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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. 15493

Date Sept. 15/43

Full Name MORIYAMA, Nichi

(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 09178

Male ☒ - Female  
(check)

Age Sept. 15, 1904

Former Address 157 E. Cordova St., City

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

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address Interned Mar. 24/42

67 Jackson St. Hamilton Ont. Noor 9/46

Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife SEIIMA

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

Name of Mother Deceased

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16

Junichi (M) 11/10/29

Kimiko (F) 16/9/31

Emiko (F) 27/12/37

Requested by SP

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information Clerk. Owner of Car.

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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File 15493

November 19, 1946.

Re: Nichi MORIYAMA, Reg. No. 09178

This man was interned on March 24, 1942. He was taken into custody by the RCMP on March 19, 1942. According to information supplied by the RCMP at that time, his assets consisted of a house and business at 157 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, valued at \$6,496.00. Upon investigating the matter, however, it was found that the building and real property were owned by John Bennett. The business was being carried on by Nichi MORIYAMA on behalf of his brother S. Moriyama, who had returned to Japan some ten years previously. Liabilities, registered with the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, amounted to \$3,127.06. The stock in the store was sold at auction by Mrs. MORIYAMA. The net proceeds of the sale amounted to \$71.98, of which \$70.00 went to pay back-rent of the premises, and the \$1.98 was paid to Mrs. MORIYAMA. Mrs. MORIYAMA filed a list of accounts receivable, but none of these have been collected through this office.

The Monarch Life Assurance policy reported by the RCMP was, according to the insurance company, surrendered on March 20, 1942, for the cash surrender value.

A radio and a camera were surrendered by this man. The radio has been sold by the Custodian for the net sum of \$38.90. The camera is in 604 Cordova Street warehouse. *mailed July 16/47*

The sum of \$1.07 was credited to the account of Nichi MORIYAMA. This money was the credit balance of an account with the Bank of Montreal.

This file reveals no other property of any kind.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with information on file.

*J. Macpherson*  
November 19, 1946.

/PA

Our records reveal no motor-vehicle surrendered by this man. No motor-vehicle registered in the name of this man came under the control of the Custodian.

*J. Macpherson*



SEP 29 1943

MEMORANDUM

July 2nd, 1943.

To: Int. File 404

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: MORIYAMA, Nishi

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	Console Victor Radio. Serial No. 822. Long and Short Wave.	\$ 45.00
CAMERA	No. 34E Ensign Camera.	4.00

*Sold by Auction  
27-1-44 Vancouver  
Radio 2.*

Sale Price of Radio: \$45.00 - Expenses: \$6.10 Net Credit: \$38.90

*Camera mailed to Moriyama July 16/47  
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*-X- Transferred to Chet  
Suspense Acc. 12/8/47 .C.R.*

*Transferred back to  
File 15493  
J.M.*



REGISTRATION NO. 09178

FILE NO. 15493

The following chattels were sold by public  
 auction at 992 Powell Street, Vancouver, B.C. on January 27, 1944

Victor Consol

\$ 45.00

Transferred back from Chattel Suspense File G/191, November 12, 1947

Total	Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.50	\$ 45.00
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee: \$4.50)	
	(Advertising .36)	\$ 6.10
	(Moving .24)	
	(Storage: 1.00)	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$ 38.90

Members of Custodian Staff Present Mr. Mills

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Vancouver Radio 2

Remarks.



# EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB/DIV. & File No.

DIVISION & File No.

DETACHMENT & File No.

15473 FIELD UNITARY - 157 DATE 25th, 1944

Re: 20th, 1944

On: (Date) (Member's Name)

Case into possession of the following described by: 20th, 1944 - 157

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

Serial No.	No. of Pages	Copy or Photo	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1		General Victor Radio Serial No. 222 (Long and Short Wave) (1)
	1		No. 342 Ensign Camera. (2)

Returned over to the Custodian of Alien Property.

