necessary for us to locate the whereabouts of Mrs. KUZUHARA. According to information received some time ago it is possible she may be residing with her parents, in or near Chicago.

We will greatly appreciate any assistance you may render us in this connection.

Yours truly,

W.J. Johnston.  
Administration Department.

WJJ/MB.



*file*  
11715 and 13626.

26th January, 1944.

Department of Immigration,  
Ft. Burrard,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs,

re: Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA.

We have been advised by the American Consulate General's Office that the above-mentioned American Citizen, wife of Dr. Taihei KUZUHARA, a Japanese was deported to the United States in March 1943.

We would appreciate receiving further particulars regarding Mrs. KUZUHARA and advice as to her present whereabouts, if you are able to supply same.

*Red*  
Thanking you herein.

We are,

Yours very truly,

W.J. Johnston.  
Administration Department.

WJJ/MB.



ADDRESS  
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
PACIFIC DISTRICT



DEPARTMENT  
OF  
MINES AND RESOURCES

VANCOUVER, B.C., January 25, 1944.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

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IMMIGRATION  
BRANCH

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 2 1944
File No.	11715 + 13626
Date	1/25/44
Johnston	

*Both sent to you*

(In Duplicate)

Dear Sir:-

Your File Nos. 11715 & 13626.

The information you received from the local United States Consular Office concerning Mrs. Loras Kuzuhara is quite correct. She was deported from Canada during the month of March 1943 and delivered to the Superintendent of the St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

May I also inform you that Mrs. Kuzuhara has a son, Arthur T. Kuzuhara, who up until a few months ago was residing at 115 Gilmore Avenue, Vancouver.

I hope, therefore, through either of these sources you will be able to obtain the information you require.

Yours truly,

*Frederic W. Taylor*  
F. W. Taylor  
District Superintendent.

Mr. W. J. Johnston,  
Administration Department,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.



File Nos. 11715 & 13626

March 14, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: The Files

From: Mr. W. J. Johnston

Re: 115 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby

On Friday, March 10th, 1944 I interviewed Mrs. Rita Stewart at the above-mentioned address and obtained the following information:

- (1). The said Mrs. Stewart is occupying these premises rent free with her husband and small daughter.
- (2). She is the sister of Mrs. Gene KUZUHARA and both these women are of the white race.
- (3). She expects Mr. Gene KUZUHARA, son of Dr. Taihei KUZUHARA, will be occupying the premises shortly with his wife.
- (4). Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA, American wife of Dr. KUZUHARA, is still at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Rita Stewart's Phone No. GL.0351Y  
Mr. Gene KUZUHARA'S Phone No. HA.4025R  
(at home of Mrs. Stewart's mother)

WJJ/ms

*May 1/44. At this date Mrs. Rita Stewart, husband & daughter still occupying premises on same basis.*



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April 13th, 1944.

Personal.

The Superintendent,  
St. Elizabeth's Hospital,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter dated January 28th, 1944 from Mr. F. W. Taylor, District Superintendent of Immigration for Canada, at Vancouver, B. C. advising us that Mrs. Loras KUZUHARA was delivered to you during the month of March 1943.

Mrs. KUZUHARA's former address was 115 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, B. C.

Kindly advise us as soon as possible if Mrs. KUZUHARA is still in your care or whether she has been removed elsewhere. We are anxious to ascertain information regarding her present whereabouts and the name of her official representative who would be in a position to transact business on her behalf. An early reply will will oblige.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston,  
Administration Department.

WJJ/HMS





FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL  
WASHINGTON 20, D. C.

Rec'd APR 28 1944  
File No. 11715 and 13626  
Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred JOHNSTON  
50-554

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE SUPERINTENDENT  
SAINT ELIZABETHS HOSPITAL

April 21, 1944

In re Loras H. Kuzuhara

In re File No. 13626  
11715

Personal.

Office of the Custodian  
Department of the Secretary of State  
of Canada,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

Attention: Mr. W.J. Johnston,  
Administration Department

We furnish the following information concerning  
Mrs. Loras H. Kuzuhara in reply to your inquiry of April  
13, 1944.

Mrs. Kuzuhara was admitted to Saint Elizabeths  
Hospital for treatment of a mental illness on March 6,  
1943. She is of unsound mind and needs further care and  
supervision in a mental institution. We know of no one  
who has been legally appointed to transact business on her  
behalf.

