RIVERSIDE OFFICE

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: MARY TAKAHASHI
(Print)

Address: 149 So 3rd St
(Street and Number)

Boyle Heights, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: N.A.C.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mary T. C.L. Chun

Address: ^ 5 [illegible]

Telephone Number: 873

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Operating Verrin Drug Store (security - formerly owned by Terumi Takahashi, father, now in Internment Camp - not blocked a/c - under power of attorney. Wants to substitute new. Owned by power of attorney

(Nature of a/c in question. F.B.I. re interview in June checking over a/c etc. Perhaps this is a blocked a/c)

Action taken:*
Mrs. Chun is an Attorney - She is going to endeavor to ascertain if this is actually a "blocked a/c." here or in Los Angeles

Handled by: C.N.T. Brown

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: MARY TAKAHASHI
(Print)

Address: 126 West Main Street,
(Street and Number)
formerly 149 So.8th St.
Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Reports 3/25 & 4/13

Miss Takahashi entered into escrow for sale of the drug store for $3,000 - to be as of April 23rd - funds available on or about May 1st.

Father TERUSANE TAKAHASHI, Japanese citizen, now in internment camp somewhere. Was in Missoula but she received a telegram from him several days ago to not send him any more mail there as the Government was going to move him to another camp. Had an endowment policy with the New York Life Insurance Company which lapsed January 27, 1942. She had written them to see about reinstatement. They notified her it could be reinstated less the disability and double indemnity features without medical examination if she would have certain forms filled in by him and signed and also by her mother (now in Los Angeles) who is the beneficiary. Policy was for $2,500 and they had a loan against it of $1,750. She expects to retire the loan from the escrow but the papers must be signed and returned to the San Diego office of the New York Life Co. not later than April 27th. She has sent the papers to Los Angeles for her mother to sign and return, hoping to hear from her father of his new address in the meantime. If she cannot get his address in time to complete
Action taken:* the transaction by April 27th, what to do?

Wrote the San Diego office of the New York Life explaining the circumstances and requesting them to notify her if they could make an extension of time if necessary.

Handled by:

EL CENTRO, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 1, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Mary Takahashi
(Print)

Address: 126 West Main Street
(Street and Number)

Brawley (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Reports 3/25 - 4/13 - 4/16

Miss Takahashi now has returned the insurance Company's forms signed by her parents and is forwarding them to the Insurance Company with her check for $1,722.71, which together with her previous remittance of $200, ~~will~~ should reinstate the policy in question and pay off the policy loan against it.

Has disposed of the Union Drug Store of Brawley with the exception of liquor stock. Says Max Marcot of Brawley only offers $220 whereas wholesale value is around $450.

Action taken:*

Closing file unless the New York Life Insurance Company raises further question.
Called Max Marcot on telephone- states some items of this stock are slow movers down here and some of the whiskey is over 2½ years old and cannot be retailed after July 1st. She could probably get more on the Coast, but agreed to raise his bid. If he offers $250 she thinks she will sell to him rather than go to expense of sending this over to the Coast.

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: T. E. Anderson
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview:

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had lease with Standard Produce Co. (J. Spreckels Co.) of Brawley Wants to lease it for one crop on with Ben Kellerman of El Centro who holds a power of attorney. District have the power of attorney with him.

Action taken:*

Told him in general powers of Attorney were legal - letter from Washington approved by his attorney as to provisions.

Handled by: _____

C. H. H. Stevens

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: MRS MARY DERRICK
(Print)

Address: Box 377
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X (1)

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has farm property leased to an American born adult Japanese 4th 7/1/42 L.Y. Murkai. It develops that T. Nomura, an alien Japanese has part of the farm under his operation thru a rent-lease or other means. Crops are carried by a crop mortgage in Murkai's name to the Golden Valley Farmers C. & was assigned to V.M. Anderson. No provision in lease for rent-leasing Mrs. Derrick wants possession of the farm if an alien has any control in the crops contrary to law. Attorney for Anderson must give possession

Action taken:*

American has to get an attorney to look after her interests. Mrs. Derrick Field agent of the War Time Civilian Control program will write the Japanese in question to come in & get their stuff

Handled by:
C. H. H. Brown
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: LOUIS Y. MUKAI
(Print)

Address: Box 224
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Hawaii 1899 Ctf. #9411

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Bill of sale and agreement with Ralph E. Myers Co., Salinas, Calif. Dec. 16, 1941, covering 190 acres lettuce and romaine, jointly with Hiroko Kawakita, a U.S.citizen.

Owe advances to Golden Valley Produce Company for care of crops and other expense.

Check from Myers Co. for $1,904.71, payable to Mukai and Kawakita as individuals with a/c of sales delivered to them today - they individually signed the releases and endorsed the check - check delivered to Golden Valley Produce Co. by them in Attorney Horton's office and release with copy of agreement mailed to Myers Co.

Eldredge ranch (formerly known as the Correll Ranch) 1½ miles east of Heber in Imperial County

Action taken:*

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: ~~GENICHI KODOMA~~ - MITOYA FUJIMOTO
(Print)

Address: ~~Rt.2 Box 60-K~~ Rt.2 Box 65-B
(Street and Number)

Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Kodoma had 20 acres Tomatoes, 7 acres squash, 3 acres onions.
Fujimoto " 12 " 4 " 1 "

They each made a marketing agreement with Leo Azhderian of El Centro to market the crops for them and to take over the care of the crops immediately upon evacuation of the Japanese. Part of the agreement was that Azhderian was to advance to each of them $500 and was to reimburse himself for this out of a 50¢ per crate retain as crops were sold in addition to all other "deductionn". The contracts were in order and favorably compare with similar marketing agreements normally used in this area. The contracts were made on the supposition that the evacuation would be ordered prior to marketing was in progress. Azhderian is retaining the 50¢ per crate "evacuation reserve" to build up to the $500 he has bound himself to advance to each of the Japan boys and the boys object to this deduction - insist that he not m this deduction until after he has advanced the funds. This is reasonable demand - market price is good now and this retain made but probably later on in the deal there would not be s

Action taken:* turns to repay any such sum. A couple of oth seem to be bothering the boys in connection with the co I can learn of the boys they are probably trying to " similar to the above argument. I agreed to discuss them and Azhderian this afternoon or Monday - but them "sit in on the conference". They did not meet in my office @ 2:30 this afternoon. At 2:3 on the telephone stating that the boys just called somewhere (they wouldn't say where) that they could Closing file unless something else develops. Hand

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: FUJIWARA-JACK
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 1557
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: None
"
Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Father - Matahatchiro Fujiwara was a member of South Imperial Valley Growers Assn - a mutual co- of in which M. Kamiya was interested. Kamiya was picked up by the F.B.I. and all funds of the association were "blocked or frozen". all members had a deposition certain funds as revolving funds & for operations. They want to know what chance they are to getting their share back before association

Action taken:*

Suggested that I write to our L.A. office to see if they can give me any answer.

Handled by: C. A. H. Dean

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 13th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Junichi Fukuda
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 417
(Street and Number)

Westmorland
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born July 5, 1900 - never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

1940 Dodge Sedan in name of I. Kubota who is a Japanese alien and went to Japan July 1941 and still there. Kubota was living with Fukuda. Car originally bought by both of them in October, 1940, but in name of Kubota. They paid about $1,100 for the car. When Kubota left for Japan, there was still owing about $876. Fukuda has since paid $316 leaving an unpaid balance of $560.

Can Fukuda sell the car and if so how should he endorse the pink ownership ticket to deliver title? Balance of contract is owing to Bank of America, Brawley.

Action taken:*

Fukuda is going to sell to S. D. PRESLEY, P.O.Box 183, Westmorland, with bill of sale, Presley to assume balance of contract if satisfactory to Bank of America, and subject to getting pink slip transferred. Coming back in Thursday.

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
April 13th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Re : JUNICHI FUKUDA

Referring to attached report of interview :

Can Fukuda endorse the pink ownership certificate in some manner or fill in some form by which the ownership can be transferred to S. D. PRESLEY in connection with this car?

I. Kubota, while the "registered owner" on the Motor Vehicle Dep't records, actually has no interest in this car as Fukuda has actually provided all of the funds that have been paid so far. Kubota, being in Japan, brings up a set of circumstances that I have not been up against so far here and the local office of the Motor Vehicle Dep't can give me no information as they refer all such matters to Lon Butler's office in Los A ngeles.

May I impose on you for some guidance in this matter?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

April 15, 1942

During a telephone conversation on other matters with Mr. Small, we made the suggestion that in the event the Japanese at interest who is not the registered owner, doesn't have a power of attorney from Mr. Kubota, who is the registered owner and presently in Japan, that he execute an affidavit reciting the circumstances in an endeavor to effect transfer of ownership. We suggest that this affidavit be supported by a character affidavit before submission to the Division of Motor Vehicles. We have no information that such affidavits would be accepted in lieu of a power of attorney, but no other means of transferring title appear to be available.

Watkins.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
April 24th, 1942.

REFERRED TO MR. BOLD
APR 27 RECD

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
~~Bank of America~~ Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to attached report of interview with JUNICHI FUKUDA :

If the Bank of America, Brawley Branch, is justified in impounding the car under the circumstances, couldn't some arrangement be made by them to release it to Fukuda for a few days in order to enable him to try to sell it to individuals instead of forcing him to handle thru a dealer on blue-book basis? It seems to me the local manager of the Bank of America is "leaning over backwards" to be absolutely safe knowing that if they keep it impounded, Fukuda will sooner or later probably be forced to sell it to a car dealer and pay them off.

The prospective deal that Fukuda had with S.D.PRESLEY as noted in my report of April 13th, could not be consummated because Presley could not payy the full purchase price in cash and wanted to assume the contract balance to be paid on its due date in July but the Bank refused to permit the substitution. They told me they would probably refuse any other substitution on the basis that there might be some liability on their part in being a party to transfer of title when the original signer of the contract is not in this country and wanted their contract paid off in full - the sooner the quicker. Because they refused to acoppt Presley assuming the contract, he would not go anywhere else to try to make a contract tor etire the existing one as he thought there must be something wrong with the deal.

A word to J.M.Thompson, Manager of the Bank of America, Brawley Branch, from one of the B. of A. officials there in Los Angeles in their auto contract loan department would clear up this situation if you would care to tell them the story, or if you prefer I can demand of Thompson that he be a little more reasonable in working out this deal rather than "sitting tight".

Yours very t ruly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 24, 1942.
(Date)

Name: JUNICHI FUKUDA (Surname)
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 417
(Street and Number)

Westmorland (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Date of last entry into United States: Born July 5, 1900- never out (Given)

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/13/42, and accompanying letter.

Mr. Watkins of Los Angeles office, Federal Reserve Bank, subsequently phoned that Fukuda could sell the car and make affidavit as to circumstances to be forwarded to Motor Vehicle Dep't to effect transfer.

Bank of America, Brawley Branch, sent word to Fukuda to come in to see them, they being the legal owner a/c of contract with unpaid balance of ~~$316~~ $560 not in default - all due in July 1942. When he came in, they put the car in storage in Brawley and impounded it on the basis that the registered owner, I. KUBOTA, not being here, regardless of the fact that Fukuda had made them payments on account of the contract of $316 they could not recognize him as having any rights in the car. They informed me that the only way they would release the car would be for someone to pay off the balance of their contract. The car is not claimed to be unduly depreciating while in Fukuda's care and the contract is not in default. Fukuda wants possession of the car so that he can endeavor to sell it. He lives over 10 miles from Brawley and claims to not be able to sell it unless he can exhibit it to prospective buyers,- they will not go in to the garage to look at it, evidently thinking it was in there for repair purposes.

Action taken:*

Is the Bank of America justified in impounding the car under the circumstances?

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

*ch additional pages where necessary

April 29, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Please refer to your letter of April 24 regarding Junichi Fukuda. We telephoned Mr. McArthur, at the Head Office of the Bank of America. It appears the bank arbitrarily requires the possessor should have some written authority from a registered owner, either by letter or power of attorney. Whether or not this is a requirement in their contract, we do not know, but you may be able to determine this fact from examination of the instrument.

Ordinarily a verbal agency may be established between principal and agent, which cannot be questioned, and so long as the principal's debt is current the creditor cannot therefor mature the contract. Undoubtedly Fukuda can maintain an action of Claim and Delivery to recover the car if his authority to possession can be proven by agency. An attorney should be retained to obtain possession.

In the absence of the agency authority, Mr. Fukuda is a volunteer payor and acts at his own peril when carrying on Mr. Kubota's obligations or debts. Quite naturally his ignorance of the law causes a financial loss.

The Bank of America, of course, may benefit to the extent of payments made by Fukuda. However, if he holds any written evidence he will experience no difficulty regaining the car. Mr. Thompson of the Bank of America, Brawley branch, is being advised by the head office to lend such cooperation.

However, it appears that the obstacle of acquiring registered ownership is far more important than the issue of recapture of the car in its present title status. Offhand, the bank's action should be tolerated to gain title in the bank's name by repossession. The bank can gain merchantable title in that way and resell and transfer over to Mr. Fukuda for unpaid balance. The Mr. Fukuda could have a transferable title.

Therefore, it appears that Fukuda should negotiate such agreement with the bank and thus acquire the title which he does not now possess. Undoubtedly a friendly agreement of this type is a better alternative to pursue than regaining possession of the vehicle and lack merchantable title thereto.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 1, 1942.
(Date)

Telephone:
Interview x

Name: Junichi Fukuda
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 417
(Street and Number)

Westmorland (City) Calif. (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 7-5-1900

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/13/1942 and 4/24th

Fukuda paid off balance of contract to Bank of America at Brawley and received the pink ownership certificate. He signed an affidavit drawn up by Attorney C.B.Smith of El Centro to the effect that he was in reality the owner of the Dodge automobile in question and is sending this in to the Motor Vehicle Dept at Los Angeles, Calif. for transfer into his own name and expects to take it with him in evacuation or sell the car.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 19th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Kunichi Fukuda
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box ~~x~~ 417
(Street and Number)

Westmprland , Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 7-5-1900

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See reports 4/13, 4/24 & 5/1/42

Subsequent to action per report of 5/1/42, Fukuda sent the pink ownership certificate and white registration certificate to Motor Vehicle Dept for new registration in his name - not back yet and he wants to sell car because he is being evacuated on May 21st.

Subsequently he sold car to Alejandra Z. Singh, P.O.Box 699, Brawley, Calif., for $600 cash - giving me power-of-attorney on Motor Vehicle Dept form to sign for him with request to deliver certificates to Singh when received from Motor Vehicle Dep't.

Action taken:*
Listed for record purposes until certificates are received.

Handled by: Amw
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: C. FUTAKAWA
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Westmoreland Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: J

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: +

Person Interviewed: L. G. Wilson, Cashier

Address: Cal-Electric Power Co.

Telephone Number: 1649

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Futakawa purchased ice box from Power Co. unpaid contract - unpaid balance $45.63 now in deposit. He owns Lots 8 & 9 Blk 33 Westmoreland. Broke up his home & disappeared the day after Pearl Harbor. Power Co. wants to get possession of Ice Box

? + — 20 file in Zip sack

Action taken:*

Have brought TFE 1 + talk from to have it executed with full details & bring it back.

Later - try to locate friends of subject + get present address
Ascertain last entry date
If no suspicious notify F.B.I.

Handled by: _____

C. H. Power
Ex Executive

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 27th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: C. FURUKAWA
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Westmorland (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ??

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: L.G.WILSON, Credit Agent

Address: Calif.Electric Power Co.,El Centro

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See reports 3/20 & 3/25/42

Power Company is repossessing the ice-box under authority of License S.F.23159 received by it today from San Francisco per application TFE 1 accompaning my report of March 24th.

Action taken:*

File Closed

Handled by: Brown

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

Goldwest Valley Furniture Co.

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: F. M. BLENKISON
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: N. Vans - Principal
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation: X
Individual:

Person Interviewed: F. M. Blenkison

Address: Edgar Implement Store

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Bringing equipment from Goldwest Valley - Have been
having coming from other outfit July 1st
Wanted to determine what effect

Action taken:*

Suggestion Goldwest Valley case was not for investigation
by F.B.I. - Dist attorneys office - make statement there
attorney Murray Morton of El Centro, representing Goldwest Valley
Farms is in correspondence with Mr. Reynolds of Fed. Res. Bank

Handled by: _____

*Attach additional pages where necessary

C H Murray

FB -

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: Goleta Valley Produce Co.
(Print)

Address: N. Main (a principal)
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.
+ Jap

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation: X
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Atty Henry Horton

Address: El Centro, Calif

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Case referred to by Mr. Gordon Wilkinson returned herewith attorney Horton
Goleta Valley had opportunity to all owners of their hung Exeter equipment for cash immediately during. Contact get Mr. Reynolds or Mr. Hollingsberg @ L.A. Inquiry of lifting of restrictions re cash price for interests suggestion he arrange for sale + collection of funds to be deposited in Goleta Valley Bank of. + could be traced

Action taken:*

Handled by: C. H. E. Brown

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 17th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: SAICHI HARA (Brawley Japanese Y.M.Assn)
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Address: P.O.Box 196
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Hawaii 1896- To U.S. 1919- not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:
Association x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Brawley Japanese Young Men's Assn is a club of Japanese, some citizens and some aliens. Hara is Treasurer. Assn owns building Lot 6 Block 75 Brawley on corner of 8th & K Sts.

Assn wants to leave the property consisting of vacant building in care of Q.C.WEBSTER, Real Estate broker of Brawley, with authority to lease or rent it.

Action taken:*

Suggested that Hara assure himself that the Realtor, Webster, has full authority from the governing board of trustees or directors to execute a lease in the name of the Association, or to rent the hall for occasions in the name of the Association while it is possible to get the said Board together before they are evacuated.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 22, 1942.
(Date)

Name: H. HATANAKA
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Brawley (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male: ?
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Letter from Security-First National Bank, Brawley, that a check for $100 deposited with them by a Japanese before evacuated drawn by E.E.WAKE on Brawley Branch of Bank of America and containing the notation "pay in full for houses" has been returned marked "no account at Branch". Wanted it reported to Federal Reserve Bank.

Action taken:*

Ascertained that E.E.Wake had an account at El Centro Branch of Bank of America from which several somewhat similar checks had been paid and apparently drawer had made a mistake in not having one of his checks drawn on right Branch with him when making deal. Advised by Security Bank @ Brawley who will send check to El Centro Branch for payment - ascertained from Wake that he had made such a mistake and authorized changing branch name to El Centro from Brawley.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

SECURITY-FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LOS ANGELES

SAVINGS COMMERCIAL TRUST

BRAWLEY BRANCH
565 MAIN
BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA

May 21, 1942

C.H.H. Small, Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Charlie:

We wish to call your attention to a check drawn on the Brawley Branch, Bank of America, dated April 16, 1942 payable to H. Hatanaka for $100.00 and signed by E. E. Wake. A memo on the lower left hand corner of the check reads, "Pay in full for houses." This check was deposited by Mrs. Hatanaka the day before she was evacuated and has been returned to us marked "No account at this branch."

Do do not know E. E. Wake. Unless he has made a mistake and drawn the check on Brawley instead of El Centro, we believe it is a matter that you might wish to check into. We are holding the check subject to your further order.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Jacobson
Manager

CAJ:q

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: Mr. Hancock
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Beverly Hills Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had a ranch leased to Tokio Ochiomichi - a Nisei truck farmer for nice - lives up last Norwalk - Ranch was supposed to be put back into a shape - will cost around $250 to do this. It develops an alien had actually farmed the ranch & is now in a concentration camp - Probably his being picked up prevented the work being done.

Action taken:*

Told him probably too late to start anything now - should have done this in December. He agreed & because the lease arrangement he is content to let the matter rest

Handled by: _____
C. N. H. Conrad

*Attach additional pages where necessary

EEV

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: HIYAMA-YOSHITA
(Print)

Address: 908 G ST
(Street and Number)

BRAWLEY CALIF
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: JAPANESE

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Husband has not married Japanese National

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

(3)

Person Interviewed: Mrs Hiyama about

Address:

Telephone Number: None

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Husband in Concentration Camp
Owns & operates contents of Book Stall and has built small
tri house on rear of property on land leased from a Mexican
F. P. MENDOZA Box 386 Calexico, Calif
Hiyamas want to transfer all their chattels & tri house but
the Mexican refuses to allow transfer of title to purchaser who
will live in it & operate book stall -
Wants to consummate deal & sell furniture & all chattels & house
but wants Govt permission & certificate of release before doing so
Apparently Mexican trying to hold up on value of house

Action taken:*

Told them to come back with work -
meantime are contacting Mexican that he will not be permitted
to take advantage of the situation.

Handled by: Gordon Williams
C. N. W. Small
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: HIYAMA=YOSHITA
(Print)

Address: 908 G. St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jpn.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Referring to letter of 3/20/42

Action taken:*

Wrote F. P. Mendoza at Box 386, Calipatria, to come in to see me if he had any claim on the tin horse which Hiyama is trying to sell and which Mendoza reportedly will not permit to be sold

Handled by: _____
C. J. H. Brown

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ECN

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: HIYAMA-YOSHITA
(Print)

Address: 908 9th St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Mrs. Hiyama

Address: above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Referring to reports of 2/21 & 3/24
I have a letter from Geo. R. Kirk-attorney for T. P. Mendoza a
acknowledges receipt of my letter of the 23rd Claims Original
lease to Hiyama @ $60.00 per mo. Reduced to $50.00 per mo. several
years ago on verbal agreement that tomatoes be picked by Hiyamas
and belong to Mendoza. That proposed buyer of Hiyama's equity was
a Mexican who intended taking over the crop. Mendoza advises him
as he was a former tenant & would not permit him to
move in on the deal is off. Mrs. Hiyama advises that Mendoza has
been attempting to secure a transfer & purchase of this equity. She is
willing to sell for $750.00 of the proposed Mexican.
Advises that a deal will be made on this basis & all Mendoza

Action taken:*
matter of fact they are working on another deal now but she could
get $750.00 out of the proposed Mexican.

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

GEORGE R. KIRK
ATTORNEY AT LAW
218 REHKOPF BUILDING
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

March 25, 1942.

C. H. H. Small, Field Representative,
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
540 State Street,
El Centro, California.

Dear Mr. Small:

Your letter of March 23, addressed to F. P. Mendoza relative to the claim of Yoshita Hiyama, at 908 G. Street, Brawley, has been referred to me by Mr. Mendoza, and I write this letter on his behalf and as his attorney.

Mr. Mendoza advises me that Hiyama was a long time tenant of theirs and that originally there was a written lease calling for payments of $80.00 per month. That the tenant desired to place this improvement, consisting of a tin house, on the lot in back of the building, and it was orally agreed between the parties that if this improvement was made, Mendoza would reduce the rent from $80.00 to $50.00 per month, which was done, and after the lease expired the tenant continued making the same payments until the present time. Mr. Mendoza advises me that the understanding was that the building was to remain on and be a part of the property and, further, that the building is so attached that it has become a part of the realty. He further advises me that the building is possibly 10 x 12 feet, and as to the value, he does not know. Under the circumstances I feel that this building belongs to Mr. Mendoza and not to the tenant. If there is anything further we can do to assist you, please advise us.

Yours very truly,

George R. Kirk

GRK:S

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 23rd, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Honda- Homano - Takanaki-
(Print)

Address: Hoshizaki (Geo. & Frank) - ~~L.C.Boxley & K.K.Sharp.~~
(Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship:

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Various dates.

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

This is an involved case which was first called to my attention March 23rd, 1942. Several lawyers representing different interests asked me to sit in with them in an effort to adjust or compromise a matter regarding some claimed interests of several Japanese. None of the principals were at this conference. The lawyers were more interested in telling what they thought of each other than in the facts in the case. I notified them to submit briefs to me in order to confine our consideration to facts. Whitelaw & Whitelaw, representing L.C.Boxley submitted the attached brief dated April 6th which gives a rather complete outline of the facts of the case. Attorney D.B.Roberts submitted his brief attached hereto dated May 6, 1942, on behalf of K.K.Sharp. Messrs. Horton and Knox representing one or more of the Japanese involved refused repeated requests for brief or claim. I sent word directly and indirectly to the Japanese named offering our services if they desired to enter a claim or statement of fact. Secretary of the Japanese Assn discussed the matter with me and stated the Japanese thought the case should be handled by the attorneys in court rather than come in with a claim. In registering for evacuation, one of the Hoshizaki's made mention of a possible claim to the representative of the F.S.A. He sent for a special investigator of their department who spent several days here on the case and a copy of his report is attached. The Field Representative of the F.S.A. here, Mr. A.V.Schenck, also attended the conference with the lawyers on March 23rd referred to above and has collaborated with me and I with him from the inception.

Action taken:*

This for record purposes only.

Handled by: Small

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

El Centro, Calif. May 22, 1942.
IN REPLY REFER TO

Statement of facts as given to the evacuation agent and special agent re Homano :

The land owner is Mr. Boxley of Holtville who leased to George Hoshizaki. The lease was taken in the name of George Hoshizaki whose name may or may not have been signed by Frank Hoshizaki, a brother. The land was actually worked by Homano who planted carrots and lettuce and later disced up the carrots and planted cantaloupes.

Homano executed a crop mortgage to Eugene Honda of the U.S.Army in amount of $2,500. Honda we believe gave power of attorney to Tanagaki.

When news of the war first broke, both Hoshizaki's were called into the District Attorney's office and, we believe, signed statements to the effect that they had no interest in the crop or the land which they or one of them leased. We understand that Homano also signed a statement to the effect that he was working as a farm laborer and had no interest in the crop. The District Attorney admits that Homano told him this, but denies that the statement was signed. Boxley on the other hand told Messrs. Tarlock, Teitlebaum and Farr that Homano had paid 1 instalment of $750 on the rent and that the second instalment was not due at the time the crop was taken over by Boxley.

Boxley, on the advice of the District Attorney, took charge of the crop and was told that Homano had no interest in the crop. Homano had a prospective purchaser of the crop, Mefford Bros., who tendered the $750 due as the 2nd rent instalment.

On the advice of the District Attorney, Boxley sold the crop for $1700. approximately March 17, 1942, to K. K. Sharp. A few days later Boxley sold the land also to Sharp for an unknown price.

At the time Sharp took the land he took it subject to a recorded crop mortgage which appears from off-hand examination a bonafide claim against Sharp. Sharp's attorney, D. B. Roberts told me that in the event the mortgage is bonafide against Sharp that he in turn will have a right of action against Boxley in that Boxley guaranteed to K.K.Sharp that the crop was free and clear of all encumbrances.

On May 21, conversation was had with Boxley, attorney Knox of the Horton office, who represents the Japanese interests, and Roberts, attorney for K.K.Sharp. In these conversations it would appear that K.K.Sharp was willing to pay a little money, not more than $200. This was a tentative proposition. Boxley on the other hand is willing to pay something to settle the matter as he does not want to be involved with court costs and attorney's fees.

It is our opinion that the facilities of this office be used if they are requested by any of the attorneys in the case. It appears that the matter could be settled by Mr. Horton's office.

Fred Farr, Investigator.

D. B. ROBERTS
ATTORNEY AT LAW
207 BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE 150

May 6, 1942.

Mr. C. H. H. Small,
El Centro, California.

Dear Sir:

As attorney for K. K. Sharp and K. K. Sharp Co., I desire to call to your attention the circumstances surrounding the purchase of a crop of vegetables by said K. K. Sharp, which is now claimed by a Japanese who is being evacuated.

We are informed that last summer (1941) a landowner by the name of Boxley, made a lease with an American Citizen Japanese by the name of Geo. Hosizaki who resided in Los Angeles. This Japanese never went on the property, but an Alien Japanese farmed the premises; the rental for said property was payable in cash; one payment in the sum of $1520.00 being due on March 15, 1942. About January or the early part of February, 1942, the District Attorney of this county sent out questionaires to all land owners who had Japanese tenants, and all Japanese tenants, demanding to know all the particulars respecting the Japanese occupying farm lands. The Japanese tenant and the Japanese alien farming the Boxlry land, filed a report under oath with the District Attorney of this county stating that they or either of them had no interest in the crop or crops on the Boxley land. This information was disclosed by the District Attorney to Boxley.

Early in February, 1942, Boxley took possession of his land from the Japanese. This possession was obtained peaceably, but without consent or Court action, and for approximately a month Boxley cared for the crops then growing thereon.

Early in March, 1942, Boxley offered the crops growing on said tract for sale. He obtained three separate and independent bids or offers for said crop from responsible and legitimate produce buyers of Imperial County and the bid of K. K. Sharp, in the sum of $1700.00 being the highest bid, he sold the crop to K. K. Sharp for $1700.00, which sum said K. K. Sharp has paid to said Boxley.

May 6, 1942.