REMARKS:

DATE Jan. 27th, 1944. (State briefly description of exhibit)  
 For Custodian (Signature of Member)  
 (Signature of Member)



CLAIM

File No. *2-404*  
*See 4/43*

DATE

July, 1941 (approx.)

CREDITOR

Mrs. Uta TAGAWA

DEBTOR

*S. Mori*  
S. MORIYAMA  
157 E. Cordova St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

(now interned)

AMOUNT OWING

\$35.00 (not sure whether total value or  
commission)

AGENT

ORIGINAL FILE

13036

January, 1943

M.S.

*E. Rudson*



## ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Detachment

Seizure No.

FOR USE WHEN APPLICABLE

## EXHIBIT REPORT

Detachment File No.  
 Sub-Division File No.  
 Division File No. 42E.269/2/1-5.  
 Headquarters File No.

Detachment  
 Sub-Division  
 Division  
 Date February 20th

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RE: Nishi MORIYAMA - 157 East Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C.,  
NAME OF FILE

On February 20th 19 42, I G.J. Haywood D/Sgt., RCMP  
MEMBER'S NAME

Came into possession of the following goods by:-

Seizure - Defence of Canada Regulations.

STATE BRIEFLY AUTHORITY, ETC., WHETHER BY SEARCH WARRANT, ETC.

NO. OF PAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS DETAILS TO BE GIVEN IN FULL
1	---	Consol Victor Radio Serial No. 822 (Long & Short Wave)
1	---	No. 34E Ensign Camera.

*G. J. Haywood*  
 agd (G.J. Haywood D/Sgt.)  
 Reg. No. 11517



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Division	Sub-Division	Detachment
"B"	Vancouver C. I. B.	Intelligence Section
Province:	Date	
British Columbia	March 20, 1942	

File References

S E C R E T

Re: Nishi MORIYAMA,  
157 E. Cordova St.,  
Vancouver, B. C.

1. Acting on instructions received from Sgt. J. K. Barnes, N. C. O. i/c Intelligence Sections, the above captionally-noted Japanese National was taken into custody under the Defence of Canada Regulations on the 19th instant and turned over to the Military authorities at the Immigration sheds to be held for internment. Receipt for the living body of the prisoner and his effects was obtained and is held on file at this point.
2. MORIYAMA is married and is the sole support of his wife and three children, aged 12, 10 and 4 years.
3. Subject's assets consist of his house and business at 157 E. Cordova St., valued at \$6496.00, the house at the rear being valued at \$2199.00 and the store and merchandise in front being valued at \$4297.00. He also has a Life Insurance with the Monarch Life Co. valued at \$3000.00, but has no debts. Subject has no bank account having closed same out in order to clear off debts owing.
4. Certificate of Parole #152796 is attached hereto for cancellation.

(SGD.) Const.  
(J. E. Mead) Reg. No. 13035



ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

DIVISION  
PROVINCE  
B.C.

SUB-DIVISION

DETACHMENT  
Vancouver C.I.B.  
DATE  
February 22nd., 1942.

FILE REFERENCES

Re: Nishi MORIYAMA,  
157 E. Cordova Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

HEADQUARTERS

Pursuant to instructions, and accompanied by D/Cat. Brooks and Constables Atherton, Downey and Wallis, writer proceeded to the above stated premises on the 20th instant and there interviewed Nishi Moriyama, and on production of his Alien Certificate, he was found to be a Japanese National, born in Japan.

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2. A thorough search was then made of his premises for cameras, radios, fire-arms, ammunition or explosives. As a result of the search, the following articles were seized:-

DETACHMENT

1 Canon Victor Radio  
Serial No. 822 (Long and Short Wave)

P. C. R.

1 No. 34E Ensign Camera

3. Form 246, duly completed, is attached. Receipt on Form 112 was given to Subject.

A. R. V. NO.

SQB D/Sgt.,  
(G. J. Haywood)  
Regt. No. 11517

Supt. Salt I/c.  
Japanese Registration,  
R.C.M.P. Fairmont Barracks.