Very truly yours,

*R. H. Guthrie*  
Riley H. Guthrie,  
First Assistant Physician



Memo MB McArthur  
from Hammond, Japan & Canada F. 3. 6

re Tai Loo Kuguhara Mortgage

Principal \$2,500<sup>00</sup> due mch 10/34 7% int.

Interest is paid to approx. end of Apr. /44  
notation made that taxes are paid for 1942 - Have  
no record for payment of 1943 taxes.

Both sons are at Iashme as also is Tai Kuguhara.  
(Dentist)  
(where he has a dental laboratory etc at Hospital)

Tai Kuguhara made arrangement with Custodian department  
to pay \$20. per month. Has kept up his payments thus  
far.

May 2, 1944

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JAPANESE PROPERTIES  
IN GREATER VANCOUVER

**MEMORANDUM**

ATTENTION: Mr. K. W. Wright

to Mr. F. G. Shears

FROM Mr. H. S. Durkee

Sept. 19/44

SUBJECT Evacuee Files 11715 & 13626.

Certain particulars are required for the Committee's records  
in connection with the above Evacuee files. Would it be possible  
therefore to have these files delivered to the Committee's office  
at your earliest convenience, and oblige,

*H.S. Durkee*

HDS/MS

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd **SEP 19 1944**

File No. \_\_\_\_\_

Ans'd \_\_\_\_\_

Refer'd \_\_\_\_\_

VANCOUVER, B.C.



11715 & 13626  
Evacuation Section

509 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
September 19th, 1944

H. S. Durkee, Esq.,  
Advisory Committee on Japanese  
Properties in Greater Vancouver,  
315 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Taihei KUZUHARA and  
Lorae KUZUHARA

Dear Mr. Durkee:

In accordance with your request of even date, we attach hereto  
Files Nos. 11715 and 13626.

The correspondence indicates that the titles herein are defective  
and that the Custodian is not in a position to convey.

Mrs. McArthur advised that a memorandum to this effect would be  
sent to you and had the files on her desk for this purpose, but due to  
pressure of work it has not been possible to do so.

Will you be kind enough to return the files after perusal.

Yours truly,

KWW/JF  
Attach.

K. W. WRIGHT  
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN



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October 2, 1944.

The Honourable R. L. Haitland,  
Attorney General of the Province of British Columbia,  
Legislative Buildings,  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Sir

Re: Loras (Mrs. Taihei) KUZAHARA, and  
Taihei KUZAHARA, Reg. No. 12753, and  
Lot A of Lots 8 & 9, Blk. 5, of Lot 186,  
S.1, Map 3704, Municipality of Burnaby, D.M.W.  
known as 115 Gilsore Avenue, Burnaby.

The above described property is registered in the  
names of Loras Kuzahara and Taihei Kuzahara, "Joint Tenants".  
Taihei Kuzahara, a Japanese National, 59 years of age, is a dentist  
and has been evacuated to Tashme Camp, B.C. and his assets are  
under the control of the Custodian. Loras Kuzahara wife of Taihei  
Kuzahara, is a white woman, reported by the R.C.M.P. to be an  
American Citizen. She was deported to the United States and  
delivered to the Superintendent of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital,  
Washington, D. C. on March 6th, 1943. A copy of a recent letter  
from this hospital is attached.

It is the desire of the Custodian to liquidate all  
Japanese interests left within the protected area of British  
Columbia and to that end we wish to be in a position to advertise  
the above property for sale. Sales are made in accordance with the  
valuation of an independent appraiser and an effort is made to  
secure a price sufficient to clear properties of all encumbrances  
as a condition precedent to passing title. In this case, however,  
there appears to be little if any equity belonging to Kuzahara and  
his wife as the property is assessed at \$350.00 Land, and \$2200.00  
for the buildings which carry a mortgage in the principal sum of  
\$2500.00 which became due March 10, 1934. Interest and taxes have  
been maintained up to date by small monthly payments.

We now wish to inquire whether the Attorney General  
would act as Committee to look after the interests of this white  
American woman, and whether in the event of his doing so he would be



*File in 1.6.11715*

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V. C. Neave,  
Administration Department

Yours truly,

An early reply would be appreciated.

agreed to join with the Custodian in making the necessary  
conveyance if a satisfactory purchaser could be found. If the  
Attorney General is agreeable to not in this capacity it would  
be helpful to this office to be instructed as to evidence of  
price or other requirements necessary to satisfy him as to the  
satisfactory of the transaction.