Mr. C. H. H. Small-

Mr. Sharp was assured by Boxley, Mr. R. B. Whitelaw, attorney for Mr. Boxley, and the District Attorney of this County that Boxley's title to said crop was good and proceeded to take possession of said crops and has and is harvesting the same. It is too early to determine whether there will be a profit made from said crops. However, this is immaterial inasmuch as Mr. Sharp paid the full value of the crops at the time he purchased the same, and since that time has expended considerable time and money in caring for said crops since the date of purchase.

In February, 1942, a crop mortgage was recorded executed by said Japanese tenant to one Eugene S. Honda to secure an alleged indebtedness of $2500.00. This crop mortgage was dated a month or so before date of recording, and was not recorded until after Boxley had taken possession of the crop.

Mr. Sharp is a responsible and respectable citizen of this community, and had purchased the crop and parted with his money before he was advised that any dispute existed concerning this crop.

Mr. Boxley, his attorney, Mr. Whitelaw, and the District Attorney of this County, still insist that the Japanese have no interest in the crop, and Boxley refuses to make any concessions or adjustment concerning this matter.

In my opinion, Mr. Boxley is going to insist that the whole transaction with the Japanese was a fraud, and that the deal between the Japanese tenant and the Alien in possession was a violation of the Alien Land Law. Boxley will also claim that when he took possession in February the crop was being neglected.

Please call upon us if you desire any further information concerning this matter, but bear in mind that the crop is not being neglected, but receiving proper care, and that the usual Courts of Law are open to the Japanese if any of their rights have been violated.

Very truly yours,

DBR-b

TELEPHONE 67

LAW OFFICES
WHITELAW AND WHITELAW
207-210 REHKOPF BUILDING
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

April 7, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Agent
Federal Reserve Bank
El Centro, California

In Re: Boxley, et al

Dear Mr. Small:

In order to clarify possible misunderstanding regarding the acreage in the above matter, beg to advise you that said land consisted of approximately 76 or 77 acres net; that originally planted upon said land crops estimated above as follows:

1. 30 to 35 acres of carrots, which were plowed under in December of 1941 and the same land planted to late cantaloupes;

2. 30 acres of early lettuce, which was only partially harvested and through a dry pack and not replanted;

3. 5 acres of tomatoes;

4. 10 to 12 acres of late lettuce, this is the crop which was harvested by K. K. Sharpe.

You will please bear in mind that the above figures were estimated only, as no measures were ever had of said crops. Trusting this will clarify the situation, I am

Very truly yours,

WHITELAW & WHITELAW

R B Whitelaw

R. B. Whitelaw
Attorneys for Boxleys

RBW:mw

4/11 Bargett (7 B.O. called about forgery angle
(Told him particulars - Case dismissed
Def. brought suit & recovered & got
in Fresh water Reports.

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TELEPHONE 67

LAW OFFICES
WHITELAW AND WHITELAW
207-210 REHKOPF BUILDING
EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

April 6, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Agent
Federal Reserve Bank
~~San Francisco~~, California
El Centro

In Re: Boxley,-Honda-Homano-Takanaki-K.K.Sharpe.

Dear Mr. Small:

Following the conversation had a few days ago in our office, at which time Mr. Horton and Mr. Knox represented Honda and our office representing Boxley, and Mr. D. B. Robert's office representing K. K. Sharpe, I beg to advise you of the facts concerning said transactions.

On the 23rd day of June, 1941, L. C. Boxley and his wife executed a lease to one, George Hoshizaki for the period of one year terminating on the first day of July, 1942, and upon the South one-half of the West one-half, of Tract 55, Township 16 South, Range 16 East, S.B.M., yielding and paying therefor $2280.00, with rental payments in the amount of $760.00; final payment on the first day of June, 1942.

The signature "George Hoshizaki" appears on the lease as lessee. The party signing lease as George Hoshizaki was represented to the Boxleys as being George Hoshizaki. It was not until shortly before the difficulty arose between these parties that it was ascertained that the supposedly George Hoshizaki was Frank Hoshizaki. As above noted the lease is not signed "George Hoshizaki by Frank Hoshizaki", but the signature appears as though the person signing it was George Hoshizaki.

A Japanese national by the name of Homano took charge of the property shortly after the lease and neither of the Hoshizakis have ever been upon the property, nor shown an interest therein. Homano planted the premises to crops consisting of 35 acres of cantaloupes, and five acres of tomatoes, and the remainder in lettuce and following the blowing up of the lettuce with exception of approximately 12 acres the land was planted to late cantaloupes and at the time of the dispute arising herein there was upon the property 5 acres

of tomatoes, 12 acres of lettuce, and 30 acres of cantaloupes, the latter, just breaking through the ground.

The name of Honda, whose full name is Eugene Dunoa Honda, never appeared in the picture until the 17th of February, 1942, at which time an alleged mortgage was placed of record showing execution of said mortgage on the 17th day of December, 1941.

Japanese national by the name of Takanaki came upon the premises on the 23rd day of December and represented to the Boxleys that he had advanced funds to Homano for the growing of the crop and was interested therein.

Following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, all work was stopped by Homano, who did nothing but sit around and let the crop blow up; in fact the 35 acres of carrots were not watered and though the Boxleys attempted to force Homano to water the carrots he replied "too much trouble" and the entire crop of carrots, which was according to the Boxleys a beautiful stand, blew up and was lost and not one carrot harvested and in fact on the 23rd day of December on instruction of Takanaki were plowed under.

The 27 acres of early lettuce, which was a beautiful stand was not watered for a period of two weeks when it was needing water and though the Boxleys talked to Homano and demanded that he water the crop he refused, to reply concerning the same and very little lettuce was harvested and that was done by Fitz-Gerald & Litrov on a dry pack basis and through another Japanese national by the name of J. I. Osuga at 478 Commercial Street (which Japanese is now in concentration camp) and he has never been able to learn of the disposition of funds received on this lettuce except to be advised by Fitz-Gerald & Litrov that Osuga still owed the money advanced by them after having given credit for the lettuce received from the Boxley ranch.

When the District Attorney of Imperial County made a demand for a report by all persons holding an alien lease through "lease boy" such as is this lease, the Boxleys immediately appeared before Mr. Heald and advised him of their lease with the alleged "George Hoshizaki". This was followed by an investigation by Mr. Heald covering both George Hoshizaki and Frank Hoshizaki and he now holds in his office written statements by each of them that they never had any interest in said crop and desired to be released from the lease. This statement can be seen by any agent of the government and speaks for itself.

The grower, Homano, was brought before Heald and made

a statement in writing over his signature that he too had no interest in the crop and was only working for 40 cents an hour. This statement is also available.

With the knowledge of the statement made by the Hoshizakis and on or about the 10th day of February, 1942, the writer wrote the following words across the face of the Boxley-Hoshizaki lease "the within lease is hereby mutually cancelled and all rights mutually terminated this 10th day of February, 1942", which was given to the Boxleys with the instructions to take the same to the Hoshizakis for their signature. This was done and the Hoshizakis refused to sign the same on the grounds that Takanaki had advanced the money and wanted to be protected but said quite frankly that no mortgage had been executed. On the 17th day of February, 1942, the mortgage above described was recorded by someone on behalf of Honda. This fact was not learned until after the crops had been sold to K. K. Sharpe.

With the knowledge of the statements by George and Frank Hoshizaki and of Homano, the writer advised the Boxleys to obtain bids on the then growing crop and sell to the highest bidder, but before doing so to notify the Hoshizakis that they had taken possession of the crops and that their rights under the supposed lease had been terminated. This was done in writing.

Pursuant to my instructions they offered the crop to Alex Pilobos, who refused to pay more than $1350.00; they then offered the crops to Phil Linde, of Holtville who refused to pay more than $1500.00; then offered the crop to K.K. Sharpe of Holtville who offered $1700.00, which offer was accepted. Following this transaction the Boxleys have sold their real estate to K. K. Sharpe.

Sharpe immediately took possession of the crops and harvested the lettuce; the tomatoes are yet to be harvested and the cantaloupes will not be ready for harvest until possibly before June or later.

The above is as clear a statement of the facts as we are able to ascertain through investigation both through Mr. Heald's office and through the Boxleys.

We seriously question the validity of the mortgage to Honda, who is in the American Army and feel that Takanaki is the real man in interest as well as Homano the grower

on said ranch.

We will be glad to cooperate in any way possible to the end that this matter may be satisfactorily clarified.

Very truly yours,

WHITELAW & WHITELAW

R. B. Whitelaw

R. B. Whitelaw
Attorneys for Boxleys

RBW:mw

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

MIHARU HOSOKAWA — 3-28-42
(Date)

Name: Miharu Hosokawa
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: +

Address: Box 947
(Street and Number)

Brawley — Calif
(City) (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: +
Citizenship: Japan

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1929

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: +

Person Interviewed: SAME

Address:

Telephone Number: no

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Furniture in storage for 42 room Hotel
with ~~KATO~~ KEIKO Hosokawa
G.P. CONNOR P/a -
How to effect a satisfactory sale

Action taken:*

Called her attention to getting deal cleaned up before evacuation -
alternative have agt of KEIKO keep in custody with P/a for later mov favorable sale

Handled by: COLES
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 23, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Mrs. MIHABU HOSOKAWA
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 947,
(Street and Number)

Brawley. Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1929

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report March 28, 1942.

Says has been unable to sell her furniture for any satisfactory figure and is giving a power of attorney to Mr. G.P.Conner, of Brawley to handle for her after she is evacuated- storing the furniture. Mr. Ross T. Niokoox will be her attorney and draw up the power of attorney and storage agreement.

Action taken:*

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 19, 1942.
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) MIHARA HOSOKAWA
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 947
(Street and Number)

Brawley (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1929

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has Chevrolet pickup 1941 under contract to GMAC with balance of $462 due July 1, 1942. Wanted to transfer to Arena Company but GMAC would not permit unless at least $200 was paid on balance.

Action taken:* Contacted GMAC representative who stated cash discount for paying off in full now would be$2.35; but that if $200 were paid on account there would also be a transfer of interest fee of $10 also. Explained to Mrs. Hosokawa and made an appointment for her with GMAC representative for tomorrow morning in Brawley when she thinks she will pay off GMAC in full and make a separate deal with Arena. GMAC would let me know if deal wasn't closed Closing file, no further report having come in from either party.

Handled by: Small
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-25-42
(Date)

Name: MRS. TAMA INAFUKU
(Print)

Address: 1506 9th St
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: Japan

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1923

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Mrs

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem: Has 4 children

Frank J. Kahara (Husband) now in concentration camp Santa Fe, N. M. He owns a restaurant. She has been operating it. Has no power of Attny or license - no reports

1.- Wants allowance for $750.- Has prospective buyer

2.- Husband had car on installment contract with Womack - Wife paid balance to Womack (or Gen'l M.C.) will not give her title.

Sold to Victor Bentzinger $750.-
Rec'd Cash $50 & Check # 4729 dated 3/24/42

Action taken:*

1.- Advised her to go to Security Bank, Brawley, where she has funds deposited & open an account by giving receipt of power of attorney from Husband

2- Come back Friday to see if I have any information from L.A. regarding auto transfer

Handled by: (+) caption with initials
C.W.D. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 9th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Mrs. TAMA INAFUKU
(Print)

Address: 150 So. 9th St.,
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1923

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/25/42

Reports she sold the restaurant to Milton Alantigo for $750 - cash $200 balance @ 47.09 per month beginning 5/24/42- leaving contract with Brawley Branch Security First National Bank of Los Angeles for collection and credit proceeds to her account/

Action taken:*

Closing file

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 5, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Keige Kaku
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 139 A
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1/6/1915- Not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: Supposed to be

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above & brother Hiroshi

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/28/42
See letter attached to Mr. Bold

(letter sent to Mr. Bold Special Delivery
mail separate cover)

Action taken:*

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ElCentro, Calif.

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540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.
May 13, 1942.

Mr. R. E. Everson, Ass't Cashier
Federal Reserve Bank
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Everson:

Referring to your memo of May 8th, subject Foreign Funds Control Dep't, to our Los Angeles Branch relative to Licenses S.F. 19821 and 21040 issued to Kaku Bros. - subject brought up originally by me in letter to our Loan Angeles office May 5th:

In accordance with the last paragraph of your memorandum, Mr. C. A. Jacobson, Manager of the Brawley Branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles, and I went over the ledger and deposit records of their account in the name of Hiroshi Kaku and discussed this matter with Hiroshi Kaku and his brother Keige Kaku. At the time application for these licenses was made and for a period prior thereto and subsequent thereof the credit balance was less than $300. and the only credits to the account for several weeks prior to the date of the application consisted of two deposits of $150 and $250 respectively. These deposits consisted of advances made to the Kaku Brothers by a vegetable wholesale dealer under an agreement for handling their vegetable crop, said crop being grown by the two brothers for themselves under a lease made by them. Since then, the Kaku brothers have sold their crops (in preparation for evacuation) under a marketing agreement and this agreement provides that advances made theretofore (including the $400 referred to) are to be retired from sale of these crops.

Setsudo Kaku, father of the two Kaku brothers referred to, was interned in or about February 15, 1942, and it is claimed the two brothers have been operating on their own for over six years with no interest of Setsudo Kaku therein. We have been unable to find where any interest of Setsudo Kaku is in evidence for the past two years at least - which is as far back as I went for this purpose. Under the circumstances, Mr. Jacobson and I are satisfied that Setsudo Kaku had no interest in the funds above referred to and that both licenses were issued unnecessarily.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.Small, Field Representative

Copy-C.A.Jacobson, S.F.N.Bk.Brawley.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

May 11, 1942

J.O. (SF) 366
Brawley

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of May 5, 1942, concerning Keige Kaku and Hiroshi Kaku, American born Japanese, who have been operating property in Imperial Valley. Two special licenses have been issued to the Kaku brothers which require certain reports be made to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. You are under the impression that inasmuch as these brothers were citizens and there was no necessity for the checking account having been blocked, it would perhaps not be necessary to render these reports.

This matter was referred to our Head Office in San Francisco, and we now have received its reply, a copy of which we are enclosing for your information. You will notice that reports may be omitted if you and the Manager of the Brawley Branch of the Security-First National Bank can determine that Setsudo Kaku, father of the two brothers, had no interest in the original funds deposited for the son.

Assistant Manager

Enclosure.

copy of
#370.
Correspondence
re Kaku
Case
H. Kaku
by Eriko Kaku (sister)
on original
transaction

HEAD OFFICE

TO: LOS ANGELES BRANCH

Date May 8, 1942.

SUBJECT: Foreign Funds Control Department

Reference is made to your letter of May 6, 1942, relative to Kaku Bros., Brawley, California, and our efforts to obtain their reports pursuant to instructions contained on Licenses Nos. S. F. 19821 and S.F. 21040.

The information in our files indicates that Keige and Hiroshi Kaku are both American born Japanese and that their father, Setsudo Kaku, is a blocked Japanese national, due to the fact that he returned from a trip to Japan subsequent to June 17, 1940.

An affidavit executed by Hiroshi Kaku on February 11, 1942 alleges that the Brawley Branch of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles blocked the account of Hiroshi Kaku, due to their belief that his father, Setsudo Kaku, had an interest in the funds on deposit in said account. The affidavit further alleges that the bank should not have blocked the account since Setsudo Kaku had no interest therein. However, Hiroshi Kaku has presented no evidence or information which would indicate from what source he received the money originally deposited in his name.

If your field representative at El Centro and the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles at Brawley, California, can determine that Setsudo Kaku had no interest in the original funds deposited in the name of Hiroshi Kaku, the matter of report can be overlooked, as it appears that both the licenses were issued unnecessarily. Otherwise, a report should be filed under License No. S.F. 21040, as expenditures of $9,000.00 were authorized thereunder. The report requested under License No. S.F. 19821 may be eliminated entirely, as that Lincense authorized expenditures of $250.00 only, over a period of 15 days.

R.E.Everson
Assistant Cashier.

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Rt. 1 Box 139,
Brawley, Calif.
Feb. 18, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
400 Sansome Street,
San Francisco, California.

Re: License No. S.F. 19821
Feb. 7, 1942.

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your letter of February 5th, together with above license granted for 15 day period.

In reply thereto, particularly with supplementary information in connection with TFBE-1 Affidavit, I am enclosing herewith information you seek.

This farm belongs to Keige Kaku, my brother, who is an American Citizen, now serving in the United States Army. That I am operating same as his agent and manager. That no one other than my said brother and myself, is interested in or controls this farm.

Inasmuch as our bank account was blocked, I applied for a special license for the use of the bank funds, and affidavit under TFBE-1 supplied. However, I have been advised that this bank account should not have been blocked under the actual facts which was not presented properly to the Security 1st National Bank of Los Angeles, Brawley Branch. I have therefore, forwarded to your office application under date of February 12, 1942, for cancellation and outright release of the blocking. If you will please act and take into consideration the application under the February 12, date I would appreciate it greatly as I believe the account should not be blocked.

In the meantime, because of the necessity of utilizing the frozen bank account under the license granted me, I am herewith enclosing application for a further period upon expiration of the license heretofore granted.

Thanking you kindly, I am

Yours very truly,

HIROSHI KAKU

Rancho Brokerage Co.

Produce Buyer and Shipper

BRAWLEY, CALIF.

January 23, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
400 Sansome Street
San Francsico, California

Re: Yours of January 5, 1942
Assigned Application No.
S. F. 16297

Gentlemen:

In reference to yours of the above captioned date, I have been asked by Mr. Hiroshi Kaku to write to you and give to you further information for a reconsideration of his application for a license.

The account which has been blocked is in the name of Hiroshi Kaku, a citizen of the United States, and the local bank refuses to release the account on the grounds that the control is in the hands of his father, Mr. Setsudo Kaku. Since Mr. Setsudo Kaku made a visit to Japan after June 17, 1940, namely, July 17, 1940 and returning September 24, 1940, the account in question has been blocked. The reason set forth by Mr. S. Kaku for making the trip was to visit his ageing folks in Japan for the last time.

Mr. Hiroshi Kaku is now actively engaged in farming in Brawley, and the mamagement of the farm is entirely in his hands. His father has voluntarily retired from active supervision, and his son is in full charge.

As the local banks cannot furnish application forms to be completed, the above information is submitted to you to reconsider the previously completed form.

Thanking you to give your early attention and consideration to this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

T. F. Iwasaki
On behalf of Mr.
Hiroshi Kaku

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FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

January 26, 1942

Rancho Brokerage Co.,
Brawley, California.

Attention: T. F. Iwasaki

Re: Application No. SF 16297,
Hiroshi Kaku.

Dear Sirs:

We have for acknowledgment, your letter of January 23, 1942, addressed to us on behalf of the subject, in connection with the above mentioned application.

For your information, the application of Hiroshi Kaku was not approved, and our records were marked accordingly. Therefore, we are unable to reconsider that particular application.

In view of the information furnished, however, it will be necessary for Hiroshi Kaku to file an application for a 15-day business operating license. In this connection, we are enclosing a copy of Procedure to be Followed in Obtaining Business Operating Licenses. It should be noted that the applicant is also required to file an affidavit on Form TFBE-1.

It will be well to submit the 60-day application, and affidavit on Form TFBE-1, at the time of filing the affidavit for a 15-day business operating license, all of which should be executed in accordance with the instructions as set forth in the enclosed mimeographed copy of Procedure to be Followed in Obtaining Business Operating Licenses.

A supply of application Form TFE-1 (Revised) is enclosed for the convenience of the applicant in the preparation of the required applications, together with a copy of Form TFBE-1, which contains information with respect to the various points to be included in the affidavit.

Yours very truly,

L E Emerson

Assistant Cashier.

Enclosures

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/28/42
(Date)

Name: KAKU - KEIGE
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 139A
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

12/18/1921

Date of last entry into United States: Jan. 6, 1915

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Was farming - joined Army Sept. 1941. -
informed
Was sent home Hirosh Kaku known of attg to handle this affairs.
Transferred ~~Discharged~~ to U.S. Army Reserve February 23, 1942, & came home.
When arrived home found his father Setsuzo Kaku had been
interned but found the Security 1st National Bank had "blocked" his a/c
Wants to know why he can't do business as he used to.

about Feb. 15, 1942

Action taken:* Called Bank - a/c carried now in name of K. Kaku with
authority to sign to D. Kaku. K. Kaku didn't know the a/c was not
carried in his name. Arranged with K. Kaku and the Bank to
have Kaku come in Monday morning to open and new restricted
a/c in his own name

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 28, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Arthur Kaniye
(Print)

Address: 199 A Street
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ??

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?: ?

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: T. E. TOPHAM

Address: Riverside, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

T.E.Topham & Sons, dealers in fertilizers, have been dealing with Kaniye for years. Kaniye operates what is known as the Brawley Strawberry Farm - 8 acres of strawberries on the outskirts of Brawley. This business subject to many hazards - experience is that either a very profitable year or disastrous financially. ~~April~~ October 1, 1939, Kaniye gave Topham a note due in 6 months for a balance owing and on which he has been making small payments and paying cash for current fertilizer accounts. Balance of note now about $1,400. Topham was going to sue and get judgment but his attorney advised him to come in and discuss with me first.

Kaniye has been experiencing extreme difficulty in selling his crop and interests therein. Very doubtful if he will get any cash out of the deal over and above current accounts. Topham admits his relations have always been very pleasant with Kaniye and he thinks Kaniye will pay if and as he gets any funds- that Kaniye had even offered to assign ½ of any income he might receive as a Federal allowance for his family while in evacuation camp.

Action taken:*

I asked Topham, if under the circumstances, with no tangible assets that he knows of belonging to Kaniye on which to levy, and in view of Kaniye's attitude, he thought he would be fair in suing on a note which would not outlaw in the near future and adding further costs. He then admitted that Kaniye had offered to turn over his truck to him if he was not permitted to take it with him in evacuation. He then agreed to either get in touch with Kaniye when evacuation order for this area is issued or have his local representative get in touch with him and make a voluntary arrangement.

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/28/42
(Date)

Name: KATAYAMA - J.
(Print)

Address: 130 So 8 St
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1913 in Calif on Japan 1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Store

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Valley Rend Co. owned by K. HATCHIMONJI (another inclusion of Katayama - Has a store in El Monte & one in Brawley. Katayama is manager of Brawley Store.

How a number of Filipinos which are delinquent How to collect?

4/25 Assigned to Personal Accounting Brawley

Action taken:*

Advised immediate action either by bringing suit. Also assignment to a collector or collection agency - or an attorney.

He is going to Imperial Valley Credit Assn & discuss the status of this & if possible they to contact makes a satisfactory arrangement to settle with us.

Handled by: [signature]

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 25th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: J. KATAYAMA
(Print)

Address: 130 South 8th Street
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born U.S.1913- In Japan for 3 mos. 1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Re my Report 3/28/1942

Closing up the Brawley store of the Valley Seed Company and is assigning all of the accounts receivable to one Norman Armstrong, of Brawley, for collection.

Action taken:*

Closing file

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 11, 1942.
(Date)

Name: James Katayama
(Print)

Address: 130 So 8th St.,
(Street and Number)
Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1/1/1913- In Japan for 2 months in 1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has checkD 6321 of S.K.Produce Co., 760 South Central Ave., Los Angeles for $170. drawn on Yokohama Specie Bank, Los Angeles dated Dec. 6, 1941 to order of T. Kojima, endorsed in blank by Kojima, and Katayama.

Kojima had been prior to date of check field man for said S.K.Produce Co. and Katayama was working for them. Check was made out in Los Angeles to Kojima who brought it down to Imperial County and upon delivering it to Katayama for wages due him endorsed it over.

Banks refused to handle check for Katayama after Pearl Harbor as Yokohama Bank was reported closed. Finally Bank of America atBrawley sent it in for collection and it has been returned marked "stale date".

Action taken:*

Had Katayama make out a claim on W.W.Gray, Assignee, and will mail it in to Gray tonite with explanation of circumstances.

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

James Katayama — 5/4/9 (Date)

Name: 130 So. 8th St (Print)

Address: ~~El Centro~~ Brawley (Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship: War

Name (Surname) (Given)

Phone from C.H. Small El Centro ffm

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Wants know if w.w. Gray - Trustee for several Japanese Produce firms received ck for $1,170.00 from him on J.K. Produce Co - Yokohama Specie Bank - Small has written 2 letters to Gray who does not seem to acknowledge them if this ck for $1,170.00 was received around May 11/42: Katayama evacuates on Thursday May 21 for Parker + wants hear about this before gets away = Phone Mr. Gray FR 9191 and he reports as follows.

(see page 2)

Action taken:*

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

1/19
(Date)

Name: James K Katayama
(Print)

Address: 130 - 40 8 St
(Street and Number)

Brawley
(City) (State)

Telephone: X
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship:

Name (Surname) (Given)

Page

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under ~~Treasury~~ license now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Action taken:*

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Rec'd this by phone from Mr Gray at U.S. St bank

W W Gray Dry that the $170.00 ck in question was given originally to a Japanese by name of Kojima, who was field man for S & K Produce Co for later - He cashed the ck with Katayama who was unable to clear it - Just recently W W Gray, Trustee for S & K Produce paid the $170.00 direct to Kojima in lieu of ck not clearing - Now its up to Kojima to make settlement with his friend Katayama as the affair is closed as far as Gray is concerned -

Gray

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: James Katayama
(Print)

Address: 130 South 8th Street
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1/1/13- in Japan 2 mos. 1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/11/42

Letter from W.W.Gray, assignee, that he had paid a claim to S. Kojima for labor some time ago in which was included this $170.

Action taken:*

Telephone Katayama this information and he said he would collect from Kojima,- would not need our assistance.

Closing file

Handled by: Smal
El Centro, Calif.

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AFFILIATIONS IN ALL PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE THE UNITED STATES

BONDED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau

W. W. GRAY
Sec'y Mgr.

943-A SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONES { TRinity 9194
TRinity 9195
TRinity 9196

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ASSIGNME
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May 19, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Pardon delay in responding to your letter relative to the check of S. K. Produce Company now in possession of Jimmy Katayama.

This check has already been made good, the $170 plus additional sum having been paid to T. Kojima who made demand on the writer some months ago soon after the assignment for benefit of creditors was made.

We recognized the check for $170 and the additional sum paid Katayama as a labor claim; labor claims being preferred, we always pay them immediately upon demand upon a release and receipt from the employee.

It will be necessary for Katayama to see Kojima to recover any funds to him.

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

W. W. Gray
SECRETARY-MANAGER

WWG/nm

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 11th, 1942.

Mr. W. W. Gray, Assignee,
S.K.Produce Co.,
943-A South San Pedro St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gray :

In your recent letter outlining a number of firms for whom you are assignee, you included the S.P.Produce Co.

Enclosed is a statement of claim of creditor together with Check of said Company for $170 - the unpaid check being the basis of this claim. Assertion is made that James Katayama, claimant, was doing certain field work in Imperial Valley prior to date of the check, December 6, 1941, under direction of T. Kojima, the payee of the check, and who was a field man for the said Company. The check was issued in Los Angeles by the Company for payment of the services of Katayama and given to Kojima to be endorsed by him and delivered by him to Katayama after inspection of said services rendered. This was done.

The check was delivered some time after "Pearl Harbor" and local Banks would not negotiate the check having received information that the Los Angeles Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank was not open for business. When the check was finally sent in by the Brawley Branch of the Bank of America as a collection item for Katayama, it was returned marked "stale date".

Hence this claim. Inasmuch as the evacuation of the Japanese from this County is "just around the corner", will you please get word to me as soon as possible what further action in regard to this claim is necessary and how soon it might be allowed? Your cooperation under the circumstances will be appreciated. If an immediate reply cannot be made, will you please send me an acknowledgment of the claim and check that I can deliver to Mr. Katayama before he is evacuated?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: HIROKO KAWAKITA
(Print)

Address: 535 Giles Ave.,
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born U.S.1916- In Japan 4 months in 1929

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Bill of sale and agreement with Ralph E. Myers Co., Salinas, Calif., Dec. 16, 1941, covering 190 acres lettuce and romaine jointly with L.Y.Mukai, a U.S. citizen;

Bill of sale and agreement with Ralph E. Myers,Co., Salinas, Dec.16,1941, covering 130 acres of lettuce and 30 acres of cabbage;

Similar bill of sale and agreement covering 150 acres of lettuce.

Owes advances to Golden Valley Produce Co., for care of crops & other expenses.

Joint deal with Mukai covers the Eldredge ranch, 1½ miles east of Heber

Description of Property IMPERIAL COUNTY

* Individual deal covers the Baker Ranch,3miles north of Calexico- legal description South ½ of Tract 147-16-14

Action taken:* Checks Myers Co. for $1,904.71 payable to Mukai & Kirokita as individuals, and for $15,113.05 to her, and for $1,980.21, and for $8,305.96 delivered to her per letter of transmittal from Myers Co., with a/cs of sales. She endorsed them and delivered them to Golden Valley Produce Co. ~~xxx~~ in attorney's office; releases and copies of agreements mailed to Myers Co.