FORWARDED for your information: Together with F. 246.

2. These articles are turned over to you for proper storage and safe-keeping.

(SQB)  
(C. H. Hill) A/Comm'r.  
Commanding "E" Division.

Vancouver.  
24-2-42.  
AMGJ/H.

DIARY DATE

The Commissioner,  
R.C.M.P., Ottawa.

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SKT FOR

Sir:  
FORWARDED: Together with Form 246.

(SQB)

ENCL:

Vancouver.  
(C. H. Hill) A/Comm'r.  
Commanding "E" Division.



501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
March 28, 1942

404  
Internee Section

Camp Commandant,  
Internment Camp #130,  
Seebe, Alta.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nichi Moriyama

Will you be kind enough to ask the above  
Internee to prepare for me a statement of his assets  
and liabilities as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read  
For G. W. McPherson  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian

ETR/CJ



404  
Legal Section.

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C.  
April 18, 1942.

Your file No. 42 D 269-3-I-28.

Officer Commanding,  
B.C.M. Police,  
"E" Division,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nichi Noriyama.

On the 20th day of March, 1942, you were good enough to report on this man, prior to his internment.

As I desired further information, I wrote to the Camp Commandant, who replied to the effect that this man was not interned at the Seebe internment camp.

Would you be kind enough therefore, to let me know just where this man is interned.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read.  
(For G. W. McPherson)  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian.

ETR:MS



"E" DIVISION.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

C.I.B.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

DIV. FILE No. 42E.269-178  
Your file 404  
H. Q. FILE No. Legal Section.

Vancouver, B.C.  
April 21, 1942.

Rec'd	APR 22 1942
File No.	404
Ans.	
Referred	✓

Edgar T. Read, Esq.,  
For Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian,  
501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Nichi MORIYAMA

In reply to your communication of April 18th, this will advise you that the Japanese who are interned do not necessarily go to the Internment Camp at Seebe, Alberta. Once we hand them over to the Military Authorities we have no further record of their whereabouts.

I would suggest in this case and any similar cases that when you wish to ascertain the whereabouts of these individuals you communicate direct with the Officer Commanding, Vancouver Area, Army in order to ascertain whether or not they are still in Vancouver and if they are not the only person who could give you information regarding their whereabouts would be the Director of Internment Operations at Ottawa.

Yours truly,

CHHill

(C.H.Hill) A/Comm'r.,  
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB/G



404  
Legal Section.

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
April 27, 1942.

Messrs. P. S. Ross & Sons,  
504 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Nichi Moriyama.

I received word this morning from the Department of National Defence, to the effect that this man has been interned in the Petawawa Internment Camp.

He submitted the following information to the R.C.M. Police:

"Subject's assets consist of his house and business at 157 E. Cordova St., valued at \$6496.00, the house at the rear being valued at \$2199.00, and the store and merchandise in front being valued at \$4297.00."

Will you be kind enough to let me have a complete report in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read.  
(For G. B. McPherson)  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian.

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MONTREAL, QUE.

Vancouver, B. C.,

7th May, 1942.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,  
 Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
 of State and/or Custodian,  
 Royal Bank Building,  
 Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Edgar T. Read

Dear Sir:

re: Your File No. 404 - Michi Moriyama

We have made an investigation of the affairs of the above party, and would report as follows.

We made a visit to 147 East Cordova Street, the business address of the above, and found the front of the store being used as a stock-room for second hand junk. The rear of the store being used as living quarters of the above and his family. We have ascertained that the premises are owned by Alderman John Bennett, the rent being twenty (\$20.00) dollars per month. The rent is in arrears one month at the present time.

We would advise that there is about two or three hundred dollars worth of second hand junk on these premises at the present time, and no sales are being made.

An Auction Sale was held on the eighteenth of April, 1942 by Russell and Company, Auctioneers, and we are advised by Mrs. Moriyama, who is living with her children in the rear of the store, that the sale realized seventy (\$70.00) dollars. We have written Russell and Company directing them to notify you of the details of this Auction.