Files 11715 and 13626

October 13, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Wright,

From: A. G. Neathur.

Attached are Files 11715, Taihei KUZUHARA and 13626, Lorna KUZUHARA (Mrs. Taihei) together with valuation in duplicate from Mr. Howe covering the property which is jointly owned by Taihei Kuzuhara and his wife Lorna. You will recall that Lorna Kuzuhara is a white American woman now a patient in a mental hospital in the United States.

While I doubted that the Kuzuharas owned an equity in this property owing to the fact that it was mortgaged in a sum practically equivalent to the assessed value, it now appears from Mr. Howe's valuation that there is a possible surplus over the mortgage of between \$700 and \$1000.

You will no doubt require this information when taking steps to have a Committee appointed to represent the interest of the American joint owner.

AGN:AS





11715 ✓  
13626

October 16th, 1944.

Director of Vital Statistics,  
Legislative Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

We have been advised by Mr. Gene KUZUHARA,  
115 Gilmore Avenue, Burnaby, B. C., that he has had  
his name legally changed to Gene MUMFORD and we  
would appreciate receiving your confirmation of this  
information as soon as possible.

Thanking you in this matter, we are

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston,  
Administration Department.

WJJ/HMS



11715 ✓  
13626

October 23rd, 1944.

Director,  
Division of Vital Statistics,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 18th instant advising us regarding the change of names of Eugene Allen Kuzuhara, his wife and child, for which information we wish to take this opportunity of thanking you.

Yours very truly,

W. J. Johnston,  
Administration Department.

WJJ/HMS



Files Nos. 11715 and 19626 (Evao)

October 25th, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS. A. G. MCARTHUR  
FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

RE: Taihei KUZUHARA and Loras KUZUHARA (Mrs. Taihei)

I note from your memo of the 13th instant that there is an equity herein that may amount to between \$700.00 and \$1,000.00. Accepting the first figure, the interest of the white American woman, now a patient in a Mental Hospital, would amount to \$350.00. The costs of appointing a Committee by Court Order might amount to almost as much as this woman's interest, unless some short cut is found.

Mr. Sheppard was in the office yesterday on another matter and I asked him if there was any chance of having the Official Administrator appointed and if powers would be conferred upon him to deal with the Estate and avoid the usual references and later orders adopting the recommendations might be made in regard to the Kuzuhara Estate. Mr. Sheppard is not aware of any such practice and agrees that in this case, costs would be considerable if we follow the usual procedure.

There must be a declaration of lunacy and in order to obtain this, Medical Affidavits must be filed in support of the application, as evidence of her comital to the asylum is not, in itself, sufficient.

If an individual is appointed, security must be furnished to the satisfaction of the Court. There will be the problem of service as this woman is out of the jurisdiction.

I now see from the file that the Mortgage on this property is in favour of Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company. What is the position of the Mortgage account? Have we been paying taxes, interest or any instalments on principal? This may be a case for foreclosure, and if such proceedings could be taken, we would ask the Mortgagees to proceed according to our practice, sell by tender and accept the highest offer, if the appraised value was reached. The residue, if any, would then be distributed to those entitled.

Will you please consider this suggestion and speak to me at your early convenience.

I return herewith the above numbered files.

KWW/JV

K. W. WRIGHT







Files Nos. 11715 and 13626 (Evans)

November 2nd, 1944

MEMORANDUM

TO: MRS. A. C. MCARTHUR

FROM: MR. E. F. WRIGHT

RE: Taihei KUSUHARA and Loras KUSUHARA (Mrs. Taihei)

Referring to your memo of the 27th ultimo, I spoke to Mr. Field about this case today and he agrees with the memo that I made a few days ago, indicating that in view of the fact that Dr. Kusuhara is making payments on interest, taxes, etc., it is best to defer action.

The Mortgage bears interest at 8%, later reduced to 7%, but Mr. Field states that instructions will be issued to charge 5% and apply the residue that is received from Dr. Kusuhara towards reduction of the principal sum.

I herewith return Files Nos. 11715 and 13626.

E. F. WRIGHT

KFW/JF  
Attach.

*Noted 3/11/44.  
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