Handled by: Amm
El Centro,Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/2/42
(Date)

Name: Y. DENTARO KAWAMURA
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: Rt. 3 Box 126
(Street and Number)

Holtville Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1921

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner & W. E. Hancock

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Leasing 72 acres from Geo. Long in wife's name - T. D. Kawamura
30 acres squash 8 acres tomatoes - balance (lettuce & cabbage - cut
squash & tomatoes in Holtville Farmers Assn. gone).

Y. A. Kawamura - T. D. Kawamura (wife) - D. Kawamura (father) & K. Nishimura
a partnership farming owe $400 to W. E. Hancock - balance of note
8/16/39 due 7/25/40 (original account $800.)

Has 7/8 Truck, tractor & other chattels. They want to make a
deal.

Action taken:*

Told them to go out and make a deal satisfactory to both sides
or written bill of sale bonds & definite understanding as to account &
written O/L or in full settlement of note. If Kawamura retains
as to price bonds or other angles & come back & see me

Handled by: Orrin
E. L. Austin

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/16/42
(Date)

Name: GEORGE KAWANAMI
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 32
(Street and Number)

CALEXICO CALIF.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1923 - In Japan 1927 - 4 months

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
1940 Buick Sedan Series 51 - owned clear by Father Risaken
Karran arrin, a Japanese citizen since 1927 -
Ron Lowing - Wants to have pink slip transferred

Action taken:*
Suggested Father sign as required as seller on Pink slip
& has brought and send in to Los Angeles office of Motor Vehicle
Dept. for transfer

Handled by: Approved
El Centro Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 18th, 1942
(Date)

Name: Ichiro ~~Kawanichi~~ Kawanami
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 32
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1923

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & W.T.Bathe

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/16/42 in name of George Kawanami (Ichâro Japanese name)

Sold 1937 GMC pickup to W.T.Bathe, Rt.1 Box 13, Calexico, Calif. for $365 cash. Ownership and registration certificates not back from Motor Vehicle Department yet in his name. Gave me power-of-attorney on Motor Vehicle Dep't form to sign for him to turn over to Bathe when certificates are received from Motor Vehicle Dept.

Action taken:*

Listed for record purposes only.

Also turned back FRB Form 2 of Father Kenichi Kawanami covering storage of furniture and furnishings with Federal Reserve Bank as they had decided to leave these with the Pioneer Warehouse in El Centro where it now is- form returned herewith.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

[redacted]

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: S. KAWASHIMA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 838
(Street and Number)
Hollister, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1908

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: 338

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Stock in trade - groceries $1000.-
Furniture & Equip. 1000.=
Accounts 1000.=

Contact table English very well & I contact here this morning by letter

Action taken:*

Advised him to go to Jap. American Citizens League Office in San Jose - He is planning to arrange a pool of groceries to be sent here - He is planning to open a store & to obtain stocks to be shipped from @ least prices or to return to be sold @ wholesale prices from Reynolds & Brook. Valley Credit Association concern. Referring all [redacted] Reynolds & Brook. Valley Credit Association concern. Referring all [redacted] Order for collection arrow

Handled by: C. A. Darrow

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-29-42
(Date)

Name: MARIA V. KAYITANI
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: 910 E MAIN
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: Mexico

MOSAKU — husband. Japan

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: of Mosaku 1905

Operating under Treasury License now?: NO

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: SAME CONSUELO (daughter) interpreter

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

lot 50' x 150' (?) - #13 Blk 105 Brawley
5 - 2 room houses
1 - 3 " "
Income 25 mo
Buying under contract $450 sale price
150 down 1/14/41 balance @ 25 mo @ 5%
from Joe Abdelnour of El Centro

How to carry on purchase program?

Interest 4/1/3

5H

Mgr Wholesale transfer Bk of Calif

Action taken:*

Suggested P/a to best friend in Brawley to administer property and make monthly reports to evacuee's new home - They agreed & that they would name Ignacio Ochoa - Brawley

Handled by: C. LES
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Maria V. ~~X~~ Kayitani
(Print)

Address: 910 E. Main St.,
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Mexico
Hus. Mosaku- Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Mosaju 1905

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Gabe Abdelnour

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3-29-42

Mr. Abdelnour reports that he bought this property and has bill of sale from Kayitani.

Action taken:*

Closing file.

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: HUGH KEATING
(Print)

Telephone: X
Interview:

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: American born

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: —

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: (1)

Person Interviewed: above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Local constable - Had 4 cases in question involving attachments on 3 automobiles and 1 piece of household eqpt. - 2 involving property of aliens in concentration areas + 2 broke residents. Wanted to know how to handle.

Action taken:*

Advised him in each case as to rights of Japanese involved

Handled by: Gordon Walker
E. H. D. Davis
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: KIKUMOTO-KYUJIRO
(Print)

Address: RT 2 Box 46B
(Street and Number)

Imperial Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

ACE

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S. Born

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: August 1922 -

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

√ acres tomatoes
3 " squash
√ " onions
} Nursery worth $7,000.= Will try to sell for what can get

What forms do I need

Action taken:*

Advised to bring buyer in and get a form TFE-1 or Form 1 from.

Later - told as per file to go ahead

Handled by: _____

E. A. Darnell
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/2/42
(Date)

Name: SHINCHO KINJO
(Print)

Address: RFD Box 152 9
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1906

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Isamu Kinjo (age 21)

Address: Native Born U.S. - Above

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

1937 Ford Pickup (Stake) + 1934 Chev. Sedan - Clear
Arrests in Concentration Camps - acquisition latter
Kinjo has been farming in own name. Actually he bought
Chevrolet but registered in father's name as he was under 21 at the time
Wants to sell Ford cars but has no power of attorney.

DC

Action taken:*

Advised him to make this deal in father's name by himself.
Must get power of attorney from father if he is there.

Handled by: Johnson
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: TOMOSUKE KISHABA
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 127
(Street and Number)

Calexico. Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Naturalized Hawaii 1919- reissued in L.A. 1937- never out. Citizenship #4261544

Operating under Treasury License now?: No Petition #1394

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Bill of sale and agreement with Ralph E. Myers Co., Salinas, Calif., Dec.16,1941 covering 70 acres lettuce

Owes advances to Golden Valley Produce Co., for care of crops and other expenses.

Legal description- Lot 4 & SW¼ of NW¼ Section 3-17-14, being 80 acres 3 miles south of Heber in Imperial County

Description of Property

Action taken:*

Check of Myers. Co. for $3,310.29 delivered per letter of transmittal from Myers Co. together with a/c of sales. He endorsed it and handed it to Golden Valley Produce Co. in Attorney Horton's office. Release and copy of agreement mailed to Myers Co.

Handled by: Amron
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 9, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Carl Kita
(Print)

Address: 36 Second Street
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born June 6, 1918 (not out)

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: On leave from U.S.Army

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Private in Medical Corps William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, U.S.Army. Home on leave for a couple of days to straighten up affairs. Operated a store at above address prior to enlistment under name of Calexico Market. Enlisted Sept. 10, 1941. Since then his Mother has been operating the store assisted by another brother also native born. Admits the store is in bad shape financially - estimating total assets at between $500 and $600 with liabilities of approximately $850.

Attachment served on them yesterday on behalf of M. Mann doing business as Business Men's Claims Exchange - evidently a collection agency - for an account of the Catalina Fish Company. Karl Kita admits owing them the money but dislikes the idea of the one creditor getting his a/c paid in full with costs and the other creditors "holding the sack".
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Action taken:* Contacted the local referee in bankruptcy who agreed to talk the matter over with Karl Kita and if deemed advisable enter Karl Kita as a voluntary bankrupt so that all creditors would get their proportionate share of the assets.

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 1, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Carl Kita
(Print)

Address: 36 Second Street,
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 6-6-1918

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: George Kita,

Address: Brother of Carl above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/9/42

George Kita reports attachment of M. Mann was released on the store April 10, 1942, and they have sold stock in trade and most of the furniture and fixtures - some shelves and counters left which they are going to give to the Chandler-Sherman Co., owners of the building.

There was an attachment on the bank account of George Kita in this transaction which attachment was not released. He ~~is~~ filed an answer thru his attorney, Mr. Sattinger of Calexico, on April 9th denying any interest in the business - suit set for May 5th in Justice Court at Calexico, Calif.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by: Mann

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 24, 1942.
(Date)

Name: EDWIN TORU KITAMURA
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 96
(Street and Number)

Niland, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ??

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: W.P.Sherman, Manager, Sou.Calif.Telephone Co.

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

The Telephone Company informs me that Mr. Kitamura apparently sold his crops to a Mr. Acker and informed the Company on or about March 30th that he would no longer be responsible for his telephone bills but that Acker wanted the phone left in for his benefit. Acker's foreman or representative made some toll and long distance calls from this telephone but Acker never did come in to the Telephone Company to sign up for a changeover to his name. The Company disconnected the telephone but claimed the Japanese, Kitamura, was morally "stuck" for these charges inasmuch as he told them to leave the telephone in. I suggested they send me an itemized bill for these charges.

Action taken:*

The telephone Company supplied me with an itemized bill showing total charges of $7.67. I had Mr. Acker come in and after explaining the details as had been presented to me, he gave me $7.67 to settle for these charges which I turned over to the Telephone Company and transmitted to him the receipt.

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/2/42
(Date)

Name: K. KITATANI
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap ?

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Elmer Leonard

Address: 783 Wensley Ave. El Centro

Telephone Number: 577-J

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Kitatani has been leasing restaurant property & eqt. from Leonard for years - satisfactory on both sides - now on new lease 11/4/39 to 1/1/43 - $160 each in advance for last 2 months rent + $80 per mo. Lease paid to 4/1/42

Some damage done to eqt. & Jap has purchased a few items such as ice boxes etc

Leonard agreeable to permitting Jap to sell his eqt. - to permit him to occupy premises up to evacuation - if within 2 or 3 weeks will not charge him more rent + if sign out by April 15th or 16th will give him about $25 out of the $160 a month rent as a few will be offering returning bonus.

Listed for record purposes only if not satisfactory to Jap.

Handled by: Inman
El Centro

Action taken:*

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 15, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Mr. Small:

4 V 1 Barry

Your report of April 2, 1942, on K. Kitatani indicated that you had an interview with Mr. Elmer Leonard, the landlord, in regard to possible refund of the $160.00 advanced rent deposit he was holding. Apparently, Mr. Leonard was agreeable to making a partial refund of this amount, providing the premises were vacated by April 15.

We have now received, and enclose for your information, a copy of telegram dispatched by Mr. Kitatani to our Head Office in San Francisco, which is self-explanatory. We suggest that you again contact Mr. Leonard and the Japanese tenant in an endeavor to effect a compromise if at all possible. The telegram from Mr. Kitatani indicates that he may have contacted you subsequent to your report, in which event you may already have determined whether the matter can be negotiated.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

FROM San Francisco 1046a 4/14/42

Attention: Fred C. Bold

TO Los Angeles

The following wire received from K. Kitatani, 441 Broadway, El Centro:

"I have deposited with my landlord $160 deposit on last two months of lease. The landlord refuses refund or credit the amount for this months rent. Is there any way in which I could claim refund. I am forced to terminate because of the evacuation and not breaking the terms of lease. Your local agent has no solution for this. Please advise me of the ruling in cases like this."

Suggest your El Centro Representative call in landlord for consultation if this hasn't been done to determine whether matter can be negotiated. We have had some success in effecting compromises between landlords and tenants in similar cases.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 21, 1942.
(Date)

Name: K. Kitatani
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway
(Street and Number)

El Centro (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Elmer Leonard

Address: El Centro

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/2/42 & subsequent letters

Leonard, landlord, telephones that Kitatani has offered $50 in lieu of April rent and wants Leonard to sign an agreement that this will pay all rent until evacuation order is issued.

Action taken:*

I asked Leonard if he was satisfied to accept this $50 in lieu of full April rent of $80. Although Kitatani is conducting his restaurant business at this location, Leonard agreed to this and is going to offer a receipt to Kitatani for full rent for April for this $50 and if evacuation order is not issued by May 1st to make another deal along the same line for the month of May- depending on circumstances. I have sent word directly and indirectly to Kitatani to come in to see me if he had any problem as indicated in his wire to the Federal Reserve at San Francisco per Mr. Bold's letter of April 15th, but he don't come in

Handled by: [signature]

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 23rd, 1942.
(Date)

Name: K. KITATANI
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway,
(Street and Number)

El Centro (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Elmer Leonard & Kay Nishimura

Address: El Centro

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See reports 4/2/42, letters, and report 4/21/42

Kitatani has paid Leonard $50 for rent for April and Leonard has given a receipt for full month's rent (instead of $80 as called for by lease).

Leonard will check with me again about May 5th if evacuation order has not been issued for this area by that date and arrange for some kind of a mutually satisfactory arrangement for May rent. Kitatani will not deal direct with him except thru this office.

Action taken:*

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 21, 1942.
(Date)

Name: K. Kitatani
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See reports 4/2 - 4/21 & 4/23/42

Mr. & Mrs. Kitatani, Elmer Leonard (landlord) and J.L.Travers a disinterested party used for arbitration purposes, had a conference with me yesterday. They all agreed on the equipment belonging to Kitatani & to Leonard respectively with the exception of some gas furnace burners installed by Kitatani in furnace built by Leonard and a cash register of Leonard's broken while in Kitatani's hands; also agreed on Leonard not charging any rent for occupancy of premises up to evacuation on 21st and Kitatani not making any claim on $130 deposited by Kitatani as forfeiture deposit - lease to be canceled as of today.

Action taken:*

Leonard agreed on Kitatani taking out the furnace burners and Kitatani agreed to have Cash register repaired. Leonard called on 'phone at 5:30 p.m. yesterday that cash register was repaired but repair man wanted to collect from Leonard. He said Kitatani promised to pay him the $12.00 repair bill before 7 P.M. and I told him to see me at 7:30 a.m. today at evacuation assembly center if he did not get his money. He did not appear at Assembly Center so assume he got his $12.00
Closing file.

Handled by: Bonell

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 14th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hisao & Matsuo Kobayashi
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 387
(Street and Number)

Westmorland Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1915 & 1914 respectively- not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Matsuo Kobayashi

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Have 40 acres of land leased 7/1/41 for 3 years now in alfalfa Hisao now in U.S.Army - Matsuo to be evacuated May 19th. Mrs. Mary Edwards, Westmorland, is land owner. Terms of lease 1st year free rent- 2nd and 3rd years crop share basis- ¼ to landlord, lease provides no assignment nor sub-lease. They have given power-of-attorney to C.A.Jacobson, Mgr., Security 1st Nat'l Bank, Brawley to handle their interests. Landlord will not permit lease to run being handled under a power-of-attorney - stand probably justified. They are now cutting alfalfa and expect to make another cutting about June 10th.

Action taken:*

Asked him what basis they would consent to cancel the lease- they claim $75 for cement headgates they installed and a full cutting of hay in July this year or in lieu thereof a cash payment of $300. Proposition transmitted to landowner.

May 15th- Land owner has agreed to permit lease to run to August 1, 1942, so they can get a full cutting in July with no ¼ share to her and they to make no claim for value of headgates. They agree to this. Closing file.

Handled by:

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El Centro,Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/1/42
(Date)

Name: Hisao Kobayashi
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 387
(Street and Number)
Westmorland Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1915 Born - not known out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Matsue Kobayashi Jr.

Address: Same - Native land - Brother

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Owns 40 acres - D/D. balance $2000.- Taxes delinquent 2 years
Hisao now in U.S. Army - Brother operating farm - Was in Poso
Expects to lease to Roy Miller for 3 years
D/D balance $500 due 7/1/41 = $500 - 1/1/42 - 500 7/1/42 = 500 1/1/43
Proposes to give C.A. Jacobsen of Brawley Power of attorney to collect lease
money & apply same towards taxes & D/D. in a manner satisfactory to
Leffingwell - Beneficiary of D/D.
Farming 145 acres of leased land in addition - watermelons & alfalfa - in name
of Kobayashi Bros.

Action taken:*
Came in & saw me @ request of Leffingwell who also wrote
me. Is arranging to carry on his operations by means of power
of attorney being prepared by his attorney. Told him to go ahead
& I would reply to Leffingwell's letter to me stating these facts.

Handled by: Owen
El Centro

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El Centro, Calif.,
April 1st. 1942.

Mr. L. M. Sawyer, President,
Whittier National Trust & Savings Bank,
Whittier, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sawyer :

Subsequent to the receipt of the copy of your letter of March 24th to Hisao Kobayashi, I happen to know that Kobayashi also received a letter from Mrs. Leffingwell and has been endeavoring to straighten up his affairs in anticipation of the enforcement of the coming evacuation order.

He was in to see me this morning, or rather his brother Matsuo Kobayashi was in as Hisao is now in the United States Army, and I am informed that he expects to lease the ranch encumbered by a deed of trust to Mrs. Leffingwell to one Roy Miller and is giving a power-of-attorney to one of the officers of the Security First National Bank, Brawley, to look after his interests during their enforced absence, collect the rent under the said lease and use the proceeds entirely for the benefit of taxes thereon and the obligation to Mrs. Leffingwell.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: GEORGE KODOMA - ~~MITOYA FUJIMOTO~~
(Print)

Address: Rt.2 Box 59-E ~~Rt.2 Box 65-B~~
(Street and Number)

Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Kodoma had 20 acres Tomatoes, 7 acres squash, 3 acres onions.
Fujimoto " 12 " 4 " 1 "

They each made a marketing agreement with Leo Azhderian of El Centro to market the crops for them and to take over the care of the crops immediately upon evacuation of the Japanese. Part of the agreement was that Azhderian was to advance to each of them $500 and was to reimburse himself for this out of a 50¢ per crate retain as crops were sold in addition to all other "deductions". The contracts were in order and favorably compare with similar marketing agreements normally used in this area. The contracts were made on the supposition that the evacuation would be ordered prior to marketing was in progress. Azhderian is retaining the 50¢ per crate "evacuation reserve" to build up to the $500 he has bound himself to advance to each of the Japanese boys and the boys object to this deduction - insist that he not make this deduction until after he has advanced the funds. This is an unreasonable demand - market price is good now and this retain can be well made but probably later on in the deal there would not be sufficient returns to repay any such sum. A couple of other minor items seem to be bothering the boys in connection with the contract - from what I can learn of the boys they are probably trying to "pull something" similar to the above argument. I agreed to discuss the whole problem with them and Azhderian this afternoon or Monday - but insisted all three of them "sit in on the conference". They did not like this idea but agreed to meet in my office @ 2:30 this afternoon. At 2:30 Mr. Azhderian called me on the telephone stating that the boys just called him on the 'phone from somewhere (they wouldn't say where) that they couldn't keep the appointment. Closing file unless somethigg else develops.

Action taken:*

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: Y. KOHATSU
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 627
(Street and Number)

Wilmington Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: +?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

10 acres tomatoes
Has chattels + crop thru J. & D. Produce Co. June. 911 Co
Rec Com Pl. L.A. + has Attachment showing suit of $197.33 Suit
asking attachment from Municipal Court L.A. # 613622
E. M. Young vs. K. Kohatsu et al. for a/c 3/4 grown old in father's
name K. Kohatsu. Boy claims no partnership with father over-
seas origin Lease - father has no interest in boy's crop.

Action taken:*
Sent form to C. B. Smith Atty - Tenth denial - C. B. Smith
being a reputable attorney + having done some work for him before.
Have him the names of other local attys +?

Handled by: C. N. V. Young

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: FRED KOHNO
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 184
(Street and Number)
Hollister Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

M. SAKURAI = Brother-in-law = now in internment camp in North Dakota. Kohno (21) taking care of Mother + Sakurai's wife + 4 children. Sakurai had a 1939 Buick registered in his name in possession of Kohno + other chattels such as piano, etc. Wants to dispose of chattels + would like to have the proceeds for partial support of family.

Action taken:*

Suggested he immediately secure a power of attorney from Sakurai + we would endeavor to ascertain how he could get permit to use funds if he were interested in disposing of chattels

Handled by: _____

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 19th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Kiyo Koroda (Miss)
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 5,
(Street and Number)

Calexico Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult:
Minor: x
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Jan.11, 1923 - never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Father Seijiro Koroda, Japanese, now in camp in Bismark, N.D. Mother Itoe Koroda a Japanese. Younger brother Hiroshi born in U.S.- never out- age 17.

Was operating 71 acres in name of C. Nishikawa- crops have been sold. Koroda owns a Farmall tractor and other farm equipment clear, a Chevrolet 1934 pickup and a Plymouth 1939 sedan all in thename of S. Koroda. They want to put their equipment in the hands of M. D. Hevener of Calexico to hold for them to see if they can go to farming in some other area after they are evacuated and have this equipment shipped to them. If they cannot take their cars with them, they would want to sell them - otherwise sell one and take the other. What to do and how to arrange things.

Action taken:*
Suggested they send the pink slips for the cars to Father by air mail to have them endorsed by him and return to facilitate sale if necessary or desirable - that they endeavor to sell their equipment, which she claims they have tried to but can't get fair value, and if they want to make a deal with Hevener that they leave this with him under a power of attorney which they should have drawn by an attorney. She suggests either Sattinger of Calexico or Horton or Kirk of El Centro - all of them are reputable attorneys.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

2/3/42
(Date)

Name: SADICHI (HARRY) KUBOTA
(Print)

Address: 145 Th 8th St.
(Street and Number)

Boundy Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japs.

Name (Surname) (Given) (18)

Date of last entry into United States: 1922

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: MRS. YOSHIKO KUBOTA

Address: SADAKO
Mrs. Yoshiko Kubota

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Operated a restaurant @ the above address for years in a leased building on a month to month basis — No lease
Returned February 1942.
Wife operating since
Rent delinquent $18.00 Landlord took fixtures for delinquent rent.
Furniture was ex. with Kubota
Owes over Pedro Taxes, County Taxes, Unemployment & Social Security approximately $75.00 or more & Truck bill of $245.00 + possibly others.

Action taken:*
Referred them to the Social Security for subsistence assistance

Handled by: Amm
EL Cotton

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: H KUBOTA-UKICHI
(Print)

Address: 377 Hamilton St.
(Street and Number)

Duarte Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1907

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had a trucking business - successful until last 6 months
Had 6 own trucks & trailers back & former Companies
Nar owes $400 & Yokohama Specie Bank $200 - both secured
by assignment of A/C.
Alan H. Kobayashi $1000 on unsecured note due May 8, 1942
1 " Trucking Trailer $182. for repairs on trailer
" Market & Wage, Los Angeles, 951 Gordon Dr. $350 - progress.
What to do.

Action taken:*

I don't know - in view of evacuation - I favor your earner
of credit agent for rehabilitation - referral to Social Welfare
Dept for possible assistance for family needs during
evacuation period.

No problem

Handled by: C. H. H. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-25-42
(Date)

Name: KUMAGAI-FRANK
(Print)

Address: RFD Box 37
(Street and Number)

Holtville = Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?: ?

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Harry M. Kimmages

Address: above (age 24)

Telephone Number: ?

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Owns 40 acres - Federal Land Bank loan of $1500, approx. -
now in U.S. Army.
~~Farm lands~~ Purpose to lease to Merrille Bros.
Rep. Federal Land Bank representative told him & error
in him & how the loan approved.

Action taken:*
Called Federal Land Bank representative & straightened him out in
error not approving or disapproving lease etc.
Suggested he have a lease drawn up by his attorney and
comply with regulations of Land Bank regarding assignment thereof.

Handled by: ? Phelps ?
C.H.B. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: H. K. KUNISHIMA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 815
(Street and Number)
Niland Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership: X
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

1.- Has automobile - contract Pedrotti & Dorninger - Balance $ 310.00 Can be taken over with Farm voluntary revocation

2.- In partnership with a small cafe now situated across from the High School in El Centro 1000 Brighton Pl. - Trying to sell - if he can't what to do.

Action taken:*

1.- Called Chgo. Dorninger - Says Kunishima has had several contacts with them - O.K. Above is up to date. They will carry farm if he wants to continue.

2.- Recommended by Asst. A.F. Wright, Field Auditor

Handled by: C. H. Dorninger

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/13/1942
(Date)

Name: HARRY K. KUNISHIMA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 816
(Street and Number)

NILAND CALIF.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: BORN JULY 14, 1894. HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. To U.S. 1919 - NEVER BEEN OUT

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership: X
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Above

Telephone Number: None

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Leased 34½ acres in Niland area from G.H.JONES of Brawley, Calif. planted to small vegetables - eggplant, tomatoes, etc. Working under verbal joint agreement with SINJI OKUBO - both interested jointly in the crops. Kunishima acting for himself and Okubo signed over this crop to G.H.JONES about April 1st in view of evacuation to handle for them - they working for Jones until evacuation takes place.

Attachment served on Kunishima at ranch about March 10th in case #613830 Municipal Court of Los Angeles in complaint of "BEN HAYFER doing business as Ace Credit Exchange vs S. OKUBO also known as Shinji Okubo and Harry K. Kunishima, Doe I and Doe II", for $300 with interest @ 7% from November 25, 1941, and costs. Kunishima claims he told Hayfer shortly after attachment was served that he owed Jones rent but would turn over the crop voluntarily to Hayfer if he would pay off the rent and any other liens on crop, settle this claim and hold any net proceeds for Kunishima and Okubo. Hayfer promised to come back but never did. Then Kunishima assigned over the crop to Jones on the basis that Jones would take out his rent, pay off any operating expense, and hold proceeds for any claimants.

Action taken:*

None

Handled by: C. M. Brown

El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 22, 1942.
(Date)

Name: HARRY K. KUNISHIMA
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 815,
(Street and Number)

Niland, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/24/42

Sold his automobile.

The partnership sold the store @ 1000 Brighton St., El Centro, to an El Centro widow for $900 cash.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Eichi Kuramoto
(Print)

Address: 9th & Main Streets
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Gabe Abdelnour

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Abdelnour reports he has purchased Kuramoto's restaurant for $1,200 on a contract of sale - $300 down and balance @ $50 per month.

Action taken:*

Listed for record purposes

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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J.P.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: MASUHANE-MINORA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 213
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: C

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Kumi Masuhane + Emily Kumi

Address: P.O. Box 213 El Centro

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Minoru in U.S. Army - Kumi is his mother.
160 acres of citrus was sold to Mr. Ouye of Santa Monica + Pasadena, Calif. December 24, 1941, for $3000.- of which $1210 is the unpaid balance. Letter was forwarded Jan 4 to Los Nos. Funds have been received since February 10. She understands Ouye is in a concentration camp + they cannot secure information as to business affairs. She has nothing in writing that she could find around the farm.

Action taken:*

Suggested new Los Angeles office might have a report on Ouye. Come back in few days.

Handled by: C. N. W. Brown

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 2nd, 1942

Mr. James G. Hayden, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
310 W. Main Street
Santa Maria, California

Dear Mr. Hayden:

We are enclosing a copy of a letter received from Mr. C. H. Small, our Field Representative in El Centro, relative to Mr. I. Osuga, 1116 West Church Street, Santa Maria, who owes $1,210.00 to Mr. Masukane of El Centro, California.

If you should come in contact with Mr. Osuga, try and ascertain if possible, if he intends to do anything regarding the payment of his indebtedness to Mr. Masukane, and report to us.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

CFL:MC
Enclosure

cc: C. H. Small
El Centro

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
Fiscal Agent of the United States

March 29th, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my field report of March 24th - subject MASUKANE, Minora :

I am now advised the address of the individual who bought Masukane's crop of lettuce December 24, 1941, for $3,000 on which there is still due Masukane $1,210, is as follows :

I. OSUGA
1116 West Church Street
Santa Maria, Calif.

Mrs. Masukane (mother of Minora) who has been taking care of her son's interests while he is absent in the service of the United States Army (he being an American born citizen) is informed that I. Osuga is at present in a concentration camp. She can obtain no information as to what is being done to liquidate his accounts payable from Santa Maria.

Has this case been reported to you from that territory as to Osuga and do you have any knowledge of any assurance that we can give to Mrs. Masukane that Osuga's interests are being taken care of and when she may expect further payments? If no, can we secure information for her? The last word she had from Osuga or anyone representing him was a check on account on or about February 10th with no statement or other word.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd) C. H. Small
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 13th. 1942.
(Date)

Name: MINORA MASUKANE
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Address: Private #39168255, Quartermaster Detachment
Camp Crowder, Missouri
(Street and Number)
formerly P.O.Box 213, El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Sept 7, 1919- never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/28/42 & 3/26/42.

No further information from our Los Angeles office nor from James G. Hayden, our field representative @ Santa Maria since my receipt of copy of letter sent to Mr. Hayden by Mr. Bold April 2nd.