*W. H. M.*



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G. W. Mc'herson, Esq.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

7th May, 1942.

We would point out that part of the above information has been taken from the Custodian File, Number 4583.

If there is any further information you require, we will be pleased to obtain the same for you.

Yours faithfully,

*A. Ross Jones*

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404  
Legal Section.

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
May 11, 1942.

Mrs. N. Moriyama,  
157 E. Cordova St.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Madame:

Re: P/W P-1257. Nichi Moriyama.

On May 1st, I wrote to the Camp Commandant at Petawawa, Ontario, and asked him to have your husband prepare a statement of his assets and liabilities. In replying, your husband states that everything has been left in your hands. Would you, therefore, be kind enough to furnish this office with a complete list of the assets and liabilities of your husband.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read,  
for G.W. McPherson,  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian.

FC:DB



404  
Legal Section.

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
June 22, 1942.

Russell & Company, Auctioneers,  
1135 Granville Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: P/W P-1257. MORIYAMA, Michi.

A short time ago, our agent P. S. Ross & Sons, advised me that you held an auction sale of this man's effects.

Would you be good enough therefore, to kindly let me have a report of such sale as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Edgar T. Read.

(For G. W. McPherson)  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian.

ETR/VJ



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Vancouver, B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
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29th September, 1942.

Rec'd	SEP 30 1942
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Michi Moriyama.

*Internee File*  
*404*

Alderman John Bennett, the landlord of the premises occupied by the above internee's family, advises us that the property, namely, 147 East Cordova Street, has been vacant for some time. He would like to have the keys to the premises so that he can arrange for another tenant. If the keys are in your possession or in the possession of the Evacuation Section of your office, would you be kind enough to advise Mr. Bennett. His address is 1970 Graveley Street, Vancouver, B. C.

Yours faithfully,

*P. S. Ross & Sons*



October 7th, 1942

File # 404

RECEIVED from the Custodian of Enemy Property the keys to the premises known as 157 East Cordova Street.

  
John Bennett

Mr. Wright:

I handed over the keys to Mr. Bennett and obtained above receipt. Mr. Bennett said there was some chattels on the premises - old stoves and such - and wanted to know if he could dispose of these - or if not, would the Custodian have them removed as he wants to clean up the premises. I said we would write him as to what he could do.

C. M.



404.

912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.  
November 18th, 1942.

Camp Commandant,  
Angler Internment Camp,  
ANGLER, Ontario.

Re: P/W A-1257 - MORIYAMA, Nichi

Dear Sir:

Would you kindly parole the above noted internee and question him as to the terms under which he and his wife took over the business a number of years ago from a Mr. S. Moriyama who is in Japan and who is the brother of this internee. This business was operated at 157 East Cordova Street.

Mrs. Moriyama apparently realized on the stock and left business debts behind of about \$3,000.00, which she said were neither hers nor her husband's, but were the debts of the husband's brother in Japan. The Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association believe these people were not the owners of the stock and fixtures, as no sale was made by the brother, and that their only authorization was a verbal request by the brother to look after the business when he left for Japan.

There are no funds to the credit of the evacuee and the only assets are a list of accounts receivable totalling about \$1,500.00, as against the amount outstanding, as mentioned above, of \$3,000.00. Will you kindly obtain all possible information from the internee and advise.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT.

For the Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/ or the Custodian.

KWW:BN.



Quote: 101-P-504

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
-Army-

Internment Camp,  
ANGLER, Ontario,  
22nd November, 1942.

Authorized Deputy Custodian,  
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Rec'd	2061 LG NON
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

Re: P/W A-504(A-1257) MORIYAMA, Nichi

1. Reference your letter file 404 dated November 18th, 1942, regarding the above m/n.
2. The copy of your letter has been shown to the above internee, and he has been questioned as to the terms under which he and his wife, took over the business referred to.
3. In reply, he states that his brother's debts have been arranged through the Canadian Trust Men's Association, and all settled, except about \$200.00, and the business is now entirely of his own.

