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68 Kate Street,  
Winnipeg, Man.  
April 22, 1944.

Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Office of the Custodian,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

REGISTERED LETTER

Dear Sir:                   Attention! Mr. F.G. Shears  
                              Re: File No. 4940

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of  
April 11th.

In your letter you stated that you cannot  
give consideration to my request to dispose of my own  
property to whom I like. You stated that it is now  
impossible for you to give consideration to a sale to  
Mr. Bruce McCurrach, because the sale of my property,  
together with other rural properties, was made to The  
Director, the Veterans' Land Act.

I understand from your letter of August 30th,  
1943 that this transaction took place on January 1st,  
1943 exactly one year and four months ago, but to this  
day you have not given me the sale price of my property  
which you sold without my consent. Even those properties  
sold under expropriation law the property owner has the  
right to appeal for fair sale price. You advised me that  
you sold my property and yet you do not know the sale  
price.

As I have stated in my previous letter I have  
a buyer for my property. Mr. Bruce McCurrach is offering  
\$1,500 CASH. Why can't I sell my property to Mr. McCurrach?

I was under the impression that your office is  
there to look after the interests of the Japanese people.  
At least that is what you told me at the time of register-  
ing my property. In view of the fact that you will not  
grant me permission to accept Mr. McCurrach's offer of  
\$1500 CASH for my property, I take it that you have a  
far better offer than this from the Director, The Veterans'  
Land Act. In the event that the offer from The Director,  
the Veterans' Land Act is lower than that offered by Mr.  
McCurrach I shall hold you responsible.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Tokuji Hirose  
Reg. No. 12160