Minora Masukane obtained a furlough from the army to come home to attempt to straighten out their affairs. He has wired Osuga - so far without a reply. He has written and I have written (today) to John W. Dykes, U.S.Dept of Agriculture- Agricultural Marketing Service, 294 Wholesale Terminal Bldg, Los Angeles, if there is anything his department can do towards effecting collection of the outstanding balance of $1,210.00.

16 acres lettuce was sold to Osuga on or about December 24, 1941, for $3,000 - $1,500 cash and payments made since of $250 Jan. 27th and $40 Feb. 16th - balance $1,210.00. Lettuce was all harvested and sold by Osuga.

Action taken:*

Handled by: C. A. Johnson
El Centro, Calif.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Box 367
Santa Maria
California

April 15, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Assistant Manager
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Los Angeles Branch,
Evacuee Property Division
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

With reference to your letter of April 2nd in regard to request for information received from Mr. C. H. Small, Field Representative in El Centro:

I am informed by Mr. Ken Utsunomiya, friend of the family of J. I. Osuga and one time employee, that Mr. Osuga is interned at Bismark, N. D., and that he is reported to be insolvent. Mr. Utsunomiya has recently interviewed Mr. William Tanaka, formerly a bookkeeper for Mr. Osuga, having left the employ about January 1st last, and now living at the Union Hotel, 9th and San Pedro Streets, Los Angeles. According to the information received from Mr. Tanaka, Mr. Osuga's bank accounts in both El Centro and Los Angeles have been attached, and his trucks taken over by the Harbour Box and Lumber Co. of Los Angeles.

Local creditors apparently have been unable to find any assets to attach, and have attached an automobile owned by an employee of Mr. Osuga on the contention that they operated as partners.

It seems that Mr. Osuga is a speculative operator who has made and lost a number of fortunes.

Yours very truly,

James G. Hayden (signed)
Field Representati[illegible]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ~~SERVICE~~ Administration
294 Wholesale Terminal Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.

In replying please refer to
File PACA LA-792

M. Masukane

April 15, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of April 13, 1942, wherein you report inability of Minora Masukane to secure from J. I. Osuga, Santa Mara, California, the $1210.00 due as the balance of the purchase price of the 16 acres of lettuce sold by Mr. Masukane to Mr. Osuga. You asked that this Department take any action which might be within its province looking to the settlement of this complaint.

The Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act makes it unlawful in connection with any transaction in fresh fruits and/or fresh vegetables in interstate commerce for the purchaser thereof to fail or refuse truly and correctly to account (pay) promptly therefor. J. I. Osuga is a licensee under the Act and if this lettuce allegedly purchased from Mr. Masukane were shipped in interstate commerce complaint under the Act would lie. It is my belief, however, that Osuga's main operations consist of buying patches and selling on the Los Angeles and other markets in the State of California. Those transactions are wholly intra-state. The Bureau of Market Enforcement of the State Department of Agriculture administers the State Produce Dealers' Act which applies to transactions within the State of California in the same manner that the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act applies to the interstate transactions.

It is my information that Mr. Howard B. Parsons of the State Bureau of Market Enforcement is at present in Imperial Valley and makes his headquarters in the office of Mr. B. A. Harrigan, County Agricultural Commissioner, Court House, El Centro. Mr. Osuga I believe is licensed by the State. Under the conditions involved in this complaint it is suggested that Mr. Masukane immediately get into touch with Mr. Parsons and lay the matter before him and at the same time present whatever evidence he has of the contract, either a writing setting forth the transaction or evidence showing the full purchase price, partial payments, etc.

Mr. Masukane or his mother may know where the lettuce was delivered,

that is to a particular packing house in El Centro where Osuga probably packed it. The records of that packing house doubtless will show the disposition made of the packed lettuce, that is whether it was trucked from El Centro to Los Angeles or other markets in the State or loaded into refrigerator cars and shipped to points outside the State. If the shipments were made to points within the State the State Department of Agriculture would have exclusive jurisdiction but if the shipments were made to points outside the State the State Department would have concurrent jurisdiction with this Administration.

Inasmuch as both parties are with the State and Mr. Parsons is now in El Centro it may be that the Bureau of Market Enforcement, through Mr. Parsons, can effect very prompt settlement. If it develops that the lettuce was shipped out of the State and if the State Department can not effect such immediate settlement Mr. Masukane may execute the enclosed form of complaint and transmit it to me along with whatever documents he has and we shall initiate action. I believe that Mr. Parsons is expected back in Los Angeles on Saturday, April 18, therefore I suggest that you or Mr. Masukane get in contact with him immediately before he leaves El Centro.

Very truly yours,

J. W. Dykes

J. W. Dykes
Specialist in Regulatory Work
Fruit and Vegetable Branch

Enclosure

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/28/42
(Date)

Name: M. MASUKANE-MINORA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 213
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Sept. 3, 1919

Operating under Treasury License now?: Applied for under 68-A.

Type of Business: X
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Kumi Masukane & Emily Norman (Interpreter)

Address: Bank

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
M. Masukane, Son of Kumi Masukane, in U.S. Army Ft Lewis, Wn
Datemichi Masukane, Husband of Kumi, in Concentration Camp.
Farming conducted by ~~Owners~~ Tenants originally. When he went with army, Datemichi, conducted operations in name of M. Masukane by D. Masukane. When he went to Concentration Camp, Mrs. Masukane conducted operations in name of M. Masukane by K. Masukane.
Banking with Bank of America, El Centro Branch.
Bank has been operating the a/c as "blocked a/c" limiting withdrawals to $100 per mo. For living & other expenses & determining what per cent of crop should go to Govt.
Bank of America is trying to ascertain why they blocked the a/c & will let us know. Told them to come in again in March.

Action taken:*

Handled by:
C.H. Warren

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: JOHN MASUTANI
(Print)

Address: RT 1 Box 156A
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: N.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Myself

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

1) Has 1939 Ford Sedan - Contract w/ Bank of America. Has been unable to pay a couple hundred dollars & Bank on it & take car & must be taken with payments

2) Has Ice Box & Freezer Permit being withdrawn from Irrigation District or contract. Wants to know if he can & how to get the permit out.

3) Has 10 acres tomatoes. If has to irrigate before will have tomatoes wants to know what to do.

Action taken:*

1 - Bank of America says O.K.
2 - Irrigation District says O.K. perhaps will let me have water
3 - Suggestion for him to deal with Washington

Handled by: C. J. A. Brown

3 to Bank

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/21/42
(Date)
Telephone:
Interview: X

Name: J. MASUTANI
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

EL CENTRO CALIF.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Don't know

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X /

Person Interviewed: T. H. McCARLEY

Address: 200 Main St. El Centro

Telephone Number: 1486

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

J. Masutani has been operating for some time in name of native born son John Masutani. Has a crop of tomatoes - 10 acres - wants to make a deal with Mr. Christy to take over the crop - Masutani to care for the crop as long as Pvt. is here & after expenses are paid to split net profits 50-50 Basis

Action taken:*

Advised him to get an attorney & draw up a partnership agreement with the American citizen while time is available

Handled by: Gordon Nelson
C. H. Tomm

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El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 15th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: GEORGE MATSUMOTO
(Print)

Address: 630 South 6th Street
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Penn 3/21/21 never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/8/42

No reply to my special delivery letter to Pacific Finance Co.
Wired Gordon Williams (our Los Angeles office) May 12th)

Action taken:*

Ownership certificate and insurance policy received from Pacific Finance Company and delivered to Matsumoto who is selling the truck. Closing file

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 8th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: GEORGE MATSUMOTO
(Print)

Address: 630 South 6th St.,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 3/21/21 - never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Father Joe S. Matsumoto had a contract with Pacific Finance Corp. of Calif., Los Angeles, on a 1938 International truck - last payment of $136.35 having been sent to them and acknowledged by them under date of May 5th. They will not send him ownership certificate with their interests released until his remittance check has cleared and they have a citizenship statement signed by Joe S. Matsumoto.

Joe S. Matsumoto was picked up by the F.B.I. three days ago for investigation. At that time he signed a power of attorney for his son George to sell the truck but is not available to sign the citizenship certificate requested. Evacuation will be in effect shortly in this area, and truck should be sold prior thereto.

SAC 11 YAM

Action taken:* Mi 7561 - Norton

Wrote Pacific Finance Corp. special delivery sending them the citizenship certificate which had been signed for Joe S. Matsumoto by his son George and requested that ownership certificate with their interests released be snet to me by return mail for delivery to George so that sale of the truck could be effected while yet there is time

Handled by: Amon

El Centro, Calif

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 15th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: GEORGE MATSUMOTO
(Print)

Address: 630 South 6th Street
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 3/21/21 never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/8/42

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Closing file

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

7/12
(Date)

Name: George Matsumato
(Print)

Address: El Centro
(Street and Number)

Cal
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship:

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem: Are Jgm today from A.H. Small, Insp. Rep.
Asking help to get pink slip (ownership) covering
Truck, which they want to apparently complete
Sale -

I phoned Mrs. Norton of Pac. Fin. Co. who at
Action taken:* first said it would not be possible to clear the
problem this quickly as was not sure the last ck. for
#136.35 had cleared. Promised cooperation & promise
to do so - Later phoned me it was not yet clear. Delay

Handled by:

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Man mailed to El Centro to Small - E.R. Williams
and will arrive Wed noon - Closed

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 8th, 1942.

Pacific Finance Corp. of Calif.,
621 South Hope Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Attention : F.J.NORTON, Asst Coll. Mgr.

Referring to your letter of May 5th to Joe S. Matsumoto, 630 South 6th St., El Centro, Calif., enclosed is the statement of citizenship requested which has been signed for Joe S. Matsumoto by George Matsumoto, his son.

Joe S. Matsumoto is not available for signing papers at this time and it is necessary for this ownership certificate to be available showing your interests released in order that the truck may be disposed of prior to the Army evacuation of the Japanese residents from this vicinity within the next few days.

We are assisting in this program by direction of General DeWitt. Will you please therefore send this certificate to me by return mail to be used in this connection?

Yours very truly,

C.H.B.SMALL
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20, 1942.
(Date)

Name: George Matsumoto
(Print)

Address: 630 South 6th St.,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 3/21/21

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & Herbert Dea

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had received $20 as a deposit from Herbert Dea of Imperial, covering an offered sale of a water heater, radio, and other equipment - receipt given specified "water heater, etc." It is claimed and admitted on both sides that the radio was to be repaired and have a short wave band reinstalled. Dea claims the deal was subject to his acceptance of radio after it was fixed on whether he approved the tone quality. Matsumoto claims no agreement as to tone quality.

Is a 15 tube old type 1936 radio and both agree amount involved in this transaction was $50 for each the radio and heater and deposit of $20 was based on $10 down on each. Dea doesn't like the radio now and refuses to accept and wants his $10 deposit back.

Action taken:*

I tried to get them together as Matsumoto is to be evacuated tomorrow morning. Neither would give in an inch.
Dea finally gave up claim for $10 deposit and Matsumoto is going to give the radio to a friend ~~xxxhxm~~ - heater to be purchased for $50 less the $10 deposit on it.

Handled by: Small
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 23, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Henry U. Matsushige
(Print)

Address: Rt. 3 Box 124
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1911 from Hawaii

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/3/42
Matsushige sold his crop to Jack Ellis and J.Mealey who are getting a F.S.A. loan to pay off. Matsushige admits owing Nagano Produce Company about $700. Sent for Mr. Michel of Monte Leone Michel Co. (assignees of Nagano Produce Co.) who claims Matsushige owes $795. Mr. Michel agrees to release all claim for $700 and Matsushige has given an assignment for this amount to Mr. A.V.Schenck, Field Representative here of the F.S.A. to pay to Monte Leone Michel Co.

Action taken:*

See above. File closed.

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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El Centro, Calif.
April 3, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold:

Referring to my letter to you of March 31st in re NAGANO PRODUCE CO., Monte, Leone & Michael Co., and Ace Credit Exchange.

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It appears that Nagana Produce Co. did not release their crop mortgage of record in the spring of 1941 when Matsushige's advances were paid in full. Legally, of course, the mortgage now has no value as the debt it secured was extinguished and the crop mortgage, in addition, was on a truck crop (not an annual) and which crop was completely harvested at the end of the crop season in the spring of 1941.

The reason Matsushige did not get further advances from Nagano other than the original $700 and switched to the Hopkins Co. was that at the time he needed further advances about six weeks ago, Nagano was in trouble and nobody could assure Matsushige that Nagano would be in position to go thru with the deal. Following the assignment by Nagano to Monte Leone & Michael Co., and their knowledge that Matsushige was securing advances from Hopkins and shipping to the latter, they immediately started threatening him with the old crop mortgage instead of getting his story. Matsushige claims never to have denied owing them their advance and was and is willing to pay it off but cannot get a statement from them of just how much they claim and to whom to pay it.

Yours very truly,

C. H. Small
Field Representative.

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El Centro, Calif.
April 3, 1942.

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Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/5-350 Misc. Agreement 7a.D. 4/23 Pilot Mission

4/3/42
(Date)

Name: HENRY U. MATSUSHIGE
(Priht)

Address: R#3 Box 124
(Street and Number)
Healdsburg Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X
Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1911 from Hawaii

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Interview 4/8

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Born in Hawaii
Owns 10 acres - Leasing 8 ac. = 9 Flc. Tomatoes - 2½ ac. Spinach Crop
Has 1 dwelling 1 ac. encumbered on land & owns
In 1940 gave crop mtg to Nagano Produce Co., L.A. for advances of approximately $800 + supplies. This was paid in full from crop shipped to them.
In 1941 secured advances of approximately $700 on 9 acres of tomatoes, P&E 4/7/42 Pd. 4/17
Nagano entirement Crop. Assigned to Frank Lowe & Michael Co. Inc.
Michael & Mr. Myers (original assignment of Nagano) owe Matsushige about 4 weeks ago & said Nagano had assigned everything to them & they were prepared to make further advances. Matsushige therefore arranged for further advances from Hopkins & Co. of San Francisco & shipped crop through produce & them to close up the advances. Michael came & saw about 2 weeks ago & stated matsushige's advances ~~$~~ crop mortgage was now assigned to them as security (this crop mtg is claimed to have been paid in full) Matsushige is willing to pay balance of Nagano of $700 - approximately in selling his crop. Talk from Hopkins.

Handled by: [illegible]
Ed Carter

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: J. MAKEDA
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 6
(Street and Number)
Watsonville Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1906

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Wife & Son Shimazu

Address: Above

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Owns ranch & tenders
Wants to sell & invests

Action taken:*

Referred to accounting Rogers & to Schenck 7 AM.
for handling unless they desire to make a deal.

Handled by: _____

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: HARRY McCOLL
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 412
(Street and Number)

IMPERIAL CALIF.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Does not know

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: + (1)

Person Interviewed: Above
"

Address:

Telephone Number: 3250

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Real estate mortgage on 120 acres of farm land from George Yuchida $5000 now in default. Yuchida now in internment camp - wife operating farm under power-of-attorney.
McColl wants to know what to do.

Action taken:* Consult his attorney

Advised him if he was desirous to start foreclosure action on real estate mortgage if it continues in default

Handled by: Gordon Holland
U.S.N.R. (Comm)
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: HARRY MINAMI
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 70
(Street and Number)

Calpine (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Alan W. N. Anderson

Address: Calpine

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Minami has 37 acres Cantaloupes on leased land being financed by Anderson Corporation, Goldtree Valley Produce Co. Anderson interested in buying - Wants to know what to do.

1. Minami also has 40 acres of carrots leased - Field crop to Evergreen. Lease payment $275 due May 1, 1942, lease covering year to year. Carrots ready for harvest about April 20. Should will run at least after May 1st Part is ready.

Action taken:*

Advised (1.) to make bill of sale to Anderson, or his atty Horton acknowledge or give power of attorney to 3rd party to handle this interests.

(2) Suggested he arrange to make lease payment due 5/1/42 & cancel lease or have Evergreen take over. Unless for failure of terms

Handled by: C. A. W.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/1/42
(Date)

Name: SEICHI MITAMURA
(Print)

Address: Rt 2 Box 70
(Street and Number)

Imperial Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1900 Hawaii & 1905 to U.S.A.

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: S. Mitamura & Yoshio Mitamura

Address: Same - Rt 2 Box 70 Imperial Calif

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had C/D of Sumitomo Bank 3000 gen.
Borrowed $600 from said Bank 6/3/39 + $40 more 8/23/40 - C/D. as Collateral
Has demand from Parker A. Peterson, Manager, of L.A. Branch Sumitomo
Bank now in Conservatorship for payment of these notes.
Would like to have Bank pay the Notes from the C/D's. & get the balance
Had 6 acres tomatoes 3½ acres peppers 2½ acres cucumbers ½ acre eggplant
+ 10 acres carrots & peas - Sold for $2200.00
Rent due under lease - Labor - Taxes & crop expense to date will about
treat of this leaving very little net balance.

Action taken:*

Request Imperial writes our L.A. office to ascertain what
army can be returned from C/D's

Handled by: Peterson
E. Carter

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.
April 1, 1942

Evacuation Department
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to attached report in re SEICHI MITAMURA:

Presumedly although the notes to the Sumitomo Bank by Mitamura referred to in the report are in the assets of the Los Angeles Branch of the said Bank, the C/D's are probably in Japan or at least the assets represented by the C/D's are there. Offhand there would probably be no offset because of this fact.

Apparently, the Mitamuras will have little cash when they evacuate inasmuch as they are selling their crop before maturity and under the circumstances naturally they wi'l not receive full market value thereof. Under these conditions, although Mr. Mitamura would like to pay off his notes out of other assets, he claims to be unable to do so. He also states that he notified the Los Angeles Branch of the Sumitomo Bank to liquidate the C/D's many months ago and out of the proceeds pay off these two notes and send him the balance.

Wouldn't the Conservator have a claim against general Japanese impounded funds and/orspecific funds of the Sumitomo Bank thru the Alien Property Custodian or Federal Foreign Funds Control Administration?

I promised Mitamura that I would write you to ascertain if he could offset his C/D's against his notes and have any balance left and he should come back to get the answer in a few days if he has not been evacuated then but strongly intimated that I doubted if this could be anything but a negative answer.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.Small

Field Representative.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 6th, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 1st regarding Seichi Mitamura. We have contacted Mr. Parker Robinson, Conservator for the Sumitomo Bank of Los Angeles and we are advised by him that they can allow no offset of a C/D held by Mr. Mitamura against his notes. Mr. Robinson explained that there is no deposit liability on the part of the Sumitomo Bank in Los Angeles for the reason that all deposits are in the form of C/D's and the money remitted to their bank in Japan.

The notes secured by the C/D's given by Mr. Mitamura to the Sumitomo Bank in Los Angeles are in the assets of the Los Angeles branch and the Conservator for the bank has a claim against Mr. Mitamura for payment of these notes.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: SEICHI MITAMURA
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 70
(Street and Number)

Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1900 Hawaii- 1905 to U.S.

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Mitchell Womack Motor

Address: El Centro, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had 2 contracts with Womack-Mitchell Co. 1 on a 1940 Chevrolet pickup and 1 on a 1936 Chevrolet sedan. Latter contract was made after former one and more due on contract than value of car -the understanding being that any settlement made on one would be tied in with the other one and that if settlement on the 1940 pickup was ever made, $60 would be paid on the other contract to bring the balance down to market value of car. Mitamura wants to sell the ~~xx~~ pickup and turn the sedan back to Womack-Mitchell for balance against it.

Action taken:*

I suggested that if and when above deal was to be consummated (expected May 4th or 5th), it be suggested to Mr. Mitamura that he come over to see me so that I could get the story from him as to any understanding as above outlined that the 2 contracts be tied together, and endeavor to arrive at a satisfactory settlement. Heretofore Womack-Mitchell Company has always had a very high reputation for fair dealing and standing by any contracts - think probably their story is correct.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 6th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Frank Miyamoto
(Print)

Address: P.O.Boxx426 427
(Street and Number)

Niland, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born May 10,1925- Not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had 20 acres of tomatoes - sold crop and all equipment to Vasques

Has Mother 2 brothers and 1 sister - Vasques has ordered them to move off lock stock and barrel

Wants to move to Brawley with relative - K. Kaku, Rt.1 Box 139 A, Having difficulty - no information and no cooperation

Action taken:*

Referred him to Federal Employment Service for permit to move- now being taken care of

Handled by: Armm
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 19th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Frank Miyata
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 258
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ??

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Russell Yeager, Ass't Dist. Atty, El Centro

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mr. Yeager 'phoned that Constable at Westmorland had attached automobile of Miyata for unpaid contract and J.A.Munn, local collector had filed the complaint and would not permit the case to be called for trial, apparently stalling for time until the Japanese was evacuated and not here to defend himself. $75 and costs due.

Ascertained that the above story was only partially true. Claim was filed on behalf of W.W.Gray, Assignee of Pioneer Produce Sales Corp. of Los Angeles, and was on a past due note of Miyata's for $150. Car is subject to a lien of Robertson & Duringer of El Centro. Collector Munn offered to compromise on $70 for cash and release attachment or would hold under a third party claim and pay off Robertson & Duringer.

Action taken:*

Believe debt is legitimate and Collector Munn is and has been doing his best to compromise rather than stalling for time. Informed Deputy Dist. Atty Yeager as to facts of case. He notified Miyata and I am informed Miyata did accept compromise offer and attachment was released.

Handled by: Small
El Centro, Calif.

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AFFILIATIONS IN ALL PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE THE UNITED STATES

BONDED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau

W. W. GRAY
SEC'Y MGR.

943-A SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONES { TRinity 9194
TRinity 9195
TRinity 9196

CREDIT REPORTS
COLLECTIONS
ASSIGNMENTS
ESCROWS

April 30, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

May we appeal to you for assistance?

Frank Miyata is indebted to Pioneer Produce Sales Corporation for $150, as reflected by the note which we are including.

Our information is to the effect that he has disposed of his crop to Ralph Hynes who is obtaining a loan through Mr. Schenk and we wish to file this claim with Mr. Schenk.

A note is being entrusted to you with the request that you present it to Mr. Schenk and ask him to please protect us when the loan is granted to Hynes to pay for the assets being purchased from this grower.

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

W. W. Gray
SECRETARY-MANAGER

WWG/nm

Enc.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: MIYATA—Fumiko & Nobuo
(Print)

Address: Rt 1 Box 258
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Also P.B. Schammaker - Ford Owner

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Lease of 12 acres from Hung Wigata - brother-at present in U.S. Army - Sister Fumiko growing 12 acres of squash for which needed power of attorney from brother

Wants to know if they will be permitted to stay until crops are harvested & when to go - has friends now contracts.

Action taken:*

Suggested here must have power of attorney drawn by lawyer to sell Parts to handle crops if they are evacuated before harvesting - Wants to stay as long as possible until evacuation comes - Will look for this and if they do want to evacuate voluntarily

Handled by:

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: S. MORIKAWA
(Print)

Address: 472 K St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1902

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mrs. T. Nakahara

Address: Above + Colorado

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Living in house belonging to Mrs. Nakahara. Want to know
1.- What about renting house
2.- What about disposing of fish market
3.- " " collecting ~~the~~ a/c's from Filipinos who
owe pay aggregate of $200 outstanding

Action taken:*

1.- Told him to get a Brawley R.E. Agt or Attorney to arrange.
2.- " " in contact with Chamber of Commerce to endeavor to locate or sell business and fix Public Brawley
3.- " to get an attorney or collection agency to

Handled by: C. H. Swan

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 7th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) Hideko Morikawa
(Print)

Address: 472 K Street
(Street and Number)

Brawley (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: QUAY SMITH

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/25/42

Quay Smith reports he has received and accepted a power of attorney to act as outlined.

Action taken:*

Closing file

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Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/26/42
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) HIDEKO MORIKAWA
(Print)

Address: 472 K St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Owner living in L.A. (U.S. citizen) owns residence & lots in Brawley - Father (Jap National) owns furniture etc. Their residence houses their family at present. To evacuate what about things? They have been discussing with Quay Smith - Realtor of Brawley.

EK

Letter 4/2

Action taken:*

Suggested securing power of attorney from Owner in L.A. & leaving property before evacuation if possible. If not designate a local agent in Brawley to act for them in their absence by power of attorney from Owner & Father respectively

Handled by: C. N. Ivarson

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 9th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yoshinori Morinaga
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 41-A,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born April 4, 1920 (Not out)

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Home on leave from U.S.Army

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Private in Headquarters Detachment Station Complement, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, near Little Rock, Arkansas. Enlisted November 7, 1941. Had 34 acres of small vegetables and cantaloupes - handled for him in his absence by his father. Crops have been sold to Othel Crossno who has an application in with Mr. Schenck for an emergency loan out of which Morinaga is to get $1,675. Papers executed on or about March 30th. Creditors pushing Morinaga for debts which will be paid from these funds.

Bank of Dennis & 1st Nat'l, El Centro.

Action taken:* Suggested he make out list of creditors and assign to them individually amounts to be paid them by the F.S.A. from proceeds of loan.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 1, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yoshinori Morinaga
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 41-A
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 4-4-1920

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Kay Nishimura & N.C.Deaton
Address: representatives of Japanese League & Imp.Valley Credit Assn. El Centro
Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/9/42

Creditor whose claim for $800 had been assigned to the Imperial Valley Credit Association and filed with the F.S.A. to be paid out of purchaser's loan has been compromised and the claim has been reduced to $523.04 and assignment likewise.

Morinaga's instructions while home on furlough were that funds to him should be credited to his account in the El Centro Branch of Secutiry First National Bank of Los Angeles with advice to his Mother at above address.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, ARKANSAS

May 12, 1942

Mr. C.H.H. Small
C/o Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for your kind and helpful services you have rendered my sister and me. I hope I haven't caused you a lot of trouble through depositing the amount of $1301.96 and delivering the duplicate deposit tag as evidence to my sister.

I did make an agreement with Mr. Deaton just before I left; so that matter was to be deducted from $1675.00 which resulted in the amount of $1301.96 to be credited to my account.

Thanking you again for your many favors, I remain,

Very truly Yours,
Private Yoshinori Morinaga

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 5th, 1942.

Private Yoshinori Morinaga,
Headquarters Detachment Station Complement,
Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Arkansas.

Dear Sir :

In accordance with your instructions when you were in El Centro April 9th on furlough, the sum of $1,675 was received from the F.S.A. for sale of your crop to Othel Crossno, and $373.04 paid to N.C.DEATON, collector, on account of your assignment to him, and $1,301.96 deposited to your account in the El Centro Branch of the Security-First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Duplicate deposit tag evidencing the credit to your account is being delivered to your sister together with a copy of this letter.

Your assignment to the collector Deaton for $800 was compromised by the above payment and the understanding agreed to by him that $150 additional was to be paid to him from funds due to you by the South Imperial Valley Growers Association.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Crossno's check from control account was for $523.04 to Deaton and $1,151.96. Kay Nishimura on behalf of Morinaga, arranged with Deaton that he would receive $150 from the South Imperial Valley Growers Assn and was to receive the difference or $373.04 from Crossno and in turn Morinaga was to receive $1,301.96 from Crossno instead of $1,151.96. To consummate this arrangement, Crossno account check to Deaton was permitted to stand and Deaton gave his check for $150 to Morinaga's account - as shown by attached duplicate deposit tag.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 9th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yoshinori Morinaga
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 41-A,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name ____ (Surname) ____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born April 4, 1920 (9 Not out)

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Home on leave from U.S.Army

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Private in Headquarters Detachment Station Complement, Camp Joseph T. Robinson, near Little Rock, Arkansas. Enlisted November 7, 1941. Had 34 acres of small vegetables and cantaloupes - handled for him in his absence by his father. Crops have been sold to Othel Crossno who has an application in with Mr. Schenck for an emergency loan out of which Morinaga is to get $1,575. Papers executed on or about March 30th. Creditors pushing Morinaga for debts which will be paid from these funds.

4/10 - 1a/c to Beaton - $800. giving and order to Schenck's from Beaton account of $1675. - Balance to credit

Bank of Calipatria, Main Office, El Centro.

Action taken:* Suggested he make out list of creditors and assign to them individually amounts to be paid them by the F.S.A. from proceeds of loan.

Handled by: Arnold
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 15, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hatsuo Morita
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 318
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1918 - never out (24 years old)

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has sold his crops to Sterling Pippin for $5,201. who has applied for a loan from theFarm Security Administration to pay off this purchase price. The loan has been approved and the funds should be available within a few days as soon as lien search, etc. have been completed.

Mr. W.W.Gray, Mgr. of the Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau, has written to Morita regarding promised settlement of two accounts assigned to him for $500. and $250 respectively. Morita claims to have called Gray on the telephone this morning and told him that he has a canceled check for $100 which was sent on account and that he would pay the balance of $650 as soon as the proceeds of the loan were available. Mr. Gray stated that if he did not get the remittance by Friday morning of this week he would start suit.