*E. D. B. Kippen*  
(E.D.B. Kippen) Major,  
Commandant,  
Angler Internment Camp,  
Veterans Guard of Canada.

EDBK/CAR

COPY TO: C.I.O., Ottawa.



OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION  
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brother Wright

Slocan City, B. C.

December 2, 1942

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File No.	
Ans.	Mr. Bell
Referred	

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

Gentlemen:

Re File No. 4583

This is to acknowledge the receipt for yours of  
November 12th.

Please be advised that regarding my Husband's  
business I have no knowledge whatsoever and have  
never undertaken anything regarding such. I  
would appreciate it very much if you will get in  
touch with him at the following address:

Mr. Michi Moriyama, A504-1257

Internment Camp 101, Ottawa Canada

when you will I am sure get information to which  
you necessitate in particulars.

Thanking you, I remain

Yours truly,

(Mrs.) Nobuko Moriyama  
Registration No. 07755  
Bay Farm, Slocan, B. C.



December 9, 1942.

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Camp Commandant,  
Internment Camp,  
Angler, Ontario.

Dear Sir: Re: P/W A-504 (A-1257) Nichi MORIYAMA

We thank you for the information contained in your communication of the 22nd.

As his statement is so contrary to the facts as we know them, we would appreciate it if you would parade him for further interrogation.

When we requested information from the internee through the Camp Commandant at Petawawa, a statement of assets and liabilities was returned to us and signed by the internee with the suggestion that we communicate with his wife for full particulars. We subsequently requested her for information, but have had no reply. It would be apparent that before her departure, Mrs. Moriyama realized on the remaining stock of their business and left debts to the extent of \$3,302.06 against which \$175.00 had been paid on account, leaving a balance of \$3,127.06. These debts have been listed by the Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association of Vancouver, and presented for settlement.

The internee's statement therefore, conveyed to us in your memorandum of November 22nd, does not conform with the situation as we know it to be. We would request therefore, through your kind co-operation, a full statement from the internee.

Yours truly,

E. W. WRIGHT  
Counsel for the Custodian.

TGB/ETP



File #404

MEMORANDUM

December 9, 1942.

TO: Mr. K. W. Wright.

FROM: Mr. W. O. Bell.

Re: P/W A-504 (A-1257) Nichi MORIYAMA

With reference to Mr. Alexander's memorandum of the 4th, I have written to the Camp Commandant at Angler for a further statement from the internee.

WGB/MFP







4583

January 4, 1943.

Messrs. Canadian Credit Men's Trust  
Association, Ltd.,  
602 West Hastings Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: S. MORIYAMA  
157 E Cordova St., Vancouver

Reference is made to claim for \$3127.06 filed by you on April 30th, 1942, on behalf of the creditors of S. Moriyama & Company. It is our understanding that Mr. Nichi MORIYAMA, who has been interned and who is dealt with by our Enemy Section under their file No. 404, and Mrs. Nobuko MORIYAMA, who is dealt with under our file No. 4583, operated this business following the return to Japan a number of years ago of Mr. S. Moriyama.

Investigations which have been conducted by mail by our Enemy Section have brought the statement from Mr. Nichi Moriyama that his brother, Mr. S. Moriyama, returned to Japan in 1930 and that he and his wife endeavored on behalf of his absent brother to continue the business; furthermore that he was unsuccessful in his endeavors and sees no prospect of creditors being paid.

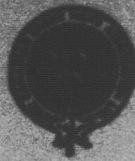
We would appreciate receiving your comments in connection with the foregoing together with your comments in connection with the conclusion voiced by Mr. Moriyama that not only does he see no prospects of trade creditors being satisfied but that he himself feels that he is entitled to wages for the past ten years of approximately \$3000.00.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Manager.

