

Copy for Mr. Shears.

File No. 8210
Chotaro HASEGAWA
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57 Sussex Ave.,
Toronto, Ont.
February 12, 1945.

Mr. George Peters,
Administration Department,
Office of the Custodian.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to file No. 6774-8210.

I have just received your letter addressed to my father
C. Hasegawa at Lillooet, B. C. who in turn re-mailed it to me.

On reading through this letter, I find with great shock
and surprise, the low estimation which your office has placed upon
the property owned by my father.

First of all please permit me to relate to you a few facts
about my father who is a naturalized citizen of Canada since 1913
or thereabouts. I wish to emphasize the fact that he is a loyal
Canadian citizen ever since he first landed here over thirty years
ago. This is proven by the fact that at the first available opportunity
he made himself become a naturalized citizen. Secondly, to establish
himself firmly, all his life savings have been converted into real
property so that at old age he would be able to enjoy a moderate
income and not become a burden upon the government as some others do.

He has given us a liberal education by sending us to Universities
so that we in turn could become useful citizens instead of a burden
upon the government. As you are fully aware, circumstances do not
permit us to enlist and hence I am in Toronto here doing my "bit" for
the war effort by being engaged in an aircraft plant.

I know that this letter is a bit unusual but I beg of you to
revalue our property once again--to regard us as a Canadian citizen
and not a foreigner. The price of thirty-eight hundred dollars for
all that property as listed on your letter of January 17th, is very
small. Anyone could see that the store located on 616 Ewen Avenue
is worth more than \$3,800.00 alone.

So I wish to appeal to you under justice and fair play to re-
estimate our property again.

May I hear from you at your earliest convenience?

Yours sincerely,

"James Hasegawa"