Action taken:*
I advised Morita to write Gray by registered mail and keep a copy of the letter and tell him that if Gray wanted to draw up an assignment in his favor for the balance of $650 and send it to him, he would sign it and file it with Mr.A.M. Schenck, Field Representative of the F.S.A. here to be paid to him direct out of the proceeds of this loan as soon as he could disbu rse any of these funds. If he did not want to do this and Mr. Schenck wasn't in position to release these funds by Friday of this week, if Gray after receiving this notice and knowing that he would assign from funds certain to be available, proceeded to attach to come back and see if we couldn't assist him.

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 15th, 1942.

Mr. W. W. Gray, Assignee,
c/o Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau,
943-A South San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gray :

Mr. Matsuo Morita, P.O.Box 318, Brawley, Calif., showed me your letter to him of April 11th, mailed in Los Angeles April 13th, regarding settlement of two accounts in your hands for $500 and $250 respectively. He tells me that he talked with you on the telephone today and informed you that he has his canceled check evidencing payment on account of $100 and that the total amount coming to you is $650; also that he had sold his crops for approximately $5,000 and that the purchaser was securing a Farm Security Administration loan to pay off this purchase price out of which he would pay this $650 as soon as he received his funds; that you told him that you must have these funds by Friday of this week.

He has sold his crops(as he stated) to one Sterling Pippin. Pippin has applied for a loan to the Farm Security Administration for the purchase price and the loan has been approved. Mr. A.W.Schenck, the representative of the F.S.A. in this area, has a desk in this office. The funds are being provided by the F.S.A. thru the Federal Emergency funds for this and similar loans. Mr. Schenck will not disburse the funds however, until the F.S.A. regulations have been complied with regarding lien searches and cleaning up recorded liens so that their mortgage is a valid 1st lien. Whether he will be in position to comply with his loan instructions of Pippin to pay Morita his claim by Friday of this week or Friday of next week depends on these variable factors. He will recognize anthan assignment of Morita's in disbursing these funds if filed with him before closing his loan disbursement. I suggest that you draw such an assignment in your favor if $650 is the correct amount of your total claims in this case and send it to Morita for him to sign and deliver to Mr. Schenck for this purpose. I understand Morita is writing you to this effect also today by registered mail.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 25th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hatsuo Morita
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 318
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1928- never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See my report of April 15, 1942.

Mr. Morita today delivered to me for delivery to Mr. Schenck, Field Representative of the Farm Security Administration, assignments from proceeds of loan to Sterling Pippin by the F.S.A. for the account of Morita, in favor of W.W.GRAY, Assignee :

$150 - Full settlement of a/c due to Pioneer Produce Sales Corp.
$500 - " " " T & Y Produce Co.

These assignments were drawn up by Gray at my suggestion and forwarded to Morita for signature and handling as above outlined.

Also handing to Mr. Schenck for Morita acknowledgment of N.L.REUTER, landowner, of receipt of $400 rent payment due June 1, 1942, which pays up in full all rent under lease to 7/1/42 covering West ½ of East ½ of Tract 67 Twp 13 South Range 13 East in Imperial County.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau
934 A South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, California

May 8, 1942

Mr. C.H.H. Small, Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

Please pardon our failure to send you the requested a receipt in connection with the $650.00 paid by Matsuo Morita.

This letter will be evidence that $150.00 has been received in this office to liquidate in full the obligation of Morita to Pioneer Produce Sales Corporation. Receipt is also acknowledged of $500.00 to liquidate in full the obligation of Morita to T & Y Produce Company

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

WWG/ss

W. W. Gray (Signed)
SECRETARY-MANAGER

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Seije Moriyama
(Print)

Address: Niland, Calif.
(Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Telephone: X
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Joe Abdelhour

Address: 424 Broadway, El Centro

Telephone Number: None

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

In registering for evacuation, Moriyama reported that he had disposed of most of his stock of merchandise in store he had been operating at Niland and thought he would be able to dispose of balance of odds and ends. In order to make sure that this was done, when it was reported to me, I got hold of Joe Abdelnour, an individual who had purchased similar items from other Japanese and persuaded him to go to Niland to see Moriyama.

Action taken:*

They got together and Moriyama sold balance of odds and ends to Abdelnour for $125 cash. May 21st, Abdelnour came in to complain that some fixtures he thought he had purchased when making the deal were not available when he sent a truck for his merchandise. The bill of sale did not enumerate these particular items of fixtures and I persuaded Abdelnour that there might have been a misunderstanding. He agreed and inasmuch as he obtained full value for his money in what he did get, withdrew any complaint.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th. 1942.
(Date)

Name: LOUIS Y. MUKAI
(Print)

Address: Box 224
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Hawaii 1899 Ctf. #9411

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Bill of sale and agreement with Ralph E. Myers Co., Salinas, Calif. Dec. 16, 1941, covering 190 acres lettuce and romaine, jointly with Hiroko Kawakita, a U.S.citizen.

Owe advances to Golden Valley Produce Company for care of crops and other expense.

Check from Myers Co. for $1,904.71, payable to Mukai and Kawakita as individuals with a/c of sales delivered to them today - they individually signed the releases and endorsed the check - check delivered to Golden Valley Produce Co. by them in Attorney Horton's office and release with copy of agreement mailed to Myers Co.

Eldredge ranch (formerly known as the Correll Ranch) 1½ miles east of Heber in Imperial County

Action taken:*

Description of Property

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: MYOSE - M.
(Print)

Address: Gen Delo
(Street and Number)

EL CENTRO CALIF
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: V
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Pasa to 7/17/40

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X (3)

Person Interviewed: S. Myose

Address: Do above

Telephone Number: None

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

M. Myose owned an auto - contract to Bank of America. Price interment of father - son has been making the regular monthly payments to Bank - Balance now about $300.00 Son is given if he completes payments on contract ~~will~~ he will be get title to car. ~~Bank~~ Bank holds pink ownership certificate with Father M. Myose as original owner

Action taken:*

Told him no transfer of title could or would be made by Motor Vehicle Dept of Calif under present regulations and Dept but may change before contract paid out. Told him to keep in touch with us.

Handled by:
C. H. McDonald
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: Joe NAKADA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 360
(Street and Number)

Whittier Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Relet to notices to United Farmers Association, South Point Pedro
Dt. Los Angeles - Has check in payment of $27.21 of California
Bank 9th & Point Pedro Branch. Has been informed checks can
not bring paid - United Farmers Association Japanese Commission
Horal
PR 4301 - No one.

Action taken:*
Advised him to deposit check in this Bank @ Branch &
if it comes back to get in touch with us.

Wrote C.N.S. letter 3/25

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Handled by: C. Norman
E. L. Carter

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-29-42
(Date)

Name: KISHIRO NAKADA
(Print)
in Concentration Camp - Bismark

Address: formerly Box 628
(Street and Number)

Niland Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japan

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1905

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Alice NAKATA daughter

Address: Same

Telephone Number: No

Travel 4/2

Principal property involved and scope of problem: Wants to sell

3 houses
1 Shed
Pack equip in shed
Tools
old Pick up, plows, part work & truck
for purchase price $500-

How to give documentary evidence
to Buyer, Mr. V & Smith
Niland Calif

Action taken:*

Requested have notary public assist
in preparing Bill Sale for delivery
against payment

Handled by: COLES
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: S. NAKAGAMI & K. UKENO
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jpn

Westminster Calif
(City) (State)

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: don't know

Operating under Treasury License now?: —

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: X
Corporation:
Individual: (4)

Person Interviewed: Growers Marketing Co.

Address: City Market, Los Angeles

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Growers Marketing have advanced $2500 on 32 acres of approx 4 tenants to the 2 Japanese who have Occupation rights. Want to Secure loan to protect themselves if the Japanese are evicted before crops are harvested.

Action taken:*

Are trying to arrange for a power of Atty in advance — crops will be harvested within several weeks shortly & possibly before the Japanese leave

Handled by: _____

C. H. H. Brewer
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: T. NAKAHOMA
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Brawley (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Mrs. J. Katayama

Address: Brawley

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mrs. Katayama telephoned that Mrs. Nakahoma was going to sell a Flamo cabinet, regulator, 2 empty cylinders, and an oil burning kitchen range but had been warned by the Standard Oil Company of Calif. not to attempt to dispose of part of this equipment as it belonged to the Company. Mrs. Nakahoma was with Mrs. Katayama when the latter 'phoned and claimed she had paid for all of this equipment 12 years ago - some purchased from the Standard Oil Co. and some from the Imperial Hardware Company.

REFERENCE
ANY COMMERCIAL AGENCY
Grunwin' Marketing Co.
Bonded Commission Merchants
Wholesale Distributors
FRUIT and PRODUCE
CITY MARKET — LOS ANGELES
624-26-28-30-32-34 E. 9TH ST.
PHONES TRINITY 0534-0535
1035-37-39-50 SAN PEDRO ST.
NO 2 STORE
PHONE PROSPECT 2945
PROMPT RETURNS

Action taken:*

I telephoned the Standard Oil C... that they had had a lot of argument wi... had to call the police to eject her fro... had been purchased from the Imperial Hard... sold. The Flamo cabinet, regulator and 2 ... been loaned to Nakahoma 12 years ago and wh... inatallation cost. The Co. had sent to Phoen... office copy of original contract which they ha... I 'phoned Mrs. Katayama to this effect & that th... never did sell this equipment. Mrs. Katayama apparently satisfied Mrs. Nakahoma.

Handled by El...

*Attach additional pages where necessary

File closed.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-28-42
(Date)

Name: NAKAMOTA BROS
(Print)

Address: SE 8th St 5/6 mi
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: +

Adult: +
Minor:
Male: +
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership: +
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: CHAS FREEDMAN

Address: El Centro -

Telephone Number: 207

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

190 Ac Cantalopes
Wants to make Crop management
Agreement with Freedman
120 ac own property
70 ac under lease

Action taken:* Loed Freedman to get entry status
and have mutually satisfactory
Agreement among all parties

Handled by: Coles
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 28, 1942.
(Date)

Name: GEORGE NAKAMOTO
(Print)

Address: RT 1 Box 125
(Street and Number)
CALEXICO CALIF.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Hawaii 1907-Nov 1920
Back & forth for 2 months 1938

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed:

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Purchased E½ of SW¼ Sec. 4-17-14 from H.H.HEYLMUN of Long Beach in 1940, $1,000 cash and $1,000 per annum for 3 years, balance due 7-1-43. Dr. Heylmun reports that first two instalments of $1,000 each have been paid but he understands Nakamoto has permitted taxes and Imperial Irrigation District assessments to become delinquent.

I wrote to Dr. Heylmun March 25th that Nakamoto had stated he was making arrangement to have the ranch farmed during his enforced evacuation and that he would take care of all current obligations. The Dr. reports he has written to Nakamoto for confirmation without reply. Nakamoto states he has paid all delinquent and current taxes and assessments April 20th.

Nakamoto has leased his ranch to Malcolm Huey for 3 years- 1 year in flax and 2 years in alfalfa. States after $1,000 which he is delivering to me for Heylmun is applied, he owes Heylmun $4,850 due 7/1/43. From lease income he will pay next year's taxes, something on principal and endeavor to

Action taken:* have an extension for balance of principal.

Checked with Imperial Irrigation District- taxes to 6-30-42 paid. Sending $1,000 check to Heylmun being principal payment due 7-1-42 and asking for amount of interest to 7-1-42 which Nakamoto says will pay.

Handled by: Armin

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 19th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: George Nakamoto
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 125
(Street and Number)

Calexico (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: See previous reports

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Geo.Nakamoto

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/28/1942

Dr. Heylmun wanted to know details of ranch operations during evacuation of Nakamoto to ascertain whether land covered by his deed of trust would be farmed or would be neglected.

Nakamoto in and reported he had leased said ranch to Malcolm Huey and left some equipment on ranch and balance was storing in Calexico for time being under power of attorney to Huey so that Huey would have control of same for using on ranch when needed without having it there subject to theft or vandalism and also so that his representative would be on the ground should some pooling arrangement be made by local War Board for utilization of all local farming equipment.

Handed me his check for $166.25 to send to Dr. Heylmun covering interest on his obligation to July 1, 1942 - no payments further due until July 1, 1943.

Action taken:*

Sent check to Dr. Heylmun with information relative to Nakamoto's understanding as to his obligation.

Closing file.

Handled by: Smalley
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

June 5, 1942.
(Date)

Name: George K. Nakamoto
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 125,
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Now: Block 54 Building 11 Apt D, Poston, Arizona.

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Have written to Geo. Nakamoto per copy attached relative to previous correspondence with Mr. H.F.Slade, Asst Cashier, Federal Reserve Bank, San Francisco, regarding reports for father Kihachi Nakamoto

Action taken:*

Handled by: C.A.Bowman
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.
April 28th, 1942.

Dr. H. H. Heylmann,
713 Professional Building,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Sir :

Referring to my letter to you of yesterday :

Enclosed is Mr. Nakamoto's check for $1,000 being the principal instalment due on his note and mortgage to you July 1st NEXT. If you will let either Mr. Nakamoto or myself know the amount of interest due to July 1, 1942, he states he will pay that immediately.

He did not have his paid tax receipts with him today but will bring them in tomorrow to show me. If they are not in order and as he claims them to be, I will write you further. However, I called the Imperiall Irrigation District Tax Collector on the 'phone and after looking up his records, he told me that Mr. Nakamoto had paid all current assessments dur on this land on April 20th as Nakamoto had claimed. I was unable to get the County Tax Collector on the 'phone today to check with him but I am satisfied that Nakamoto's statement that he paid them the same day and has the receipt is correct.

For your information, Mr. Nakamoto has leased this ranch to a responsible party to operate during his evacuation period and states he will take care of next year's taxes and assessments out of the lease returns and see that your obligation is taken care of although if you want a good investment, it seems to me that an extension of the principal amount of $4,850 due July 1, 1943 less any principal payment he may then make would be a good move.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 27, 1942.

Dr. H. H. Heylmun,
713 Professional Building,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Heylmun :

Referring to your letter of April 22nd :

Mr. George Nakamoto told me today that he had paid all delinquent and current taxes and assessments of the County and Irrigation District against the land he is or has purchased from you on April 20th and that he will come in tomorrow and give me his check to you for $1,000 being the payment due you under your mortgage on July 1st.

I wrote you on March 28th that he had or was making arrangements for disposing of his crops and would take care of his obligations under his mortgage to you as soon as funds were available. It took some time to work these details out and so far as I know, he has done just what he said he would do and as I wrote you. He could not tell you in reply to your letters any more than I told you - that as he had funds available he would apply them and that he was making his arrangements so to do.

I told him to bring in his paid tax receipts so that I could see them tomorrow. I will write you further after his visit.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

540 State Street.
El Centro, Calif.,
April 24, 1942.

Mr. Geo. S. Nakamoto,
Rt. 1 Box 125,
Calexico, Calif.

Dear Mr. Nakamoto :

Will you please come in to see me at your early convenience?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

April 17
Cont'g Pd.
J.D.A. Pd.

R#1 Box 12K
Calif.

DRS. HEYLMUN & MAYFIELD
ROENTGENOLOGISTS
713 PROFESSIONAL BUILDING
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

April 22,1942

Mr.C.H.H.Small
Los Angeles,California

Dear Sir:
I wrote you on March 25th regarding my sale of land in Imperial Valley to Geo. K.Nakamota and have your reply of March 28th before me.That was three and a half weeks ago and so far I have not received any word from him and doubt if I do as I had written him several letters before writing you and always enclosed a self addressed stamped envelope,but never got a reply to any of them.

I realize that there will be no installment due until July first but it was only by writing the tax collectors office that I found he had allowed the taxes to become delinquent and it occurred to me that he could take off the spring crop and throw up the deal and be way to the good,so naturally I would like to have some statement from him regarding his taxes and especially his water assessments and also his intentions regarding the completion of the deal.

I would be glad it you can give me any helpful hints.

Respectfully yours
H.H.Heylmun
Dr.H.H.Heylmun

Nakamoto

March 28th, 1942.

Mr. H. H. Heylmann,
713 Professional Building,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Heylmann :

Referring to your note of the 25th :

Mr. Geo. Nakamoto was in my office today. I told him that I had your two letters inquiring if it were necessary for you to come down to protect your interests. He assured me that he was well on the road towards the completion of certain negotiations taking care of his farming program during his imminent departure under the terms of the Evacuation program and to convey to you his message that he was preparing to take care of the instalments to become due under his contract with you himself. He also said he would let you know the arrangements he had made covering his ranch operations on the property in which you are interested. when they have been definitely consummated.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.
May 19th, 1942.

Dr. H. H. Heylmun,
713 Professional Building,
Long Beach, Calif.

Dear Dr. Heylmun :

Enclosed is Mr. George Nakamoto's check for $166.85 for interest to and including June 30, 1942, on his note to you (or to the Heylmun named in the note) secured by Deed of Trust covering East ½ of Sw ¼ of Sec. 4-17-14 in Imperial County having an unpaid principal balance of $4,875.00, per your letter of April 28th - said principal balance being due July 1, 1943 .

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Copy- Geo.Nakamoto

P. O. Box 855, El Centro, Calif.,
June 5th, 1942.

Mr. George K. Nakamoto,
Block 54 Building 11, Apt D.,
Poston, Arizona.

My dear George :

Referring to the matter of the reports required by the Federal Reserve Bank at San Francisco in connection with your father Kihachi Nakamoto discussed with you and Mrs. Nakamoto while you were in the hospital and particularly regarding the letter I wrote to Mr. Slade in San Francisco May 27th per copy given to you :

I have a letter from Mr. Slade stating that both the Series A and Series I reports had been received, the Series A report direct from your father and the green Series I report from you, the latter bearing your certificate that you had prepared it for him. The regulations prescribe that in addition to this certificate from you that you prepared it, it is also necessary that your father also sign it before a notary.

Mr. Slade tells me that he is sending you some blank Series I forms there at Poston. The last time I talked with you, I recall that you had a copy of your original report on this green form and also some blank forms. I suggest that you immediately make up another report on the blank forms you have from the copy of the other report you sent in, sign it the same as you did the other report and then send it on to your father to also sign before a notary and tell him to send it in direct to Mr. Slade at San Francisco the same as he did on the white Series A report which was handled correctly.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Copy- F.C.Bold, L.A.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/22
(Date)

Name: J. ~~E~~ NAKAMURA
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: 112 H St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Nov. 1920

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mrs L. A. MacDonald

Address: P.O Box 394 Brawley

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Nakamura Japanese - wife native born T. K. Nakamura
owns in Wiseman Restaurant Bldg & Eqpt. & Store Bldg
adjoining Board for another year & a Chinese & Filipino
Offers to sell to MacDonald for $2500 Total Value Bonis
has effort of advances - Restricted to both.

Action taken:*

Per gentleman over @ Bank @ Brawley OK to Both

Handled by: [signature]

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yutaka Nakamura
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 1265
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & L.B.Clement

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

E. FUJIMOTO leased 80 acres of farm land from L.B.Clement of Brawley on which he had 40 acres lettuce and 40 acres cabbage, with a rent payment of $700 due June 1, 1942, lease to run to July 1, 1942. After harvesting the lettuce, he voluntarily evacuated to Colorado and turned the farm over to Yutaka Nakamura and her father, apparently with no written agreement. Nakamura planted 40 acres to cantaloupes and harvested all but 3 acres of cabbage, agreeable with Clement, the land owner. Nakamura made a deal with Russo Bros. to take over the 40 acres of cantaloupes under a power of attorney and Russo Bros. agreed to pay the $700 lease payment due June 1st.

Nakamura wanted to hold the 3 acres of red cabbage to make seed - it seems Fujimoto's deal with Clement was that Clement was to go in and plow up the cabbage ground as soon as the crop was off. In plowing up the 37 acres from which the cabbage had been harvested, he cut off the water supply from the 3 acres.

From all information I have been able to gather hurriedly, it is extremely unlikely that the cabbage seed would be ready to harvest by July 1st and even if it were, probably the gross return would be much less than expense of raising it. Nakamura will not be here to take care of it and I doubt if he can make any arrangement with anybody qualified to properly look after it. Nakamura will not work with the local Japanese Citizens League nor would she take any advice from us nor anyone I recommended to her. I cannot find she has any legal right to the crops in writing but the land owner Clement is agreeable to the outlined arrangement above with Russo Bros. Clement agreed to provide a tractor to make an irrigating ditch to the 3 acres of cabbage & Nakamura is to provide the labor on the chance they can make a deal before evacuation for someone to take over this seed patch.

Action taken:*

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 28th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Thomas Nakashima
(Print)

Address: 432 Broadway
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1919- Never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Yutaka Nakashima

Address: Same- Brother of Thomas age 32 Born U.S.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Sole owner of Broadway Pharmacy - Yutaka Manager.

From 1934 to 1940- Broadway Pharmacy was a partnership of George Hoshizaki and Yutaka Nakashima. Closed up by assignment to Ralph Meyer, 416 West 8th St., Los Angeles for benefit of creditors- principal one being McKesson & Robbins.

Bill presented by California Electric Power Co. for $65.50- claimed to be balance owing. Yutaka Nakashima claims they assigned everything to Ralph Meyer again in March, 1942 for benefit of creditors, McKesson & Robbins again being the principal one. Creditors were notified to put claims in to Meyer. Calif-Electric apparently did not file claim. Nakashima claims to have no personal funds to pay out and suggests they get in contact with Ralph Meyer.

Action taken:*

Gave this information to Calif. Electric Co.

Handled by: [signature]

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro Calif.

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540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 28, 19442

California Electric Power Co.,
El Centro, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Referring to attached invoices of the Broadway Pharmacy as presented to me yesterday by your Mr. L.C.Wilson :

I am informed that the Broadway Pharmacy is a trade name heretofore used by Thomas Nakashima at 432 Broadway, El Centro, Y. Nakashima, brother of Thomas, having been operating the store as Manager. On or about the 1st of March, 1942, all assets of the Broadway Pharmacy were assigned to one Ralph Meyer, 416 West 8th,Street, Los Angeles, Calif., for the benefit of creditors. The assets were sold by the said Ralph Meyer or are being sold and proceeds therefrom are being distributed to the creditors on a pro rata basis in proportion to the claims filed.

The Telephone Company and other utilities, I am informed have filed their claims, but apparently your Company did not file. Mr. Nakashima states that he will be glad to cooperate with you and suggests that your claim should be filed with Mr. Meyer immediately.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

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3/20/42
(Date)

Name: Y. NARASHIMA
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: 420 Brandra
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: always here

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above
"

Address:

Telephone Number:

4 others

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Brought up personal cases in which he requested interview and also request of his Japanese friends

(XX) 1 - Rodrigues (tenko) wanted contract to farm Compromise by Japanese
Do contracts and paid out from (legal) proceeds which the transferred
returns are in safe deposit vaults will they be released as first liquidation
can be orderly conducted and how will title be arranged

2 other Japs with him.

Action taken:*

Suggested come back later as soon as regulations
procedure are reorganized

Handled by: Gordon Williams
C. H. H. Brown
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 6, 1942.
(Date)

Name: EICHI NAKAZONO
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 128,
(Street and Number)

Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Mr. Sturn

Address: L.A.Board of Trade now located in Brawley & Calipatria.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Now in U. S. Army - has 1 acre eggplant, 10 of tomatoes and x 25 of ~~xxx~~ cantaloupes being handled by Russo Bros. under P/A Sturn claims to have an account for groceries assigned to him amounting to approximately $1,400. Offered to compromise for $400 with sister of Eichi and take an assignment on Russo Bros. She thought this was eminently satisfactory and would write to her brother for permission or authority to make such compromise. A week later she informed Mr. Sturn that her brother wrote back not to compromise nor pay a cent as he was now in the U.S.Army and Sturn could take no legal action against him, until he got out.

Sturn consulted a local attorney (R.B.Whitelaw) who informed him that he could attach the crop and tie it up for three years pending release of Nakazono from the Army prior to getting a judgment lien.

Was going to proceed with suit.

Action taken:*

Advised him to contact Japanese American Citizens League officials and thru them or direct with Nakazono's sister offer again this compromise settlement with a definite date for acceptance at least up to next Saturday, before filing suit. Said he would do so.

The League referred to will send word to Nakazono's sister to come in to see me.

Handled by: Amm
El Centro, Calif.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
Fiscal Agent of the United States

March 30, 1942
El Centro, Calif.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins: Re : S. NEENO

You telephoned me after 5 p.m. March 27th to the effect that S. Neeno had telegraphed the Federal Reserve Bank that an attachment was to be placed on his equipment and furniture at 6 p.m. that day and requesting us to do something about it.

I attach a memorandum of the developments since then. It was my thought that he would be in or someone on his behalf and that I would have the information relative to his last entry into the U.S. For that reason or other, he has been fighting shy of coming in here with his troubles. When he and Mrs. Gates (the creditor) were in my office on March 23rd (his daughter was along in the capacity of an interpreter) and I had suggested to both sides that there were some very definite legal entanglements in evidence whereby it would pay them to get a joint attorney or separate attorneys to advise with them and they left here with the intention of doing that. I was very explicit in directing Neeno that if he was not satisfied with any settlement proposed or for any other reason, to be sure to come back to see me.

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Yours very truly,

(Sgd) C. H. SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

EQ Contra Costa Co

8/23/42
(Date)

Name: S. NEENO
(Print)

Address: 950 East Main St.
(Street and Number)

Brentwood Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Dept.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Office Mrs. Gates

Address: Brentwood Calif

Telephone Number: + 2 Depts.

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Report of 8/21/42 -

Neno claims no funds on hand - Mrs. Gates thinks they are carrying info. She has an agreement drawn in 1937 - no witnesses relative to a debt owed Neno by Shimamoto original owner of Equipment + property assigned to Mrs. Gates for unpaid accounts by Shimamoto who is serving a term

Action taken:*

Suggested Neeno a legal matter to be drawn up by his attorney + Mrs Neno + Mrs Gates to see if they could get together.

Handled by: C. H. T. Bradley

*Attach additional pages where necessary

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/21/42
(Date)

Name: S. NEENO
(Print)

Address: 950 East Main St
(Street and Number)

Brawley (Calif.)
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Nichols don't know

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: (1)

Person Interviewed: W. NICHOLS

Address: 541 E. St. Brawley

Telephone Number: 226

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

S. Neeno is leasing a mercantile property with dwelling in rear from Ollie B. Gates, sister of Nichols. Rent is believed $120.00. Nichols wants to know if he can accept Post Hostilities equipment from Patalo from Neeno in settlement of back rent voluntarily or if Neeno will not make as voluntary adjustment, what rights do they have in case of attachment. Neeno is now being investigated by naval authorities

Action taken:*

Advised voluntary settlement if possible under present circumstances advisable. Does not retain stock in trade if so would do so

Handled by: Gordon Nielsen
C. H. of Brawley
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/28/42
(Date)

Name: S. NEENO
(Print)

Address: 950 East Main St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Usa

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Rec Reports 3/21 & 3/23

Mrs. W. Sterrie phoned @ 5:15 P.M. 3/27 from Federal Reserve L.A. that they had received a telegram from Neeno that an attachment would be thrown up @ 6 P.M. & wanting relief. Neeno & Mrs. Gates were in Gustables office in Brawley @ 9:30 a.m. this morning - Called Mrs. Sterrie & wanted a clearance & will send equipment to a 3rd party anticipating to all concerned. Neeno denied sending any telegrams to Federal Reserve yesterday. I suggested they could make any satisfactory arrangement & instantly they wanted to and if Mr. Neeno wanted advice or action on our part to call in. This daughter called @ 10:30 a.m. & wanted to know what they stood. I asked her about the telegram & she said a friend had sent the telegram yesterday signing her father's name. I asked her if things were not satisfactory & she said no and I told her to have her father call right away & tell me the definite status of things & what they were trying to do.

Action taken:*

Handled by: Arnold
El Centro

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
Fiscal Agent of the United States

March 30, 1942
El Centro, Calif.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins: Re : S. NEENO

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Yours very truly,

(Sgd) C. H. SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: FRED NIISEKI
(Print)

Address: RT 3 Box 110
(Street and Number)
Hollister Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1915

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Fred & Dwight Niiseki

Address: Same

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has 40 acres of plums — some equipment
Lease runs until July 1943

Action taken:*

Suggested re the arrangements to sell equipment & fruits
get release from lease & end of crop season — arrange for removal &
harvest crop if to be harvested this season — will
try to do.

Handled by: C. H. B. Lowry

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: Niland Garment Mfg Co.
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)
Niland Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) _____ (Given) _____

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: W. O. Thomas

Address: Brawley Br. of C.

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Approx. 15 Japanese garments out for stock trucklies on open acc't notes due on demand - some financial payments written off on each account & turn over to Treasurer - cannot make no commitment.