RPA:MA





BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

*The Canadian Credit Men's Trust  
Association, Limited*

OFFICE OF THE MANAGER

JOHN COWAN, M.C.I.

Vancouver, B. C.,  
January 6th, 1943

Attention Mr. R. P. Alexander

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

Dear Sir:

Re: S. Moriyama, 157 E. Cordova St.  
Vancouver - Your File No. 4583

In reply to yours of the 4th inst., the details stated therein with regard to the business formerly operated by S. Moriyama at 157 E. Cordova Street are substantially correct. The position of this business was first drawn to our attention in July 1932, a meeting of creditors having been held on the 26th of that month. Mr. Nichi Moriyama informed the meeting that the business belonged to his brother who had gone to Japan a year ago and that he, Nichi Moriyama, was just carrying on in the brother's absence, expecting him to return.

The assets of the business were such that it was thought advisable to allow the business to be carried on particularly, in view of the fact that there were considerable arrears of rent and at a forced sale the second hand goods in the store might not realize sufficient to cover the landlord's claim. The list of accounts receivable amounted to approximately \$2,900.00 but it was evident the items were mostly old and uncollectible.

The position of the business was reviewed from time to time when it was apparent no progress was being made. Alderman John Bennett, the landlord, always took the stand that if the business was closed the stock and fixtures would not realize enough to cover the arrears of rent.

According to our information Mr. S. Moriyama had not executed a power of attorney in favor of his brother and further, attempts were never made to transfer the business in accordance with the Bulk Sales Act, although it later appeared that Nichi Moriyama figured he was the owner of the business. One feature which caused dissatisfaction with the wholesale creditors was the latter's policy of paying a number of Japanese creditors, whilst at the same time ignoring his wholesalers altogether. It was very difficult to get a satisfactory



explanation for that stand or to secure a change in attitude.

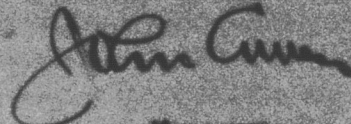
It is quite true that for several years the wholesalers have considered the account a total loss as there were little or no prospects of recovery. With regard to the statement by Mr. Nishi Mariyama that he is entitled to wages, we point out that in point of fact he was really an intruder without any legal authority. Therefore instead of being entitled to wages he in our opinion should be personally responsible for the liabilities and also under obligation to account for any profits during the period. Again it appears to us that Mr. Nishi Mariyama not only used personally these profits but also sums representing capital.

A few months ago we were informed by Mr. Russell, Auctioneer, that the stock left in the store was of no commercial value and that it was useless to attempt an auction sale. At that time Alderman Bennett informed us that he found it impossible to get anyone to remove the material without compensation.

In view of the foregoing we are removing the estate from our records.

Yours truly,

THE CANADIAN CREDIT MEN'S TRUST ASSOCIATION LIMITED

  
Manager

z/s



Evacuee File 4583  
Internee File 404

January 23rd, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. R.P. Alexander

FROM: Mr. K.W. Wright

Re: P/W A-504 - MORIYAMA, Nichi

We wrote to the Camp Commandant on the 12th inst. as follows:-

"When the above internee was taken into custody by the R.C.M.P. in Vancouver, he stated that he owned the following:

1. House and building at 157 E. Cordova Street  
valued at ..... \$6,496.00
2. House in rear 157 E. Cordova Street,  
valued at ..... 2,199.00
3. Store and merchandise at 157 East Cordova Street,  
valued at ..... 4,297.00  
\$12,992.00

A search of the title to the property disclosed that the internee does not own the property. Whatever was considered to be of value and left on the property, was subsequently disposed of by Mrs. Moriyama, leaving nothing in this area. If the above internee does not confirm that the above represents the true position of the assets which he declared before internment, we shall be interested to hear from him."

and we have today received a reply as follows:-

"Copy of your letter has been shown to the above internee, and he states that he did not make the statement to the R.C.M.P. at Vancouver, when taken into custody, and he does not know where these figures came from."

