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GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- Q. I am Japanese; what do I do with my property?
- A. Dispose of it yourself if you can on a reasonable basis, or if you cannot, you should select someone in whom you repose confidence to act for you in your absence under a power of attorney.
- Q. Do you mean another Japanese?
- A. No, because all Japanese will be evacuated regardless of birthplace.
- Q. I do not know any person that I could select as my agent.
- A. Have you considered your bank or your attorney, or the land owner or any person with whom you have been doing business and in whom you have confidence?
- Q. There is no one I would be willing to give such a power to. Would you become my agent?
- A. We will be glad to give it consideration if, after complete investigation, it appears that a useful purpose would be served and you would have some equity to protect. This would not be so in the case of insolvency.
- Q. Is a power of attorney, alone, sufficient?
- A. No, you should supplement it with definite instructions to your agent as to the disposition of your property. You can continue to contact him by correspondence after evacuation for any subsequent dealings.
- Q. I own a restaurant; can I have this business continued?
- A. If you can obtain an agent to operate it for you, it may be run by him.

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- Q. Will you accept such an agency?
- A. It would be possible for us to do so but not practicable in an operation such as this. (We would obviously not be in a position to operate specialized businesses such as this or novelty stores, etc., although in certain things, we could continue operation, such as in the case of real estate properties including hotels where operating agents could be obtained.)
- Q. I am a produce merchant, and I finance a number of the growers who in turn assign their crops to me, and I sell the crops and pay them the residue. Can I assign these accounts receivable?
- A. Yes, you can assign and sell all accounts receivable as well as any other asset.
- Q. Is there any limit as to the amount and character of property I can take with me?
- A. No, if you leave voluntarily, you may move at your own expense any property you desire to take with you.
- Q. What if I don't leave voluntarily?
- A. If you wait to be evacuated by the Army, they will determine what goods you may take with you.
- Q. Do I have to use your power of attorney form in selecting my own agent?
- A. You should make whatever arrangements are satisfactory to both parties, but you should be sure that the form you use will carry sufficient authority to your agent so that third parties will not question it. However, if the Federal Reserve Bank consents to act as your agent, the power of attorney must be on our form.
- Q. Can I form a corporation to operate my property in my absence?
- A. Yes, as long as it is operated by people who can lawfully remain in the area.

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- Q. I do not have any business but I do have a home which I own and do not wish to sell. Can I lease it to somebody else?
- A. Yes. You should get in touch with some qualified person such as a responsible realtor and give the necessary rental listing.
- Q. Can I take care of my business transactions by correspondence after I move and so arrange for later sale of my property if I wish so that I do not have to sell now?
- A. Yes, you can. This entire program is voluntary on the part of the evacuee and no disposition whatsoever of his assets need be made except for his own protection.
- Q. Has any arrangement been made for occasional re-entry into the area to supervise my properties?
- A. We do not know of any arrangements that have been made for such entry, but obviously if there are they will be under military supervision.
- Q. The firm from which I bought a refrigerator is threatening to take it back although all my payments are up to date.
- A. If you will give us the facts, we will be glad to investigate and do what we can to protect you if you have an equity.
- Q. Should I transfer my bank account to a bank in the territory in which I am going to live?
- A. You are free to transfer your account. Whether you leave it with your present bank or transfer it to another is a matter for your discretion as you still have all the privileges under General Licenses issued under Executive Order No. 8389, even though you are about to evacuate.

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Q. I have not received my orders to move although I know I am in a prohibited zone. Should I proceed to liquidate my assets?

A. This is a matter for your determination but you should take whatever steps are necessary to protect your interests with the knowledge that it may be necessary to leave on short notice.

Q. Can I trade the property which I own in a prohibited or restricted area for property which is not in such an area?

A. Yes, you may deal in your property by selling, trading, leasing or any other method.

Q. Can I move my business to a new location outside of the prohibited area?

A. Yes.

Q. I want to move with my truck; it is mortgaged. Can I take the truck to my new location? (Presumably out of the state.)

A. Yes, if you can make satisfactory arrangements with your creditor.

Q. Would it be possible for me to liquidate part of my business and place other articles in storage?

A. Yes.

Q. Is all my property frozen when I have to move?

A. No, the mere fact that you are being evacuated does not exclude you from the privileges of General Licenses issued under Executive Order No. 8389.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PERTAINING TO BLOCKED NATIONALS

- Q. But I am a blocked national.
- A. That will not stop you from designating a person of your choice, a bank or anyone else, to act in your behalf. The agent will step into your position and conduct the business the same as you do as a blocked national.
- Q. If I turn over my business to an agent to liquidate or operate, will I get the proceeds or profits?
- A. Yes, your agent should pay into your account net proceeds or profits from business.
- Q. Will you unblock my account so that I can take my money with me?
- A. You may file an application with the Foreign Funds Control to transfer the balance to any bank of your choice.
- Q. Will it be blocked there?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Then I do not have any benefit of my account.
- A. Yes, you may still withdraw up to \$500 per month under General License No. 11 for living, traveling and similar personal expenses.

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Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

(Surname)

Date of last entry into United States: \_\_\_\_\_

Operating under Treasury License now?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Partnership: \_\_\_\_\_  
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