Action taken:*
Suggested be kept in touch with each individual & request each use voluntarily on a mutually satisfactory basis - Come back with specific problems if any develop

Handled by: C. H. Denman

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/4/42
(Date)

Name: KAZUYOSHI NISHIKAWA
(Print)

Address: P.O. Box 368
(Street and Number)
Westmorland Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 8/26/1922

Operating under Treasury License now?: No.

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Vibrator Radio - Had short wave band removed 12/27/41
Then turned radio in to Police Chief of Westmorland.
Wants to sell it - Can it be released from U.S. Marshall
(L.A. for this area) & disposed of?

Action taken:*
Suggested Invite to LA Los Angeles office to ascertain if
this portion had connection in other areas & to come back to
us next week

Handled by: Brown
El Centro

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April 8th, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Reference is made to your letter of April 4th attached to Interview Report of K. Nishikawa. Any question or problem relative to the return, disposition or sale of radios or contraband now in the hands of the police departments should be referred directly to the law enforcement agency having possession of the articles in question.

It is our understanding that all such contraband articles are left in the hands of the police departments for custody for the duration and that a receipt has been given to the Japanese and all the rights of ownership or equity are to be retained by the Japanese. However, the Evacuee Property Department has no information or instructions relative to the disposition of these articles.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

CFL:ro

LOS ANGELES BRANCH
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO
FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, California

April 4th, 1942

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager
Federal Reserve Bank
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Bold:

Referring to our telephone conversation of this a.m.:

Attached is report of an interview with K. Nishikawa. He is a native born citizen of Japanese parentage. He turned in his Silvertone Radio to the Chief of Police in Westmorland (Imperial County) after having had the short wave band removed. As a citizen, has he lost all rights of an equity in this instrument? He has an opportunity to sell it to a white citizen. He want s to know if he can sell it and then, it being not in the ownership of a Japanese alien nor one of alien parentage, can the purchaser get it released from custody of the Westmorland police as representing the U. S. Marshal, who forthis area, is in Los Angeles and therefore not available for inquiries of this nature here.

In connection with this, a friend of his is a Japanese alien now in an internment camp who also had an electric Silvertone radio with the short-wave band NOT removed and delivered to the Chief of Police of Westmorland by the said alien in accordance with the contraband regulations. Has the alien any equity in that radio which could be disposed of to a white American citizen and could the purchaser secure the instrument from the U.S. Marshal's custody under similar circumstances as above set out? Or is it to be considered that no equity is in the Japanese until after the war, if then?

Yours very truly,

C. H. Small
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: NISIMOTO, LILY
(Print)

Address: 498 BROADWAY
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above Tom Brother

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Store + 4 apartments - Local - delinquent taxes - 1 item of a/c. Payable of several hundred dollars behind hereon a/c's Receivable are behind.

What to do?

Action taken:*

Recommended they get in touch with A.P. Nyffeler - Local representative realtor + endeavor to make arrangements to handle local matters + take care of delinquent taxes. We might be able to help on the items of a/c's Receivable + Payable if he has trouble

Handled by: _____

C.A.H. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 20, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Lily Nishimoto
(Print)

Address: 488 Broadway,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: no

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Tom Nishimoto- brother

Address: above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report March 24, 1942.

Report they have given a power of attorney to Harold Tyler, Realtor of El Centro, to handle their store and 4 apartments during their evacuated period, and to end avor to collect their accounts receivable.

Action taken:*

Closing file.

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hisakichi Nomura
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 67
(Street and Number)

Calexico, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Ysabel Moreno

Address: Mexicali, Mexico, B.C.

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Moreno has a bill of sale for a wagon, float, 2 V's and other farming equipment (all itemized) for a consideration of $55 cash.

Action taken:*

Reported for record purposes only if the U.S.Customs officials at the border want to check back.

MAY 25 1942

Handled by: C. H. H. Army

El Centro, Calif.

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P. O. Box 56
Niland, California
March 22, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Evacuee Consultant
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you for advise. I have heard many rumors that if you are going to a government set up camp for instance, Owens Valley, all the Japanese's assets, in this case, money will be pooled together by the government and with this money, the government would take care of the evacuees from the prohibited zones. If this is the truth when this war is over, consequently the Japanese would leave the government camps completely peniless and would have to start from scratch again. I would like you to advise me if such rumors are true as I have heard many rumors to that effect.

My family and I are undecided where to go at the present time. We would like to leave voluntarily to a government set up camp.

Thanking you in advance for an immediate reply, I remain,

Very truly yours,

T. Kumata

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 6, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Kat Kastuoku Oak Obayashi
(Print)

Address: Box 1719
(Street and Number)

Niland, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Feb. 28, 1913- Not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Purchased a 1941 Ford Sedan from Edgar Bros. Ford Store in Brawley on or about February 1, 1942, for approximately $1,045 with a trade-in allowance of $370 - contract executed to Edgar Bros. afterwards assigned to Bank of America, Brawley, for approximately $894 - with monthly instalments of $49.66 due 1st of each month. March and April payments have been made - unpaid balance about $795.

In event evacuee is permitted to take his car with him, he is willing to place enough funds in the Bank of America, Brawley Branch to fully pay the balance with instructions to charge this account with the monthly instalments as they become due. The Bank has advised him that he cannot take the car out of the State even with such an arrangement,

Action taken:*

Bank of America Manager, Jas. Thompson, says he did not tell Obayashi that he would not permit him to take the car out of the State - says he did tell him he would not give him a written permit to take the car out of the State but that if Obayashi did take the car out with permission of the Army authorities, the Bank would probably not disturb him under PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS so long as the contract was not in default. Obayashi is going to endeavor to line up a deal for sale of his equity if the Evacuation order prohibits taking of cars from this area in evacuating.

Handled by: [illegible]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

(HIRO) Inv ~~Name~~ 3/23/42
(Date)

Name: MRS. N. OKAMURA. (Print) Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: 424 Broadway (Street and Number)
El Centro Calif. (City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Mrs. Murphy, Secy
Address: Red Cross
Telephone Number: 224

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Son Toteo Okamura - Private 821st Engrs. Treasury
(Father) Hunford N. Okamura in internment camp in
No. Dakota. Mrs Okamura + 2 sons 17 + 15 starting
grocery store - trying to liquidate.
Desire inquiry thru Red Cross what will become of
his mother + Brothers

Action taken:*
Arranged with Red Cross work with Jap. Assurance Division Los Angeles

Handled by:
CWIO Army

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Name: Mrs. N. (Hiro) Okamura
(Print)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Address: 424 Broadway,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Gabe Abdelnour

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/23/42

Mr. Abdelhour states his brother Joe Abdelnour of El Centro bought the stock in trade of Mrs. Okamura and has bill of sale.

Mrs. Okamura does not come in in reply to my letters so assume this deal is satisfactory.

Action taken:*

Closing file.

Handled by: [signature]
, El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

March 20/42
(Date)

Name: OKOTSO - J
(Print)

Address: El Centro
(Street and Number)

(City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap Natl

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Don't know

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

(1)

Person Interviewed: George Connor

Address: Atty for Ben Hulse & Co

Telephone Number: R 186 - Auto dealers

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

The Jap Okotsu is in concentration camp - Had car not paid for - behind on payments - Connor wants know how to proceed to protect Ben Hulse & Co —

Action taken:*

advised Mr. Connor to seize the car and make disposal of it to satisfy the claim —

Handled by: Gordon Hulbert
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 25, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Terry Okida
(Print)

Address: 437 Broadway,
(Street and Number)
El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult:
Minor: x
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1924- In Japan several months in 1939 back May, 1940

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has Yen 260.57 in currency which was the remainder of the money he had when he returned from Japan. Is there any report he has to make regarding this or does he have to turn it in to the Federal authorities?

Action taken:*

Will write to our Los Angeles office to ascertain.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 25th, 1942.

Evacuee Property Department,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Can you give me any information regarding the enclosed request for information relative to a minor, American-born Japanese, who has some Japanese currency?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 28, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Referring to your letter of April 25, 1942 inquiring as to whether Terry Okida is required to report or to turn over to Federal authorities Japanese yen currency in his possession.

Mr. Okida may retain possession of the currency and no report to the Federal Reserve Bank is necessary.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 13, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Sinji Okubo
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1908 - Aug. 25th - not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/9/42 & correspondence with Mr. Gordon Williams
Letter from Affiliated Merchants April 11, 1942, with release of attachment and assignment of funds with guarantee.

Settlement offered refused by Okubo.

Action taken:*

Copy of letter to Affiliated Merchants of today attached hereto.
$50 deposit put up by Okubo April 11th returned to him today.

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

Copy for Mr. Gordon Williams,
Evacuee Property Dep't, Federal Reserve Bank
707 South Spring St., Los Angeles.

Letter written by C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative, Evacuee Property Dep't
Federal Reserve Bank, El Centro, Calif.

El Centro, Calif.,
April 13th, 1942.

File with report 4-9-42

Affiliated Merchants Association,
331 W.H.Hellman Building,
354 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith the assignment in duplicate and release of attachment in duplicate which accompanied Mr. Wall's letter to me of April 11th, which papers have not been used per your instructions.

Mr. Sinji Okubo, in whose care the 1941 Dodge sedan under attachment has been, and who states that he actually made the original deal with the Highland Fruit Company and secured the $200 advance, the balance of which of $154.10 is stated to be the original basis of the action, claims that he worked for the Highland Fruit Company off and on during the past two or three years; and that he has not been paid in full for his services. He claims he has certain offsets against this account.

He also claims that the other item in the settlement assignment offered him (amounting to $64.50) was a debt of his brother S.T.Okubo, now in the armed forces of the United States (army). The auto is in the name of the said brother S.T.Okubo and in reality belongs to S.T.Okubo and that it is in the name of Robertson & Puringer as Legal owner with an unpaid balance of approximately $525 due them.

He would have possibly accepted a compromise settlement and advanced certain funds (if he could have borrowed them) for his brother's benefit if the said compromise settlement offered was in the neighborhood of the original debts without the what he calls "excessive costs". It seems another Los Angeles collection agency has adopted similar tactics and secured a writ of attachment on his crops from the Los Angeles Municipal Court without endeavoring to make a settlement direct on the basis of the amount owed. He claims he has had satisfactory dealings over many years with the Highland Fruit Company - secured advances which were repaid out of sale of crops handled thru them - that these advances were never due until the crops were harvested and sold and it was never necessary for accounts to be handled thru collection agencies and on writs of attachment.

His crops have been assigned to his landlord. The legal owner of the auto will have first crack on the auto, and he thinks his brother S.T.Okubo may have some rights against writs and attachments because he is in the U.S. Army.

The papers are returned because he is unable to pay the amount demanded in cash now to settle your claims per your letter ~~in cash now~~ and because of the other attachment, Mr. James is unable to "guarantee" that he will be able to pay the amount specified out of crop returns after rent and operating expenses are taken care of and the amount specified in the other attachment, and accordingly will not acknowledge the assignment in the form you have it drawn.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

~~Copy to Gordon Williams~~

P.S.- As a suggestion for what it may be worth -
In this case and others involving Imperial Valley accounts which you may have for collection, if it would not pay you to have a representative here to make personal contact with the debtors with power to adjust claims as circumstances might warrant, wouldn't you have more success by sending your claims to the Imperial Valley Credit Association at El Centro, for instance, with such authority delegated to them? If attachments were necessary, they could then secure them in the local courts but this would be a last resort and consequently costs could be kept to a minimum with much better prospects of getting most of the original amounts of claims paid if not the full amounts.

✓ Copy - Gordon Williams

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/18
(Date)

Name: Okabu, S. (Print)

Address: El Centro (Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Telephone: X
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 4/17 Rec letter from Cal[illegible] mail, Imp El Centro, Cal.

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

3rd report

Principal property ~~involved~~ and scope of problem:

Regarding above party's car tied up by sheriff because of debt. The original deal to pay $50 & note for bal. fell thru because local Collection agency (affiliated Merchants Assoc) added too many collection charges. I phone Mr. Wall & told him we thought he was very unjust in this & suggested taking things a little further along. He then cut off $45 & made a flat cash deal of $207.00 for immediate settlement which I phone Orwall on & accept his word it Japanese can rare Hatt.

Action taken:*

Handled by: GV Walhand

*Attach additional pages where necessary

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 25th, 1942.

Mr. John R. Wall,
Affiliated Merchants Association,
331 H.W.Hellman Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir :

Replying to your special delivery letter of yesterday :

I conveyed your settlement offer to Mr. Okubo a week ago as soon as I could get hold of him following my receipt of the details by telephone from Mr. Gordon Williams of our Los Angeles office. He promised to be back in to see me on Monday, April 20th, with information as to whether he could raise the funds ($207) to settle your claim.

He finally today told me that he was unable to raise the necessary funds and would therefore be forced to permit the attachment and other legal steps on your part and third party claims to be ajudicated by the Court. He states he has filed somewhere (I was unable to ascertain where) certain affidavits regarding his ownership of assets and responsibility as to liabilities as between himself and his brother S.T.Okubo.

Under the circumstances, there doesn't appear to me to be any basis for further action on our part at this time as between him and his creditors in connection with this particular attachment as he has definitely refused to settle on the basis offered.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Copy- Mr. Gordon Williams
707 South Spring Street, L.A.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 25, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Sinji Okubo
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1908, August 25th Not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/9/42 and subsequent correspondence

Affiliated Merchants Association who have the bank account and automobile tied up under attachment and demanded approximately $285 to settle, offered thru Mr. Gordon Williams of Los Angeles office of Federal Reserve Bank, to grant full release for approximately $207.

I gave this information to Mr. Okubo April 18th and he was going to try to borrow this amount and report back to me definitely April 20th. He did not come back nor report in. I sent word to him that I must have a definite answer by today.

He reports that he does not intend to take advantage of the compromise settlement as he was unable to borrow the necessary $207, and to let matters take their course.

Action taken:*

I am writing the Affiliated Merchants Association today that the compromise offer is refused.
I understand there is close to $100 in one of the bank accounts under attachment so that Okubo did not have to borrow the entire $207. I have also been informed that Okubo could have borrowed or secured the entire amount if he had wanted to. It is my impression that he has been stalling along and that some attorney has been advising him that he has certain rights which can be set up before judgment is rendered against him. Okubo is not telling me the whole story and following that course, so I am closing my file.

Handled by: [signature]

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

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Affiliated Merchants Association

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Commercial Law League of America

April 24, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank
State St.
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Sir: re: Affiliated Merchants
vs: Okubo

Some time ago we made a proposition of settlement of the above matter to Mr. Williams and he informed us that he submitted this proposition to you. Yesterday we received several third party claims covering the bank account and the car. We are satisfied from the information we have that the person who calls himself Sinji is the actual debtor and he merely uses the name S. T. Okubo to cover up. From all indications he has a brother S. T. in the Army but we are informed by responsible people in El Centro that S. T. has had nothing to do with this farm or the car for years and that in fact the only one that used this car was Sinji. We, of course, are ready to go forward with this matter but we are forced to combat all of these third party claims and other actions on part of this defendant. Naturally it will mean added expense but in the long run the defendant must pay. We have no desire to maintain a long drawn out law suit or to keep running up the costs on this defendant. However we have only five (5) days in which to post a bond on these third party claims and it is therefore necessary that if this defendant intends to do anything, that it be done immediately. The writer conveyed this information to Mr. Williams of your Los Angeles office and he advised that we give you this information in an effort to settle this matter up before the costs amount to more than the original indebtedness.

An immediate reply from you regarding our offer of compromise will indeed be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

AFFILIATED MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

JRW:mf By John R. Wall

AFFILIATIONS IN ALL PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE THE UNITED STATES

BONDED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau

W. W. GRAY
SEC'Y MGR.

943-A SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONES { TRinity 9194
TRinity 9195
TRinity 9196

CREDIT REPORTS
COLLECTIONS
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April 17, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges your letter of April 15, in connection with our previous letter addressed to S. Okubo, 441 Broadway, El Centro, California.

The writer was named as assignee for benefit of creditors of Citizens Produce Company. It might be well to explain that Citizens Produce Company succeeded Highland Fruit Company when that concern could no longer obtain a license to do business from the State Department of Agriculture. In succeeding Highland Fruit Company, Citizens Produce Company assumed all outstanding obligations and thereby became liable for any amount which may have been owing by Highland Fruit Company to S. Okubo.

There was no indication on the records of Citizens Produce Company or Highland Fruit Company that the account against Mr. Okubo had been turned over to a collection agency for handling, and consequently we wrote, making demand upon him in the name of the writer as assignee, for payment of the amount which the books showed.

This letter is being dictated after office hours and we have not yet had an opportunity to discuss the situation with Affiliated Merchants, the collection agency. Naturally, since that organization has seen fit to attempt to collect from him through suit, it is proper that he obtain the services of an attorney, and set forth his case in proper form.

In addition to handling the liquidation of the above-named concern, the writer is also handling the liquidation of about seven or eight other Japanese produce wholesalers. In each liquidation, I am confronted with the problem of attempting to collect very substantial sums owing to each one of the produce wholesalers by growers to whom the wholesalers have advanced money for the purpose of producing a crop. Under the most favorable circumstances, liquidation of this

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class of debt is extremely difficult. The form letter referred to, quotes paragraph three of U. S. Treasury License 68-A was composed some time ago as has been used over and over again. I had no knowledge that this paragraph had been deleted from General License 68-A.

For a time, when I was closely in contact with the local Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Lindquist, Mr. Reynolds, Morgan Craft, and others in the local branch of the Federal Reserve Bank were sending down each new circular which was being issued from San Francisco, realizing that this office was cooperating closely to try to smooth out a very confused situation. When we were no longer closely in touch with the Federal Reserve Bank, these circulars, two or three of which were issued daily at times, were no longer sent to us, and consequently we had no knowledge that the third paragraph had been deleted.

To be quite frank, Mr. Small, we hoped that by the verbatim quoting of the third paragraph, to impress some of the growers with the necessity of liquidating the amounts which they owed wholesalers.

Were we out-of-bounds?

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

W. W. Gray
SECRETARY-MANAGER

WWG/nm

April 18th, 1942.

Mr. Gordon Williams, Evacuee Property Dep't.
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Gordon :

Per our telephone conversation yesterday - I got hold of Okubo and he is going to rustle around over the week end and try to borrow the required $207 to settle the Affiliated Merchants Association attachment. He promises to be here Monday morning sure either with the money or to tell me just what he can do. If he has the money, I'll either wire you or telephone you to that effect and hold the funds for the Affiliated and try to get the constable to release his car. If he hasn't the cash, I'll write you the story.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif., April 11th, 1942.

Received from SINJI OKUBO the sum of FIFTY & no/100 ($50.00) on account in connection with writ of attachment on 1941 Dodge Sedan by AFFILIATED MERCHANTS, a corporation to S.T.OKUBO et al - principal of two claims of $154.10 and $64 respectively plus costs - balance to be accounted for by note and assignment from proceeds of crops to GEORGE JONES.

C.H.H.SMALL, Field Representative.

Received back the above $50.00 pending final settlement of this matter.

Sinji Okubo.

4/13/42 4:55 p.m.

El Centro, Calif. April 12th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Bold :

Referring to our correspondence regarding attachments :

Here is a typical case of how this is working out. Case of S. T. OKUBO et al - my report of interview of April 9th in name of SINJI OKUBO and letter to Gordon Williams of April 9th.

In the first place, S.T.OKUBO (Senji Thomas Okubo) a native born citizen and now in the U.S.Army would be protected against attachments for himself by the moratorium against individuals in the armed forces of the U.S. His native born citizen brother SINJI OKUBO however, has acquired some interest in S.T.OKUBO's affairs by virtue of commingling assets in order to handle things for his brother during his absence along with his own for convenience and it would be a long involved affair to segregate each item. Creditors of either would therefore naturally tie everything up in view of early evacuation knowing that the present resident (Sinji) would endeavor to settle things in order to know where he stands.

One attachment by the Affiliated Merchants (collection agency in Los Angeles) was for the balance of an account now $154.10 incurred by Sinji Okubo in October, 1941, on the usual basis of an original advance for crop purposes of $200 to be repaid from handling crops by the Highland Fruit Company for marketing. This was in order as late as February, 1942, when the Highland Fruit Company credited Okubo with $45.90 reducing the balance to $154.10. They then faded out and were succeeded by a Japanese concern, the Citizens Produce Company, which had to liquidate for the evacuation. It was thus impossible for Okubo to ship his crops thru either of them or the account would have been cleaned up ere this. This balance was assigned to the collection agency Affiliated Merchants. If the collection agency would have followed out the recommended procedure of contacting Okubo directly or thru the Federal Reserve Bank representative here, or transferred the claim to a local Collection Agency (such as the Imperial Valley Credit Association - a bona fide agency and member of the State and National Credit Association organizations) assignments could have been worked out.

Instead of that, writ of attachment was obtained thru the Los Angeles Municipal Court. This was then combined with another case against S.T. OKUBO of an original amount of $30 but now increased to $64.50 thru costs of judgment, etc. I have a demand from the Affiliated Merchants for $242 plus costs in connection with this writ of attachment tying up the automobile which will conceivably run the amount of settlement demanded to $280 or more to settle two accounts which a couple of months ago were

only $185.10 and which would have been settled in due course by regular assignments from proceeds of crop sales. In addition, Okubo has been put to personal expense of hiring an automobile to properly conduct his farming operations while the car tied up by the attachment is stored in a public garage by the constable, who, incidentally broke a window in the car to release the brakes and had it towed to the garage at 9 p.m. April 8th when he picked it up after the 8 p.m. deadline when Okubo must remain in his home by the Army curfew regulations.

The demand of the Affiliated Merchants which I just received this morning accompanying the release of attachment contains this "Mr. Williams has assured us that Mr. Jones (the assignee named to settle the claim thru sale of crops) will be working under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank and therefore we take it that we are in fact dealing with the Bank rather than Mr. Jones and that Mr. Jones is merely a functionary between the Bank and the debtor".

We know that Mr. Williams nor anyone else would give the impression that we would have control of the crops or proceeds of any deal promoted between individuals without necessary impounding facilities being invoked. The assignment which they have drawn up from Okubo to Jones in favor of the Affiliated Merchants has an acceptance to be signed by Jones guaranteeing payment of the $242 (in addition to the $50 already in my hands on account from Okubo). Now they have the auto tied up, naturally they would not release the attachment without a guarantee (if they could get it) of securing the funds. On the other hand Simji Okubo and George Jones neither one know whether other like attachments may not show up involving accounts of S.T. Okubo (now in the Army and not available for information). They hesitate to make such a guarantee on the part of Jones and I, representing the Bank, handling the adjustment under the instructions of the Affiliated Merchants containing the clause above referred to, certainly am not going to deliver the release of attachment to the constable unless the account is paid in full, compromised by the plaintiff, or on the basis of the guarantee signed by Jones (who is responsible) and irrevocable on his part, so the Bank will not be involved later.

I have recommended this morning to Okubo and Jones that they make some arrangement to pay off the claim in full in cash to be advanced by Jones now so that possible other attachments would not interfere with his full right to collect his prior advance of cash, or else let the auto remain in custody of the attachment and let the Affiliated Merchants and the legal owner of the car try to get their claims out of disposal of the car after evacuation. Okubo is going to come back in to see me tomorrow as to what they intend to do. But the point of the whole thing is that it is costing the defendant Okubo, a U.S.citizen, over 50% of the original claims in addition to the claims and causing a lot of commotion, uproar, expense to us, and ill feeling all around which would have been eliminated if the matter had been referred to us in the first place without going into court by the Affiliated Merchants.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

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April 11, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small,
Field Representative, Federal Reserve Bank,
State Street,
El Centro, Calif.

RE: AFFILIATED MERCHANTS
vs. Okubo

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith assignment drawn by the debtor on George Jones of El Centro who your Mr. Williams of Los Angeles informs us is to handle the crops of the debtor and collect all monies due him from the sale of the said crops. Naturally we do not know this Mr. Jones, but Mr. Williams has assured us that Mr. Jones will be working under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank, and therefore we take it that we are in fact dealing with the bank rather than Mr. Jones, and that Mr. Jones is merely a functionary between the bank and the debtor.

In accordance with the writer's agreement with Mr. Williams we are enclosing herewith releases to the constable and an assignment from the debtor to ourselves drawn on Mr. Jones in the sum of $242.00. This $242.00 covers $64.50 due on an execution and $177.50 due on the attachment.

We have no way of knowing what the constable's costs are in this matter and therefore cannot give the credits at this time on the debt due. However, as soon as we learn from the constable the amount of his costs we will apply whatever sum is necessary from the $50.00 paid us to that amount first and the balance on the $242.00. The reason it must be done in this manner is that Mr. Williams desires that we use all possible haste to release this debtor's car as he believes that it is absolutely essential that he have it in order to conduct his business affairs and take care of his crops.

You are privileged to use the releases and have the debtor's car released when you have for us the sum of $50.00 together with the enclosed assignment properly executed and receipted for by Mr. Jones.

Mr. Williams states that Mr. Jones is thoroughly

Mr. C. H. Small:
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responsible, however, he has no information on him. We would therefore appreciate your having Mr. Jones affix his address to the original assignment together with his acceptance of the same, and also to inform us just what his business is as a matter of future reference.

Thanking you for your courtesy and assuring you that we are at all times willing to co-operate with your office, we are

Yours very truly,

AFFILIATED MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

JRW:EL

By John P. Hall

P.S. Please have this assignment acknowledged before a Notary Public and also attach to this a certified copy of the debtor's Power of Attorney that he claims to have from his brother so that there be no slip up in the future as to whether or not the assignor had the proper authority to execute this assignment.

154.10 + 23.40 = 177.50
30.- + 24.50 - 64.50
184.10 57.90 242 —
+ 5.50 Certification Costs
63.40

PM 8/23 mailed out @ 9 P.M.

El Centro, Calif. April 9, 1942.

Mr. Gordon Williams,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Williams : Re : S. T. OKUBO

Referring to our telephone conversations of today and the attached report :

I wrote the report before our second conversation and also before I had some additional facts.

First regarding the 1941 Dodge Sedan in the name of S.T.Okubo: When S.T.Okubo left for the army, he had just purchased the car from Robertson & Duringer and owed them practically the full purchase price. Sinji Okubo, the brother who is here, paid off one payment of $250 and the second payment of $382 and in due time expects to pay the balance of $535 so that as a matter of equity, he will be the real owner of the car.

The advance of $200 secured from the Highland Fruit Company in October, 1941, was secured by Sinji Okubo and was the usual form of crop advance to be repaid by retains from crops shipped on consignment to that Company. He received credit of $44.65 January 8, 1942, from the Highland Fruit Co. perstatement which he has shown to me and another credit of $1.25, making the net balance $154.10 which he intended paying from proceeds of the crops but which it is impossible to ship thru the Highland Fruit Co. or their successors the Citizens Produce Co. because they are out of existence. But that shouldn't give some collector the right to demand payment in advance of the marketing of the crops in variance with the terms under which the advance was obtained. Where the reference to a due date of August 25, 1941, was raised as set out in the complaint wikth the attachment which was before any advance was obtained, is a mystery to Okubo.

He has arranged with his landlord, a Mr. George Jones, to proceed with the handling his 35 acres of cantaloupes after his evacuation, the other 30 acres of crops consisting of squash and small vegetables has been mostly harvested but some of it is still going to market, being handled thru and by the said George Jones. Sinji Okubo is willing to give an order on Jones to pay this balance of $154.10 and also the other item you mentioned of $64 (which he knows of and which is a debt of S.T.Okubo) from the proceeds of these crops to whoever is entitled to the funds.

He is coming in to see me tomorrow morning to see what if anything he can do towards getting the car back so he can do his necessary work, his arrangement with Jones being that as long as he was here he would actively supervise the crops. The car is tied up by the Constable in the Pioneer Garage here in El Centro.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 9, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Sinji Okubo
(Print)

Address: 441 Broadway
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1908 - August 25th

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Same

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Brother of S.T.Okubo (Senji Thomas Okubo - age 28 - also native born citizen now in U. S. Army). Has been farming 65 acres of farm land at Niland. Lease is in Sinji Okubo's name. On or about October, 1941, they secured an advance from Highland Fruit Company on the basis of consigning their vegetable crops to the Highland Fruit Co., Los Angeles, and having this and other advances which might be made deducted from the proceeds. Highland Fruit Co. is understood to have gone "broke" and taken over by the Citizens Produce Company, ~~South~~ 678 San Julian St., Los Angeles. Sinji Okubo has in his care one 1941 Dodge Sedan belonging to his brother S.T.Okubo. The local constable last evening at 9 p.m. served an attachment on Sinji Okubo and took possession of S.T.Okubo's car. Attachment was issued out of Municipal Court of Los Angeles in the case of Affiliated Merchants vs. S.T.Okubo et al, complaint stating Affiliated Merchants are in possession of an assigned claim from the Citizens Produce Company in amount $154.10 covering advances which was due August 25,1941. Sinji Okubo states the amount of the advance is approximately correct but was not advanced until October, 1941, and he intended to pay out of proceeds of cantaloupe crop. No facilities for

Action taken: ~~Making~~ an answer to the case in Los Angeles Court. Sinji Okubo's efforts to comply with evacuation orders and dispose of his farming crops, etc. are being retarded because of lack of possession of the automobile. Can something be done.