This is for your information.

KWW:HW.



January 12, 1943.

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Camp Commandant,  
Internment Camp,  
Angler, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/W A-504 MORIYAMA, Nichi

When the above internee was taken into custody  
by the R.C.M.P. in Vancouver, he stated that he  
owned the following:

1. House and business at 157 E. Cordova Street  
valued at - - - - - \$6495.00
2. House in rear 157 E. Cordova Street,  
valued at - - - - - \$2199.00
3. Store and merchandise at 157 East  
Cordova, valued at - - - - - \$1297.00  
\$12992.00

A search of the title to the property disclosed  
that the internee does not own the property. What-  
ever was considered to be of value and left on the  
property, was subsequently disposed of by Mrs. Mori-  
yama, leaving nothing in this area. If the above  
internee does not confirm that the above represents  
the true position of the assets which he declared  
before internment, we shall be interested to hear  
from him.

Yours truly,

K. F. WRIGHT.  
Counsel to the Custodian.

WGB/MFP



File No.	JAN 22 1943
Ans.	
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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE  
ARMY

Internment Camp,  
ANGLER, Ontario.  
16th January, 1943.

To:~ Authorized Deputy Custodian,  
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: P/W A-504, MORIYAMA, Nishi.

dated January 12th, Receipt is acknowledged of your letter file 404, regarding m/n.

2. Copy of your letter has been shown to the above internee, and he states that he did not make the statement to R.C.M.P. at Vancouver, when taken into custody, and he does not know where these figures came from.

*E.D.B. Kippen*  
(E.D.B. Kippen) Lieut- Colonel.  
Commandant,  
Angler Internment Camp,  
Veterans Guard of Canada.,

EDBK/CAR

COPY TO: C.I.O., Ottawa.



*Bank of Montreal,*  
MAIN & HASTINGS STREETS BRANCH  
390 MAIN STREET  
*Vancouver, B.C.*

REC'D	FEB 9 1943
File No.	407
Ans.	
MISS GRANT	

February 8th, 1943.

Attention: K. W. Wright

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of  
State and/or Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Shizuo Moriyama Company - Michi  
Moriyama

With reference to our telephone  
conversation of today, we have to advise that we have  
at credit of Current Account in the name of Shizuo  
Moriyama Company the sum of 87¢. Michi Moriyama held  
power of attorney in this account.

We shall be pleased to forward  
the balance to you upon request.

Yours faithfully,

*file  
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*W.A. Hotson*

Pro Manager  
W.A. Hotson

RVM/EMH



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912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
February 12, 1943.

The Manager,  
Bank of Montreal,  
Main & Hastings Sts.,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/W A-504. MORIYAMA, Michi

We have your letter of February 8th and would appreciate your forwarding the balance at credit to the above noted Internee to this office in a cheque made payable to the 'Custodian of Enemy Property'.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT  
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/DG



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Rec'd FEB 15 1943  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred MISS GRANA

*Bank of Montreal,*  
MAIN & HASTINGS STREETS BRANCH  
390 MAIN STREET  
*Vancouver, B.C.*

February 13th, 1943.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,  
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary  
of State and/or Custodian,  
912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/W A-504 - Moriyama, Nichi

With reference to your letter  
of February 12th - File No. 404, we enclose herewith  
our official cheque for 84¢, balance of account of  
Shizuo Moriyama Company.

We also enclose statement of  
account and would ask that you sign the verification  
form, returning it to us at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

*W.A. Hotson*

Pro Manager  
W.A. Hotson

*file  
P.C.*

RVM/EMH



404

912 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.,  
February 15, 1943.

The Manager,  
Bank of Montreal,  
Main & Hastings Sts. Branch,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: P/E A-504, MORIYAMA, Nichi

We have your letter of February 10th enclosing  
cheque for \$44 representing the balance of account of Shizuo  
Moriyama Company.

Attached hereto is our official receipt and your  
verification form duly signed.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT  
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/DG  
Encl.