Advised to get along the best he could and I would write to our Los Angeles office to see if they could find out some further details.

Re letter Pres date

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/1/42
(Date)

Name: I. OKUTSU
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Imperial Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Many years

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Joe Bowman

Address: Imperial

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Okutsu in internment camp. Owns farm as guardian for native-born children. Wife originally incorporation. ~~Bowman~~ Bowman willing to buy equipment. Inventory involved in the attachment by Hulse Inactor & Eqpt. Co. Wants to pay off attachment. Hulse says requisite over attachment amount.

D. C. Williams ~~from~~ attorney, drawing up contract of sale for equipment + power of attorney for Bowman to operate ranch + sending to Okutsu for signature.

Action taken:*

Advised that same account be submitted for consideration for purchase of a feasible equity in tractor.

Handled by: [signature]
E. Curtis

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: SAHARA - HIROSHI
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: R#1 Box 1[illegible]
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has tractor purchased from Edgar Implement Co. Inc, El Centro, 1/2 paid for balance of $1600 under contract purchased by Father as guardian under court order. Wants to know if government will retain tractor during evacuation & protect them without further payments until they return

1) Guardianship for all funds in hands of Hickox & Dunbar - Dunbar is now dead & Hickox sold his interest in Brawley Partnership. Who is their attorney

2)

Action taken:*

1 - Suggested he talk to Edgar Implement & Atty & get offer for equity. If not waived fair come back & report

2 - Called attorney Hickox & sent letter down to confirm

Handled by: C. H. V. Jones

*Attach additional pages where necessary

EW

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 30th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Shogo George Saito
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Address: Rt. 1 Box 134½
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name ____ (Surname) ____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 1913- Never out.

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has 2 returned checks of Citizens Produce Co., 1070 San Julian St., Los Angeles

#8091	3/24/42-	$35.11	to S. Saito
8212	3/27/42-	$22.72	"

drawn on City Market Office, California Bank

a/c assigned to W.W.Gray Assignee

Saito wrote to Gray about April 20th- no reply.

Action taken:*

Writing to W.W.Gray, Assignee for a number of these concerns in like circumstances per copy of letter attached.

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.
April 30th, 1942.

Mr. W. W. Gray, Assignee,
c/o Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau,
943-A South San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gray :

I have written to you several times about various Japanese firms there in Los Angeles, some of whom I know you are assignee for, who have issued checks for produce to Imperial County residents, and which checks have been returned by the Los Angeles banks upon whom drawn, marked "account in hands of assignee" or similar reasons. So far I am without information as to what arrangements have been made to honor these checks. There are so many of them that I hesitate to advise each of the holders to file a claim with the State Market enforcement division if some arrangements have been made to take care of them.

Will you please let me know by return mail if possible whether arrangements have been made by the assignee or other interests to take care of these checks for the following Companies or if you know why claims should or should not be entered in each case with the State Bureau?

Bay City Produce Co., 1011 San Pedro Street
United Farmers Association, 1109 San Pedro St.,
Venice Produce Co., 1101 San Pedro St.,
Venice Celery Distributors, 1101 San Pedro St.
Citizens Produce Company, 1070 San Julian Street
T & Y Produce Company (in another matter you told me you were assignee for this Company)

Your prompt reply will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Copy- Mr. Bold.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: SAKURAI Miss Yoshiko
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: Rt 2 Box 104
(Street and Number)
Hotville Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: [redacted]
Minor: X
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Just returned from college - Father in concentration camp. She + brother + mother have life insurance policies some about 12 years - Can't make premium payments due in June. What to do?

Where can I get a job in evacuation service - majored in laboratory technician in college?

Action taken:*

1 — Borrow policies in as I can go over there + see what they are

2 - apply to Japanese American Citizens League for advice

Handled by:
C. F. T. Brown

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 30, 1942.
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) Teru Sanbonmatsu
(Print) (widow)

Address: P.O.Box 27
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1920

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mitsu Sanbonmatsu
American born son age 22

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Leased an owned produce packing shed in Holtville, Calif. to Al Messera & Co. of Delano & Watsonville, Calif., December 27, 1941, to April 2, 1942. When Messera moved out, they took with them part of the equipment belonging to Mrs. Sanbonmatsu. Despite repeated demands for return, Massera does not reply nor produce the equipment.

Action taken:*

I have written to Massera at Delano regarding same.

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 23rd, 1942.
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) Teru Sanbonmatsu
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 27
(Street and Number)
Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1920

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: H.P.Smith,
Address: c/o Holtville Ice & Cold Storage Co., Holtville, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/30/42

Since report have been in correspondence with Messera Co. who promised to see that all equipment was returned. Mr. Smith of Holtville Ice & Cold Storage Co. has power of attorney from Sanbonmatsu to handle matters for Sonbonmatsu. He tells me that all equipment was returned by Messera Co. except some roller equipment which has been shipped by Messera from Delano but not received as yet. Assures me that this matter has been satisfactorily adjusted.

Action taken:*

Closing file.

Handled by: Smalley
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

HOLTVILLE ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO.
HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA

May 7, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

Please be referred to your letter of May 4, 1942 relative to certain tools and/or equipment belonging to the Sanbonmatsu shed which are in the possession of Al Massera & Company.

In checking over the tools and/or equipment in the Sanbonmatsu shed at the time that we took over the leasing of the shed I was informed by Mr. Massera that he had some of the tools and/or equipment belonging to the shed at Delano and that in two or three weeks he would be through with said tools and/or equipment and would return them at that time. Having no immediate need in the shed at that time for the equipment that Mr. Massera had I made no protest.

I contacted Mr. Massera this morning by long distance phone pertaining to this equipment and I was informed that he would make immediate shipment of this equipment by P.F.L. and that it should be in the valley by Saturday so that it may be declared at the time that the Sanbonmatsus' sign up for their evacuation.

I feel that Mr. Massera will take some action on getting this equipment back here immediately. If it does not come through I will get in touch with you.

Yours very truly,

HOLTVILLE ICE & COLD STG. CO.

By H. P. Smith
H. P. Smith

HPS:jcg

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 4th, 1942.

Mr. Smith,
Holtville Ice & Cold Storage Co.,
Holtville, Calif.

Dear Sir :

On April 30th, Mr. Sanbanmatsu reported to me that Al Massera & Co. had not accounted for certain tools and/or equipment in delivering up possession of the Sanbonmatsu shed under terms of a certain lease in April, 1942. I wrote to said Company atDelano relative thereto and for your information, quote a portion of Mr. Messara's reply to me dated May 2nd :

"Please be advised that we had a full understanding with Mr. Smith of the Holtville Ice. Co., in whose ~~xxxx~~ hands the leasing of this property was placed. Before leaving ~~x~~ that vicinity, a deal was arranged with Mr. Smith concerning the return of the equipment, etc.

Kindly check with Mr. Smith in this matter as I can assure that I have no intention of removing other peoples property without authority so to do."

I today advised Mr. Sanbonmatsu to get in touch with you to ascertain what "deal" Mr. Massera made with you in regard to this. Will you please let me know how this works out?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

OFFICE PHONES 1023 - 1024
RESIDENCE PHONE 1359

P. O. BOX 452

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AL MASSERA & CO.

GROWERS - PACKERS - SHIPPERS
CALIFORNIA FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
WATSONILLE, CALIFORNIA

May 2, 1942

C. H. H. Small
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr Small:

We are very much surprised to receive your letter of April thirtieth, concerning the equipment at the shed in Holtville, which we leased from Mrs Sanbonmatsu.

Please be advised that we had a full understanding with Mr Smith, of the Holtville Ice Co., in whose hands the leasing of this property was placed. Before leaving that vicinity, a deal was arranged with Mr Smith concerning the return of equipment, etc.

Kindly check with Mr Smith, in this matter, as I can assure that I have no intention of removing other peoples property without authority to do so.

I hope this will serve to clear this matter to the complete satisfaction of all concerned.

Very truly,

Al Massera

AM:BH

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 30th, 1942.

Al Messera & Co.,
Delano, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I am informed that you leased a certain produce shed in Holtville from Mrs. T. Sanbonmatsu from December, 1941, to April, 1942, and that when vacating the premises you took certain tools and/or equipment belonging to Mrs. Sanbonmatsu; that you have been notified of this by the Holtville Ice & Cold Storage Co., on behalf of Mrs. Sanbonmatsu but that you have heretofore declined to make any reply.

Will you please let me know by return mail if arrangements have been made to return the items in question or will pay for same? Prompt action is imperative in view of the impending Japanese evacuation from this area in accordance with the orders of the U.S.Military authorities.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: MARY SATO
(Print)

Address: 731 1st.
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: about Mother Home

Address: as above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Takeshi Sato - Brother 23 } American Born
Teiko " - Sister 25 }

(Owns 2 lots (4 houses + 1 shop building + used House) ~~out~~ in names of above > all occupied by Japanese. Want to turn them over to Si Corp of Brawley to handle for them during evacuation - sell or rent them.

What to do.

Action taken:*

Get an attorney to draw up power-of-attorney for both to register (in order to manage property) to Si Corp - who is a reputable realtor of Brawley

Handled by: C. H. H. Brown

*Attach additional pages where necessary

EW

March 25th, 1942.

Mr. Stanley Ikerd,
512 North Oxford,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Ikerd :

Replying to your letter of yesterday regarding TOSHIO SATO :

I am informed that Mr. Herbert Lowdermilk is the legally appointed guardian of Toshio - C.B.Smith, attorney. Mr. Lowdermilk states that the Sato property, being #458 Broadway, El Centro, is rented to a Chinese operating as the New Shanghai Cafe - not under lease but on a month to month basis and this arrangement has existed for years. He knows of no prospective failure of the tenant to keep on renting the property and no action required of Sato at this time in connection with it.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: M. SEKI
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Irvine Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: N Aa.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above
"

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Above land - Has auto contract with Security Bank $390 Balance
Has letter from Bank To come in regarding it

Action taken:*

Told him to go to Bank & ask what they want

Handled by: just to see him
C. H. Arnow

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 20th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Toyoki Seriguchi
(Print)

Address: Rt. 3 Box ~~38~~ 39,
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Toyotsugu Seriguchi

Address: American born son 22 years old

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/8/42

Filled out papers for 1942 Plymouth to be turned over to Federal Reserve Bank for sale to Army upon registering for evacuation May 17th

Action taken:*

Persuaded the dealer, Haas Bros. Motor Co, of El Centro, to repossess the car, pay off the Bank loan, and give Seriguchi about $200 cash. Blue book value is $825 so that this settlement gives Seriguchi his cash now, is certain as to terms of settlement, and in all probability is at a higher figure than the Army would have bought it for inasmuch as they will not exceed Blue Book value and would certainly have some deductions for reconditioning.

File closed

Handled by: C. A. H. Small

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El Centro, Calif.

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.
May 18th, 1942.

Mr. Toyotsugu Seriguchi,
Rt. 3 Box 39,
Holtville, Calif.

Dear Toyo :

In case you did not get the word today that I asked Chioko Yoshida to send you, I am writing this note to you.

I have prevailed on Mr. Haas of Haas Motor Company, El Centro, to buy your car from you if it is in the condition I represented to him that it was. In this way, you will get out of it what the Army would pay for it (and probably a little better) and get your money right away instead of some indefinite time in the future. I suggest, therefore, that you drive it over to El Centro tomorrow and see Mr. Haas and have him look it over - none of his men but Mr. Russell Haas himself, and talk to him about it. I expect to be in my office most of the day tomorrow and will be glad to talk to you about it if you want to. I know you told my men in Brawley to turn it over to the Army, but if I OK your deal with Haas, I'll take care of those other instructions.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 8th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: TOYOKI SERIGUCHI
(Print)

Address: Rt. 3 Box 39
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: TOYOTSUGU SERIGUCHI
American born son 22 years old
Address: Same

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has a 1942 Plymouth sedan cost $1,300 - contract thru Haas Bros. Motor Co., El Centro, to Bank of America unpaid balance $614 due $307 May 24th & balance 9/24/42.

Can only sell to a dealer account of being a 1942 car. Bluebook wholesale value $885. Dealer will not take back as he has all the 1942 cars on hand he can take care of and will not stock up any more.

He does not want to turn over to Federal Reserve Bank for sale to Army at not to exceed Bluebook wholesale value and might not get that after it has been sitting on an exposed lot for some time.

Action taken:*

Suggested he make the May 24th payment and store the car himself in a garage or other place so that if he can be relocated after getting to the Reception Center he can send for his car or make other arrangements. He will store with a friend of his in this County.

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: SHIMA-RIDGE
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Niland Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Shima family

Address: above

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Live in Niland - Mr. Shima lives in Berkeley - Mrs Shima lives in Niland. Want to know when they can go. They have heard about the camp in Owens Valley - If they go there will they be permitted to visit his mother who lives or ~~visiting~~ relocating to Placerville area.

Action taken:*

Suggested they get in touch with Japanese American Citizens League in El Centro and I would also if our Los Angeles division has any information

Handled by: _____
C H Adams

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: ROBERT SHIMAMOTO
(Print)

Address: RFD Box 47A
(Street and Number)
Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Owns a 40 acre ranch purchased from San Diego Bank.
1.- owns own $1,000 get. Putting into alfalfa. Income from lease will not meet payments due under Deed of Trust.

2.- Suggests Japanese Buddhist Church Education might be turned into a rooming for the duration & store furniture of Japanese evacuees. Wants government put an end on for them.

Action taken:*

1.- Suggested get in touch with San Diego Bank immediately & offer the lease as security & ask for extension of D/T.

2.- Suggested he work with the Jap American Citizens League & appoint an individual who would handle this for them

Handled by: C. H. H.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-28-42
(Date)

Name: RIBOKU SHINJATO
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:

Westmoreland Calif
(City) (State)

Citizenship: Japan

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of Last entry into United States: 1919 (wife 1920)

Operating under Treasury License now?: NO

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: MASAO YAMASHIRO
interpreter SAME

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Jean Loaded 12 gr oles
authority to sell by wife
as subject is in Concentration
camp

Action taken:*

Tried to get Power atty and go ahead

Handled by: COLES
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/21/42
(Date)

Name: TOM SONORA
(Print)

Address: RT 1
(Street and Number)

IMPERIAL Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japs

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Ralphs dont know

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: /

Person Interviewed: C.B. RALPHS

Address: Rt 1 Imperial Calif

Telephone Number: 3873

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Donoda owns Estate of J C. Ralphs deceased (of which C.B.) approximately $15,000 on a Deed of Trust now in default. Donoda is in an internment camp. He has given a power of attorney to C.B. Ralphs to operate the land, 320 acres, consisting of 80 acres. Donoda owns other crops & some of them are recorded in attachments. Mr Ralphs wants to remember to protect himself from being involved in the other deals for having obtained for him operations in connection with the crops covered by his power of attorney. May Take in Donoda's notice from hospital in Los Angeles

Action taken:*

Suggested that he consult his attorney on procedure of self protection

Handled by: Gordon Williams
C. B. Ralphs

El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/17/42
(Date)

Name: Walter F STERN
(print)

Address: L.A. Board of Trade
(Street and Number)
Los Angeles Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: +

Adult: +
Minor:
Male: +
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Various.

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation: +
Individual: (1)

Person Interviewed: Above
Address: "
Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Brandy Cook Irving Otten - Partnership - Benn Iwata (also known as Ben Kodama) + K. Shimada - both alien Iwata living in camp @ North Dakota. Brand of Trade has an assignment from Shimada + (Iwata thru Power of Atty to us) - O/c Receivable of approx $20,000 + stock in trade $4,000 -
Wants to know how can collect O/c Receivable representing monies advanced accounts - a good proportion to come from marketing of truck crops

Action taken:*
Advised to get legal advice on individual cases which can not be liquidated in and orderly routine manner

Handled by: Gordon Williams
E. H. H. Powell
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/4 ✓
(Date)

Name: STEVENS H. HARRIS
(Print)

Address: Imperial Irrigation District
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
District has sold a lot of equipment (electric) to individual farmers on contract. Wants to know what to do.

Action taken:*
Suggested he endeavor to make voluntary settlement in as many cases possible of outstanding balances + equities. Other to bring in record in as they develop

Handled by: _____
C.O.D.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/4/42
(Date)

Name: HARVEY SUZUKI
(Print)

Address: Rt 2 Box 16
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1911 Brawley

Operating under Treasury License now?: Not

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: Same

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Leasing 20 acres from John ~~H~~ Clarke & Jack Bryant to 7/1/42 - tomatoes.
Totaro Sakaguchi was foreman for Suzuki (10 acres) - Alien Japanese - Now in hands of F.B.I. He gave power of attorney to Mrs. Orville Clark to handle his personal property consisting principally of 1941 Buick & house & household furniture not on Suzuki's leased land & some farming equip. on the leased land.
Mrs. Clarke is alleged to have taken over some stock, paper & other material from the leased land on the assumption that it belonged to Sakaguchi. She has offered $150 to Suzuki for the crop & material she is holding - the same $350.

Action taken:*
Suggested he get an attorney to protect his rights or go thru Dept. of Claims Court. He said he had been in Dept. of Claims Court before & couldn't get any consideration. Explained that the Red Cross procedure of the F.B.I. but if he refused to avail himself of it he was making his own choice. Go thru first & then come for it if he wishes.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary
Interview file

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 24th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Masashi Suzuki
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 138
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1904- Nevverout

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & Dalbert L.Alexander

Address: Rt. 1 Box 16, Holtville.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
This is an involved deal
40 acres rented from Mr. Alexander- 12 acres cantaloupes &
3 acres tomatoes and 3 acres squash.
About the middle of March, Suzuki sold the crops to one J.E.Trammel for $3,000 with the understanding Trammel was securing a loan applied for from the F.S.A. part of the proceeds of which were to pay this $3,000. Trammel hired some laborers to do certain work on the crops. Upon investigation by the F.S.A. it developed that whereas Trammel and Suzuki had agreed that the cantaloupe acreage was 30 acres there were actually less than 15 acres of cantalpupes and the crops were in a very backward condition. The F.S.A. would not make a loan in excess of $1,000 to carry on the crops to marketing stage and would not include more than $300 for crop value purchase price. Suzuki and Trammel called their deal off. Alexander, the landlord agreed to take over the crops on a power of attorney to handle for Suzuki. The laborers filed labor claims with the Labor Commissioner. He cited Trammel into his office. Alexander agreed to pay certain specified labor claims aggregating approximately $200 to the Labor Commissioner out of proceeds of sale of these crops after rent and
Action taken:* operating expenses were paid and $50 to Suzuki and Suzuki agreed to give Alexander a mortgage on the crops and certain farming equipment to protect Alexander for approximately $1,300 outstanding bills (including rent and these labor claims) and further crop advances and a mutual agreement was made between Suzuki, Alexander & the Labor Commissioner that from crop returns or sale of the farming equipment these specified labor claims would be paid as far as funds were available. The Labor Commissioner is holding Trammel primarily responsible for these and any other labor claims which may be filed in this connection with the understanding that Trammel will be released from this much of the claims if paid by Alexander.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 22, 1942.
(Date)

Name: (Mrs.) Fusa Takahashi
(Print)

Address: 1004 Brighton Street
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: ??

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mr.Al Shaller, State Board of Equalization, El Centro

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See reports 3/24/42 & 4/22/42 in name of Harry K. Kunishima

Mrs. Takahashi, a widow, is the partner of Kunishima in the operation of the corner store @ 10th & Brighton Streets and the business was conducted in her name.

State Board of Equalization reports they have a refund check for Mrs. Takahashi for $10 covering deposit made with them in connection with Sales Taxes and now cleared. Wanted a certification as to whether any other Japanese had any interest.

Action taken:*

Contacted D.C.Bitler, attorney for Kunishima, who stated this deposit was Mrs. Takahashi's and should be returned to her with his consent representing Kunishima. Checked evacuation records and ascertained Mrs. Takahashi registered for herself and four minor children, girls age 20 and 16 years, and boys 14 and 6 years old respectively - no other family interest shown. Reported to State Board of Equalization and they will mail the check to her at the Parker Evacuation Camp.

Handled by: Small

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/20/42
(Date)

Name: TAKAHASHI - K
(Print)

Address: INTERNMENT CAMP
(Street and Number)

No DAKOTA
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap Natl

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1918

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X (2)

Person Interviewed: Mary Takahashi (native born)

Address: El Centre, Calif

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

K. Takahashi operated a drug store in El Centro. When he was interned, daughter Mary age 21 and minor brother (over ambject to draft) have operated the drug store. Stock in trade & furniture & fixtures value approx. $8,000.= No debts but current bills. Due mixture of circumstances she wants to know what to do. She is presently operating under a power of attorney from her father or advice of Board of Review. She is a dressmaker by trade.

Action taken:*

Advised her to liquidate stock in trade @ wholesale price & if unable to dispose of furniture & fixtures without too much sacrifice to store room. Endeavor to create an opening for dressmaker in new surroundings. She will be back to report progress.

Handled by:
C. J. Johnson

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El Centro

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/26/42
(Date)

Name: TAKASHI - TOKUMI + JOHN
MATSUMOTO - YOE + GEORGE
(Print)

Address: 149 So 8th St
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japan Jpse Japan Jpse

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership: X
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Jim Takashi + Geo Yoe Matsumoto

Address: Over

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See Report 3/25/42
No formal partnership —
Proposed sale of tractor to O'Connell Bros., Brawley;
Stg has agreed 2/5 of proceeds to Takashi + 3/5 to Matsumotos.

Action taken:*
Phone information from Mr Bold 3/25/42 that this would be
Stg on giving O'Connell Bros. a joint bill of sale + O'Connells
receiving payment check on above basis + depositing in Brawley
respective Bank Acct with their normal endorsement

Handled by: C. J. Jo Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

Name (Surname) (Given)

Father Son 3/25/42
(Date)

Name: Termni Takahashi + Sam
Joe. Mafumoto + George
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: 149 So 8th St.
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Father born in U.S.

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Date of last entry into United States: Takahashi 1917 - Mafumoto 1905

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes.

Type of Business:
Partnership: X
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: C. L. Chund, Atty

Address: 510 Union Pac. Bldg L.A.

Telephone Number:

+ Sam Takahashi + Geo. Mafumoto

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Trustee + Combine in possession stock with O'Connell Bros in Brawley
Reported that Termni Takahashi may be an "Interned
national". No partnership agreement.

Action taken:*

Mr. Chund is going to endeavor to work out a satisfactory
deal with O'Connell Bros + take over the opt.

Handled by:
C. V. Toomey

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708 Sacks Blue Rice Paddy
70,800 #

SAMUEL TAKAHASHI against the IMPERIAL RICE MILLS, Lnc.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

January 20th, 1942 Samual Takahashi stored 708 bags of Paddy Rice at the Imperial Mills.

Previous to the rice being brought to the mill there was an understanding with Joe Matsumoto, whose son George Matsumoto has an interest in the rice,- and which understanding was to the effect that the rice was to be stored. Rates of storage, etc. being discussed between Mr. Joe Matsumoto and Mr. Ritterband in the Mill office.

March 25th, demand was made by Leslie L. Burr, of Imperial California, for a Warehouse Receipt for the rice. This receipt was refused by Mr. Hoffman of the Imperial Rice Mill, his reason being that he had previously purchased the rice, by reason of some agreement entered into at some previous date, for and on behalf of the Mill.

EVIDENCE: (documentary)

1. Public Weighmaster's Certificates numbered 23 to 26 inclusive, showing amount of rice and date of receipt.

2. STORAGE receipts numbered 3526 to 3530 inclusive showing receipt of rice at Imperial Mills warehouse for Storage.

3. Statement concerning insurance on rice from Imperial Rice Mills, dated 1/20/42.

4. Copy of letter from Rice Mills concerning storage rates and insurance.

5. Regulations and charges Warehouse at Mill.

6. Copy of letter from Leslie L. Burr to Rice Mill concerning insurance, and that contemplated sale was to be made.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 30, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Frank Tamaki
(Print)

Address: 156 So. 9th St.,
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Mr. Nishimura of Japanese Association,
Address: Brawley

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See my report of 3/21/42

Mrs. Tamaki has sold grocery store under power of attorney from husband on advice and guidance of Attorney Fowler of Brawley who drew up bill if sale, to SHARF DIN for $1,200 cash.

Action taken:*

Closing file.

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Frank Tamaki
(Print)

Address: 156 So. 9th St.,
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Gabe Abdelnour

Address: Brawley, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/21/42

Mr. Abdelnour states balance owing him by Tamaki on house is $440. Tamiki has offered to pay in ca h $340 for full release. Original sale price was $600 payable $20 per month. Payments have been kept up and Abdelnour says is willing to discount 10% and would take $400 for full settlement waiving interest accumulated. Seems to want to do what is right.

Action taken:*

I suggested might go a little further in trying to arrive ata compromise settlement. He is going to offer full settlement for $380 cash. If this is not agreeable to Tamaki I suggested they both come in to see me and we would try to arrive at a basis of settlement.

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

Stanford Dies 8/1/00 - F21 & Family for Jess & Carrie

3/21/42
(Date)

Name: FRANK TAMAKI
(Print)

Address: 156 Dogwood St.
(Street and Number)

BRAWLEY Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: G. Abdelnour

Address: 519 Main St. So. Brawley

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Tamakis owes Abdelnour $440 balance on house note in default - Tamakis negotiating a grocery & market Tamakis born on Imperial Co. Daughter with Mrs. Tamakis or Mr. Tamakis (daughter over 21) is operating under power of attorney. Abdelnour understands Wife & daughter will work out an arrangement deal for balance of $400.- by transferring store business Wants to know whether deal can be worked out

Action taken:*

Advised him to have daughter come in to ascertain if they have power of attorney to make a deal

Handled by: _____
C.N.N. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: Mrs. Mine Tamaki
(Print)

Address: 156 Do 9th Pl.
(Street and Number)

Banning Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: Jap

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1915

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Hajo (Frank) Tamaki (operates as F. Tamaki Co.) now in Concentration Camp in North Dakota - Used to Bank in Security Bank - want all funds before he return - she has apparently been operating ok without power of attorney or bond - forging all bills with cash -
Wants to sell stock in trade $700 + furniture & fixtures $1800. -

Transmittal 3/26

Action taken:*
Sending a power of attorney to Hajo + he will get back before evacuation.

Handled by: C. H. K. Lamm

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/27/42
(Date)

Name: Mrs. Mary Jamaki
(Print)

Address: 156 No 9th St.
(Street and Number)
Brawley Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X
Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: J/A

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1915

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mrs. Jamaki (Mary) came to U.S. (Brawley, Calif.) prior to the internment Camp in North Dakota. Had a Bank in Security Bank - was all funds before he went. She has a certificate of citizenship and knows of Attorney or Lawyer - / signed all papers with us.
Wants to sell stock in trade $700 + furniture & fixtures $1500.-

Action taken:*
Referring a friend attorney to Mrs. + hopefully gets back before evacuation.

Handled by: C. H. Norman
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/21/42
(Date)

Name: FRANK TANAKIS
(Print)

Address: 156 Dog 9th St.
(Street and Number)

BRAWLEY Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Don't know

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: (1)

Person Interviewed: G. Abdelnour

Address: 519 No 8th St. Brawley

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Tanakis owes Abdelnour $400 balance on house purchase default - Tanakis is negotiating a grocery & market. Tanakis is now on internment camp. Don't know whether Mrs. Tanakis or Mariyo Tanakis (daughter over 21) is operating now in lieu of attorney. Abdelnour understands Wife & daughter will remain on & make the deal for balance of $400.- by transferring stock & business. Wants to know whether deal can be worked out

Action taken:*

Advised him to have daughter come in to see us if they have power of attorney to make a deal

Handled by: Gordon Walhamp
C.N.N
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 22, 1942.
(Date)

Name: ~~Tomi Tamaru~~ Shintaro Tamaru
(Print)

Address: 149 No. 8th St.,
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1912- Not out since 1922

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Takuji Tamaru

Address: Above - son of Shintaro

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

In internment camp @ Bismark, N.Dak. Mother Tomi Tamaru has power of attorney. Had grocery store ~~xxxxx~~ in Brawley. Sold stock in trade.
Trying to sell refrigeration equipment and show cases to Aurelio Garcia Perez of Mexicali. John Basabe of Mexicali represents Perez in the deal.
Perez is paying $400 for this equipment at Brawley. Mrs. Tamaru is giving a notarized bill of sale in the name of her husband by her as attorney in fact and check is being made payable to her. Mr. Basabe is getting clearance from the Mexican customs authorities.