NOTICE OF RELEASE

Internee's No. **J 504** Name **MORIYAMA, Nishi**  
Camp **ANGLER, Ontario.**

Residence:

At time of internment: **157 East Cordova, Vancouver, B.C.**

To which proceeding on release: **HAMILTON, Ontario.**

Date Released from Internment **26 October, 1945.**

Authority

**R.C.M.P. letter No. 45 D 269-4-J-50**

Conditions

Released conditionally upon ~~submitting~~  
subscribing to Regulation 84 of the D.O.C.R.  
and Special Undertaking ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~.

EVACUATION SECTION

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ENEMY SECTION

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

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

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

*Miss Graham*

*H. N. Streight*  
(H. N. Streight),  
Colonel,  
Director, Prisoners of War.

Ottawa, 2 November, 1945.

Copy to:

R.C.M.P.  
Custodian ✓  
Dependents' Section  
Chief Postal Censor  
File



L 15493

November 19, 1946.

Mr. Michi MORIYAMA,  
Reg. No. 09178,  
67 Jackson Street West,  
HAMILTON, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that a balance of \$39.97 is standing to your credit with this office. These funds represent a sum of \$1.07 received from the Bank of Montreal being the balance to the credit of an account operated by you, and the sum of \$38.90 received as net proceeds from the sale of a radio surrendered by you.

If you will send us the receipt given to you at the time the radio was surrendered we will be in a position to remit these funds to you.

A camera surrendered by you is in Custodian warehouse. If you wish to have this camera returned, please send us the receipt given to you at the time the camera was surrendered. The cost of mailing the camera will be around 25 cents. This would be charged to your account with this office.

In the event that you are unable to find the receipt given you for the camera and radio, please sign the attached document and return it to this office with your request for the funds and camera. This document will be accepted in place of the lost receipt.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

/FM



July 17, 1947.

Mr. Nichi MORIYAMA,  
Reg. No. 09178,  
69 Jackson St. West,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that the Ensign #34E  
Camera, which you surrendered to the police, was sent to you  
by insured parcel post on July 15, 1947.

If this parcel does not reach you within the next  
few days, please let us know in order that we may have the  
shipment traced through the Post Office.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

FM/cn



15493

July 21, 1947.

Mr. Nichi MORIYAMA,  
Reg. No. 09178,  
69 Jackson Street West,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is Custodian cheque for the sum of \$1.07. This money was received from the Bank of Montreal, and represented the balance on deposit in your account with that Bank.

As we have received no reply to our letters regarding the radio reported to have been surrendered by you, we assume that you have no interest in this radio and the funds from the sale of same will be transferred from your account.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

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67 Jackson St. W.  
Hamilton, Ont.

Nov. 2/47

Mr. F. Matheson  
Office of the Custodian

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Dear sir:-

Formerly you often  
advised me to send the receipt  
for Radio (Consol Victor, Serial #822)  
which was dispossessed by R.C.N.P.  
in 1942.

I made keen search for it  
but it had being unable to be located.  
Accidentally, few days ago I found  
it between the books.

As I enclose it herewith, will  
you please remit the fund for this?

Sincerely yours

N. Moriyama



Royal Canadian Mounted Police

P. 112

\$

Let 20<sup>th</sup>

Received from

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Wicki Moriyama 1576 Cordova  
Camera. # 34 Escig. ~~Samson~~  
RCA Victor Console No. Ser. 822 M/N 10-A-1

Dollars,

Signature

G. Graywood S/Sgt



15493

November 13, 1947

Mr. Nichi MORIYAMA,  
Reg. No. 09178,  
67 Jackson Street West,  
Hamilton, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of November 2nd has been received with the enclosed receipt for radio. We are sending you herewith Custodian cheque for \$38.90 representing the net proceeds from the sale of your radio.

No funds remain to your credit with this office and no property identified as belonging to you remains under the control of the Custodian. Your account and file are being closed.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

/FM  
Enclosure