Action taken:*

I have suggested if anybody questions authority of Japanese to dispose of their property in connection with this deal to get in contact with me.

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
April 28, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

File

Dear Mr. Watkins : Re : SHINTARO TAMARU

Referring to my telephone conversation this afternoon :

The reason I called on this and why I should like the War Economics Board to make an exception in this case and permit this refrigeration equipment and show cases to be taken across the border and sold to the Mexican is that if this equipment is not sold and is left on our hands, it will probably be a white elephant and cost the Government as much or more than it is worth to haul it around down here and then up to Los Angeles to be stored. The show cases being mostly glass and bulky will have to be handled with care. If it were reasonably new equipment, it could easily be sold either here locally or handled by some Coast outfit.

I know that it has been looked at a number of times and the cash offer of the Mexican of $400 was the only bona fide bid at any price. The Mexican paid the $400 in cash to the Japanese and hauled it down to the border himself. He has it in Calexico tonight and if an exception can be made and Mr. Walker at the Calexico customs office be given some kind of authority to permit its crossing into Mexico, tomorrow if possible, that will be the simplest answer to the whole thing and saving the Government thru one Branch or another a lot of grief.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

This refers to my report of interview of April 22nd above name

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: SHINTARO TAMARU
(Print)

Address: 149 No. 8th St.
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1922

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: See below

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Telephone conversations with Mr. Basabe of Mexicali, Mr. Walker, U.S.Customs service at Calexico, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Bold of our LosAngeles office :

Equipment stopped at border from going to Mexicali until permit for export is secured from War Economics Board at Washington,D.C. Application for such permit has been made on behalf of Basabe and Perez by customs broker Polkinhorn at Calexico and sent to Washington by air mail for prompt action. Mexicans have bill of sale from Tamaru who has been paid $400 in cash but a condition of the sale was that the equipment could be moved into Mexicali from Calexico.

Action taken:*

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/26/42
(Date)

Name: MRS. HARVEY TANAKA
(Print)

Address: 890 Commercial St.
(Street and Number)

El Centro Cal.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

White Operation board wife of Japanese -

1- Can she go with husband to evacuation camp if they don't complete arrangements for a new business connection but is endeavoring to arrange in a free area

2- Has ice-box & other electrical appliances on contract from Imperial Valley Co & E. H. F. A. mostly paid out. Can she get equity out of some if necessary.

Action taken:*

1.- Suggested OK contingent on Army regulations.

2- Go see Imperial Valley Co. & get their proposition - If not satisfactory - come back

Handled by: _____
C. H. T. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 11, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Takiyo Tanamachi
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 222
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: June 14, 1911- In Japan 3 months during 1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & husband Tatsuo

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had lease on 41.4 acres all in cantaloupes, from Lucien Sshwab. Had an informal agreement with Russo Bros. to take over crop on commission basis. Had some disagreement about definite terms. May 6th all parties concerned with A.V.Schenck representing W.F.A. (Russo represented by field man Weir and Schwab by Rudolph Miller) came to see me and the Tanamachi's accepted Russo's offer of $4,000 as full purchase price of crop based on a statement submitted by Russo showing advances of $2,980.30 including rent in full to end of term. - balance of $1,019.70 to be paid in cash. Sent them to an attorney's office to draw up bill of sale and other necessary papers.

Today, the Tanamachi's came back to draw my attention to a credit on Russo's statement of $50 for return of 8 sacks of Supercide which apparently had never been allowed or rather accounted for in the above settlement and which Russo now disclaims. Wrote a letter to Field Man Wier of Russo Bros. and gave to Tanamachi to deliver asking for explanation of the item and intention.

Action taken:*

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El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 15th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Takiyo Tanamichi
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 222
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 6/14/11- In Japan 3 mos.1932

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Field Man Weir of Russo Bros. & Atty Hickcox

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/11/42

Weir reports that the 8 sacks of Supercide with credit of $50 referred to in previous report were supplied to Tanamichi by Russo several months ago under an arrangement whereby credit would be allowed for any of this fertilizer if returned before April 15th as it deteriorates if not used within a reasonable time and is such that about the only use made of it here is in connection with squash.

Also stated that this item was discussed in Attorney Hickcox' office with Miss Tanamichi when the bill of sale was made and other papers in connection with making the settlement referred to in previous report and above recital confirmed - Russo stated if they could dispose of it for any figure they would give Tanamichi the benefit. Miss Tanamichi agreed to this .

Action taken:*

Attorney confirmed above on telephone.

Closing file. Tanamichi never came back and apparently settlement was made as agreed upon.

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Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 23, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Mrs. Shizuye (Nakahara) Tanouye
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 387
(Street and Number)

Heber (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 2-17-1921 Not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Husband TSUGIO TANOUYE native born now in U.S.Army

Has check 2/11/42 $17.78 on California Bank, Los Angeles, United Farmers Assn of Calif., Inc., 1109 South San Pedro St., Los Angeles to S. NAKAHARA returned by Bank "Refer to maker" Check originally given for truck crops shipped on consignment.

Action taken:*

Referred her to State Marketing Bureau in Agricultural Commissioner's office in Court House. In meanwhile will write to W.W.GRAY who I understand is assignee for said Company.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro, Calif.

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AFFILIATIONS IN ALL PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE THE UNITED STATES

BONDED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau

W. W. GRAY
SEC'Y MGR.

943-A SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONES { TRinity 9194 / TRinity 9195 / TRinity 9196

CREDIT REPORTS
COLLECTIONS
ASSIGNMENTS
ESCROWS

April 27, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small
Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

United Farmers Association of California, Inc. is in bankruptcy, an involuntary petition having been filed by three small creditors.

If the check of S. Nakahara is for consigned merchandise, he may file his claim with the Bureau of Market Enforcement, State Building, second floor, Los Angeles, California. In the event he is a common creditor, he should file his claim with Charles Veale, who is Trustee. Mr. Veale's address in Los Angeles is 453 South Spring Street.

We have not yet received the authorization or authorization which Mr. Morita was to present Mr. Schenck. I trust that this matter is being taken care of satisfactorily, although we feel certain that Morita will do the honorable thing and arrange for payment of the amount which is owing.

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

W. W. Gray
SECRETARY-MANAGER

WWG/ss

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 23, 1942.

Mr. W. W. Gray,
Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau,
943-A South San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Gray :

Do you by any chance have anything to do with the affairs of the United Farmers Association of California, Inc., of 1109 South San Pedro Street?

S. Nakahara has a check of theirs dated February 11, 1942, for $17.70 which was returned by the Bank "Refer to Maker". This was in payment of some produce shipped to them on consignment. Have any arrangements been made to take care of these checks, for I assume others also were issued.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SEALL
Field Representative.

P.S.- I understand Mr. Matsuo Morita brought in the assignment you sent to him April 17th but Mr. Schenck was out and he did not leave it. I have written to him today to be sure to bring it in tomorrow - as a matter of fact that is the thing which is holding up settlement of the F.S.A.loan and as soon as it is filed, Mr. Schenck can probably close that loan up and disburse the proceeds.

I was hoping to have the Okubo deal cleaned up but so far unsuccessful. If anything develops, I'll try to let you know.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: S. TOKAYASU, Guardian
(Print)

Address: Concentration Camp
(Street and Number)

Bismark, N.Dakota.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Raymond Pollard

Address: El Centro,Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mr. Pollard has leased the Tokayasu ranch 1½ miles east of Mt. Signal Store - lease effective July 1, 1942. Most of the ranch has been in lettuce - a small acreage of tomatoes. Pollard says arrangement with owner was that he was to go in and plow the ranch at his convenience prior to July 1st to "get" the weeds before they became too rank. He thinks it may be possible to salvage some of the lettuce seed in a marketable condition rather than plowing it under with the weeds. Wants to know if he can harvest this seed and sell it.

Action taken:*
Took the matter up with Don Bitler, Attorney for Tokayasu - Not practicable for him to attempt to salvage the lettuce seed if any. He agrees to permit Pollard to harvest any lettuce seed he may be able to in preparing the ground for his operations after July 1st and retain 80% of net proceeds for doing the work - Pollard to deliver to Bitler for account of Tokayasu 20% of net proceeds. Satisfactory to Pollard and will proceed on that basis.

Handled by:

El Centro,Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 21, 1942.
(Date)

Name: MRS. H. TSUCHIYAMA
(Print)

Address: 420 Broadway
(Street and Number)

El Centro (City) Calif. (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Over 20 years

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship: x
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Shigeru Nakashima
age 30- born in U.S.- never out
Address: 420 Broadway

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

On behalf of Mrs. Tsuchiyama, he executed a conditional sales agreement March 31, 1942 covering the furniture and fixtures of the Ramona Hotel to S. Maza and Evelyn Ruth Honorio for $630, payable $50 down and balance of $580 on April 4, 1942.

Nakashima acknowledges receipt of $200 on account and states balance was not paid on April 4th.

Mrs. Honorio and her attorney Geo. Connors, state that she can read English but that Maza cannot. She states she signed the agreement without reading it claiming that the agreement as she understood it was that payment was to be $50 down and balance of $50 per month until full purchase price was paid. They also claim they wanted to escrow the deal which offer was refused by the seller. They also represent that Y. Nakashima was the individual who did most of the agreeing.

Mrs. Honorio states she did not read the agreement- Nakashima claims she read it when she signed. She states her husband paid the $150 in cash over the $50 she paid originally. She & Connors admit this indicates they realized that this was a cash deal and also because she didn't disagree with the terms of the contract when she had a copy of it she probably lost her rights to dispute it.

Action taken:*

They are going to meet in Attorney S.P.Williams' office at 2 p.m. and endeavor to come to the settlement of placing the deal in escrow with the Security Title Co. for the period of 7 days' advertising at the end of which period the balance of $430 is to be paid to Tsuchiyama.

4:30 p.m.- Nakashima reports deal is in escrow with Security Title Co., El Centro - balance of $430 to be paid @ $50 per month to Title Co. for deposit to a/c, Title Co. to hold bill of sale until a/c completely paid- Title Co. escrow fee $10 each side.

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 20, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yoshia Tsujimoto
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 995,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Aug. 3, 1920 - never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & F.C.THOMAS

Address: Rt.1 Box 177-A

Telephone Number: El Centro, Calif.

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has 3½ acres leased- originally from Mrs. F.X.Schmitt of El Centro. Mrs. Schmitt sold the farm to F.C.THOMAS January 1, 1942. Lease not recorded. It expired June 1940 with option for renewal of one year. Tsujimoto & Mrs. Schmitt agreed to extend to Dec. 31, 1942. He now has vegetables in. Owner complains hasn't been irrigated and many weeds. Admitted no noxious weeds- hasn't been irrigated on account of holding vegetables for market. Tsujimoto wanted to plant a crop of corn for summer. Ground has been heavily fertilized. Thomas wants to get the value of the fertilizer in crops next year and would like to keep corn off this summer.

Action taken:* Suggested that they voluntarily cancel the lease as of May 16, 1942, upon payment by Thomas to Tsujimoto of $40- this being ½ of annual rent of $80 which is claimed to have been paid to Mrs. Schmitt (or the equivalent thereof) to 12/31/42. Both sides of this case are in difficulties- lease is extended beyond the period covered therein and it was never recorded. It also provides it cannot be sublet and lessee must personally occupy premises. Rent to 12/31/42 has been paid and new owner knew that Tsujimoto was in possession but did not bother to find out on what terms. Lease calls for 5 acres but tenant has only 3½ acres- new owner occupying the house on the other acre and has not paid tenant anything for this privilege. Compromise on this basis the best way out.

Handled by: [signature]

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 12th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Zenichi Tsurutome (deceased)
(Print)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

_____
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born in U.S.A.

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Hideo Suyenaga, F.R.Thompson, VP. of 1st Natl Bk of Holtville, & D.B.Roberts, Atty for said Bank and also for Public Administrator

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Please refer to report of interview of this date (Mrs.) Sumiko Nishi

See reports of 3/30/42 & 5/5/42 in name of Mrs. Sumiko Nishi and correspondence with Mr. Bold.

Action taken:*

This matter is tied in with the Nishi matter and in accordance with instructions by telephone from Mr. Watkins I have assisted the interested parties in making up application forms TFE-1 and am forwarding them to Mr. Everson at San Francisco per copy of transmittal letter attached to report of this date in name of Mrs. Sumiko Nishi.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.,
May 5, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

REFERRED BY MR. BOLD
TO MR. Leachman
MAY 9 - REC'D

Dear Mr. Bold :

(Mrs.) Sumiko Nishi (Mrs. R.S.Nishi) sub-leased from one Martin C. Wahl 134 acres of farm land for sugar beets and signed a contract with the Los Alamitos Sugar Company for this acreage. She turned over 45½ acres of this to one Z. Tsurutome, another Japanese on a sub-sub-lease. She gave a power-of-attorney to her brother, Hideo Suyenaga, to operate for her, said power-of-attorney being recorded in this County. Suyenaga and his sister, Mrs. Nishi, are American-born.

In October, 1941, Mr. and Mrs. Nishi and their children went to Japan, where they still are. Subsequently, Suyenaga, as attorney-in-fact for Mrs. Nishi, executed a note and crop mortgage to the First National Bank of Holtville for certain funds for farming expense of the sugar beets. A couple of months ago, the First National Bank of Holtville (in view of possible difficulties in handling loans, etc., with Japanese) under a mutually agreeable arrangement, formally took over the crop under the terms of their mortgage and have been paying Suyenaga $150 per month as a foreman.

In the interim, Mr. Tsurutome died and his estate is being handled by the Public Administrator.

The sugar beets are now being harvested. After the returns from the sugar beets are received and the Bank's mortgage claims satisfied from them, what will they be permitted to do with the net proceeds in view of the fact that the real owner, American born (Mrs.) Sumiko Nishi is now in Japan either voluntarily or involuntarily interned there. Can they turn these net proceeds over to Suyenaga (who will be in an Evacuation Center) as attorney-in-fact for Mrs. Nishi and if so under any restrictions as to accountability to some Federal Agency, or should they impound the funds subject to some Federal agency, or what?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Federal Field Representative

519
Phone
Leonard Nirenstein

Affidavit

GENERAL

State of California,

County of Imperial } ss.

I, Hideo Suyenaga,

Being First Duly Sworn, *deposes and says:*

That I am an American born Japanese; that I am the brother of Sumiko Nishi, an American born Japanese; that during the crop year 1941-42 I have been farming for my sister

The SW¼ of the SE¼ of Section 1, and the S½ of the SW¼ of Section 1, and the SE¼ of the SE¼ of Section 2, all lying in Township 16 South, Range 14 East, S.B.M., County of Imperial, containing 134 acres more or less;

That I have a verbal agreement with my sister in which I am to receive one-half of the net proceeds; that my sister has an investment of $5617.37 in the crop. Said oral agreement was made in the presence of Matsukichi Seino.

And Further *deponent saith not.*

Subscribed *and sworn to before me, this* 12th *day of* May *A. D. 1942.*

Hideo Suyenaga

Notary Public in and for said County and State.

AFFIDAVIT—GENERAL—WOLCOTTS FORM 292

El Centro, Calif.
March 30th, 1942.

Mr. Watkins, Chief Clerk,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Watkins : Re : SUMIKO NISHI

Report is attached of a story in connection with this Japanese citizen. The First National Bank of Holtville has a crop mortgage on the crop of sugar beets. In connection with the proposed evacuation, the mortgagee and mortgagor have made an agreement that the Bank will take over and has taken over the crop and will take care of all expense as advances under the terms of their mortgage, holding the net proceeds after completion of the deal for Mrs. Nishi. They will hire Mr. Suyenaga, brother of Mrs. Nishi, for such time as he is here as a foreman on a wage basis as part of these expenses.

I have entered this story for record purposes only, as I am under the impression that nothing further needs to be done as far as we are concerned so long as all parties are in accord. Am I right?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL,
Field Representative.

P.S. - I haven't received any further supply of envelopes than the few Mr. Williams left me when he was down here. Please send some along if this hasn't not yet been done.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/30/42
(Date)

Name: Sumiko Nishi
Wife of R. S. (Print)
Address: Jasper
(Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Now in Jasper - Went in Nov. '41

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Roy Thompson V.P.

Address: 1st Nat'l Bk Hattiesburg

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
130 acres leased from Martin C. Wade - now in sugarcane
Hides Assignment w/, Permission from both Mr. of Mrs. Nishi (last out to Japan & broke in 1937). J. M. B. Hattrill has made advances under crop mtg. Has mortgaged Assignment (the two combined) that they have taken over (Pr. crop & will handle all from to as a Rehrkeh o/c - operating (Assignment & present as a formality) & that any all not from to.

Action taken:*
Forward finances only -
Will write to C.O. office for advice if anything further is necessary

Handled by: Brown
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

May 12, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco,
San Francisco, California.

Re. Estate Z. Tsurutome.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with a conversation had with your representative, Mr. C. H. H. Small, with reference to the above mentioned estate, we are submitting in triplicate Form No. TFE-1 for permit to confirm what has been done, and in triplicate Form TFE-1 for permit to continue operations until harvest has been completed. Inclosed herewith is certified copy of Letters of Administration of M. D. Zinn, Public Administrator of this county on the estate of the above named decedent.

It appears that the decedent and one Mrs. Sumiko Nishi, who, we are informed, is an American born Japanese, were farming together approximately 130 acres, of which we claim that the decedent owned and was operating 45 acres.

From the best information we have received, the expenses of the farming operations up to the time of death, and thereafter until February 1st. 1942, had been advanced by Mrs. Sumiko Nishi, or her attorney-in-fact, H. Suyenaga, and there is a claim aggregating $2971.92 in favor of Mrs. Nishi to cover the advances of rental, planting and caring for the crop up to the time of the appointment of the administrator and a claim by H. Suyenaga for $350.00 for labor. No action as yet has been taken on these claims.

The interest in said crop of beets is the only asset of said estate and when appointed we found that a mortgage had been executed by Mrs. Nishi covering the entire tract and to raise money sufficient to carry on we went into Court and obtained a Court Order authorizing a crop mortgage in the sum of $2300.00 with which to finance the completion of the raising of said crop.

The administrator of said estate has received no money; the advances are being made by the First National Bank of

May 12, 1942.

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco-

Holtville as necessary in the raising and caring for said crop and reference is hereby made to the reports being filed as of this date by said First National Bank of Holtville covering the Nishi and Tsurutome matter, for further particulars, and especially as to the expenses hereinbefore incurred and expended and as to the estimate of necessary expenses to be incurred before said crop shall have been harvested and the proceeds received.

It is impossible at this time to give accurate figures on the expense of probate and to the debts of the decedent as the time for filing claims has not as yet expired.

The costs of probate, I estimate will be $75.00 court costs; administrator's fees will be statutory fee of 7% on the first $1,000.00; 4% on the next $9000.00 and 3% above 10,000 not exceeding $20,000 and attorney's fees will be the same as the administrator's fees.

The proceeds of this crop will be held and none paid out to any alien or American citizen of Japanese birth without permission of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Very truly yours,

DBR-b

STATEMENT OF AMOUNT REQUIRED TO FINANCE CROP TO COMPLETION

TSURUTOME ACCOUNT

Seed	$ 133.60
Rent	447.56
Harvest	2,250.00
Foreman Salary	150.00
Water, labor, etc.	150.00
Total	$3,131.16

Probate Expense & Claims against Estate

Claim of Hideo Suyenaga	$350.00
" Sumiko Nishi	2971.92
Estimate of probate expense	100.00
" Administrators Fees (subject to Court approval)	400.00
" Attorney's fees	400.00 subject to ct.appro.

Time for filing claims has not yet expired

Total claims outside of farming expense $4,221.92

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-26-42
(Date)

Name: YONETARO UCHIYAMA
(Print)

Address: Brawley Road - 6 mi
(Street and Number)

El Centro
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: USA ?

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Mr Lydick

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

person interviewed has verbal lease for 3 yrs
Jap proposes to make other arrangements -

Action taken:*

Told Mr Lydick to suggest to Uchiyama that he should make only arrangements that might not cause late trouble
referred to Mr Schenck - W.C.C.

Handled by: Ogle
El Centro

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: CHIYOZO UYENO
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 416
(Street and Number)

Brawley, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: x
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ?

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ?

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mr. Uyeno's daughter called on telephone. Father has a truck under contract with Bank of America, Brawley, unpaid balance ~~$280~~ $290 - in default since March 20th. Bank has repossessed truck. Uyeno sold his crops (160 acres flax 10 acres tomatoes and 10 acres melons) to Sydeney Ulrey who is getting a loan from the F.S.A. $5,400 of which is to go to Uyeno for purchase price. Loan was approved but F.S.A. has been unable to disburse funds account of a signature on a release being secured from the wife of an interested party who lives in Los Angeles. Uyeno has promised Bank of America full payment of balance due from proceeds of this loan.

Action taken:*

Called Mr. Fox, Ass't Cashier of Bank of America, Brawley - explained circumstances. Uyeno is to go in to Bank this morning and give them an assignment on A.V.SCHENCK, Field Agent of F.S.A. in this office, who disburses the F.S.A.funds for balance due Bank of America - he will forward this assignment to me and release the truck to Uyeno. I have notified Mr. Schenck and he will protect the required amount of $290 out of Uyeno's proceeds of the loan to clean up.

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 9th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Chiyozo Uyeno
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 416
(Street and Number)

Brawley Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 5/2/42

Telephoned Mr. Fox, Asst Cashier Brawley Branch Bank of America May 7th and sent him check from F.S.A. control account for $290 in full payment of balance due on contract for truck with copy to Uyeno. Have receipt in duplicate from Bank and turned one copy over to Mr. Schenck of F.S.A. (or W.F.A.)

Action taken:*
Closing file

Handled by: Adams
El Centro Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 7th, 1942.

Mr. John Fox, Ass't Cashier,
Bank of America,
Brawley, Calif.,

My dear John :

In line with our telephone conversation, enclosed is check out of W.F.A. (Federal control a/c) funds for payment of balance due on contract covering truck of Chiyoso Uyeno. Ownership certificate is being released by you and turned over to Uyeno together with repossession of the said truck.

Will you please send me a receipt in duplicate for this remittance indicating that it is in full payment of the balance due under this contract and that the funds are received from the W.F.A. thru the Federal Reserve Bank?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
May 7th, 1942.

Mr. Chiyoso Uyeno,
P.O.Box 416,
Brawley, Calif.

Dear Sir :

In accordance with our arrangement, I am today sending a remittance to the Bank of America at Brawley of $290 from the proceeds of the Ulyey loan from the W.P.A. due to you, to pay the balance of your contract to them covering your truck.

Will you please go in to the said Bank at Brawley at your early convenience to receive from them your pink ownership certificate for this truck and you will then be free to secure possession of it and be in position to sell it if that be your intention.

Yours very truly,

C.W.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Cpy B/A Brawley

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/29/42
(Date)

Name: WENO-MASAKAZU
(Print)

Address: RR 1 Box 229 B
(Street and Number)

Ewa / Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult:
Minor: X
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

STASSIS - Grungle with him.
Myers brother is Masato - 22 years old - American Born - now in U.S. Army - has a Lease on 5 acres - now in Watermelons ten tons + cantaloupes being raised by Masakazu - Myers brother - Stassis wants to buy the watermelon crop + Myers wants to sell all three crops. Has a letter from brother authorizing sale of watermelons.

Action taken:*

Masakazu / Myers being a minor is not acceptable as a signer on an escrow to local agencies. Suggested a power of attorney be secured from brother in army to local brother in law who is an adult + could probably enter into an escrow OK

Handled by: C. H. J. Armstrong

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

2/23/42
(Date)

Name: W. J. VAN DORIN
(Print)

Address: 1282 Broadway
(Street and Number)
El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone: X
Interview: X Roth

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: +
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: None

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Interested in buying crops or operating crops from
+ for Japanese to be evacuated. Wanted to know how to
handle deals + what arrangements for securing labor

Action taken:*

Discussed the methods of handling deals + turned him over
to Mr. Petersen, F.P.A. for crops in Imp + Calex

Handled by: C. H. F. Jones

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 15th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hirokichi Watanabe
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 11
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1926

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Uta Watanabe, American-born daughter age 24

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

I Received a letter from Harry Leib, Los Angeles Bureau of Commerce, dated May 11th that he had made arrangements two weeks ago with Watanabe to accept an assignment for a claim which was supposed to be sent to him immediately but not received.

I wrote to Watanabe. We have a previous file on him - see my report 4-7-42 - which file is closed attachment in that case having been paid -

She came in today - says only had 4 acres tomatoes and market is so low now they don't see where there is going to be any net to them out of which any assignment could be paid. If they ever get any money, they will pay as they are able.

Action taken:*

Advised her to write Leib to this effect today which she promised to do. I am also writing him.
Apparently nothing there to realize on now.
Closing file,

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: M. J. WATANABE
(Print)

Address: 240 South Ave 21
(Street and Number)

El Centro
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership: X
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Partner with 2 Chinese in 4 room Rice Market.
1/3 interest is approximately $1500.=
What to do.

4/27 A.P. Mungapen [illegible] [illegible]

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Action taken:*
Suggested while he has time endeavor to dispose of his interest in the partnership and obtain attorney's advice on advertising, etc.

Handled by: C. H. K. Stevens

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 28, 1942.
(Date)

Name: M. J. WATAMURA
(Print)

Address: 240 South 4th St.,
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: H.R.Anderson, Mgr., Security Title Co., El Centro,
Address:
Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 3/25/42

Title Company has an escrow in which Grand View Market is being sold to a Chinese from Yuma, Arizona, Watamura and his 2 Chinese partners being paid out of escrow for their respective interests in the enterprise.

Action taken:*

Closing file

Handled by:
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

April 11, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

We are returning Complaint of Harry A. Staub in connection with the Watanabe transaction mentioned in your letter of April 7.

This was discussed with Miss Snyder of the firm of Aggeler & Musser, upon receipt of your communication, and we explained the situation thoroughly to her and she promised to telephone her representative in El Centro and furnish complete instructions. She also promised to have the information transmitted to you by her representative.

We assume that all that can be done in this matter has now been accomplished, and did not give you the telegraphic reply requested inasmuch as it had been handled by telephone by Miss Snyder.

Yours very truly,

CHW:MT

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

El Centro, Calif.
April 7th, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold : Re : HIROKICHI WATANABE et al

Attached is my report of an interview with Uta Watanabe, adult American born daughter of H. Watanabe, and copy of attachment in this case.

I haven't been able to get both sides of this story because Harry A. Staub, of Brawley, Calif., the collector and complainant in the case, is out of the Valley for the balance of this week. It appears from ~~the~~ Miss Watanabe's story however, and the facts would seem to bear out her contention, that Staub did make a verbal agreement with her because of the fact that she gave him a check for $50 on account, and he accepted the check and did not swear out his complaint for attachment until that check had been paid from her Bank account. If her story is not correct, why did she give him $50 and why did he accept it and utilize it?

She has labor bills to pay for labor performed on her present crop of tomatoes and will not have any income until they are ready for picking and marketing - a matter of a couple of weeks. She has sold the crop under a marketing agreement on the basis tha she will take care of the field work up until she is evacuated which is the reason she couldn't pay more than $50 on account until income was available from marketing of the tomatoes. She will have enough to pull thru if she has the use of the $235 covered by the attachment which has been removed from her account by the Bank of America but has not been paid to the constable yet by the Bank - they are still holding the funds. She could of course get an attorney and make answer thru the Court but in that case the attorney would have to be paid and she is sailing so close to the wind that she wouldn't have enough funds to pay the labor bills and attorney too. It's possible that that would be the only way out.

The Manager of Aggeler & Musser just 'phoned me that he is making a report of this to his headquarters by mail tonite in Los Angeles and a Miss Snyder in their Los Angeles office handles the credits and could possibly order the release of this attahment as in reality they haven't sold the account to the collector Staub but assigned it to him for the purpose of collection, the proceeds

to come back to them less his fees.

You will note the complaint in the attachment makes no reference to the $50 paid on account but Aggeler & Musser's man admitted that the account was $250 and that Staub had reported to them he had succeeded in obtaining $50 on account, recently.

Is there anything we can do in the matter other than to advise Uta Watanabe that if she cannot afford to get along without obtaining the $235 tied up by the attachment that she must get an attorney and make answer thru the Court? A telegraphic reply would be appreciated in the case as she will have to pay labor bills within a day or so and if she can't pay them, she may be in trouble with the Labor Commissioner.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 7, 1942
(Date)

Name: Hirokichi Watanabe
(Print)

Address: Rt. 2 Box 11
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ~~1917~~ 1926

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Uta Watanabe
American born daughter age 24

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem: These crops have been harvested

Now operating 60 acres (carrots, cabbage) & tomatoes on lease in daughter's name Uta Watanabe. In November, 1940, Hirokichi Watanabe owed Aggeler & Musser Seed Company $250.00 for seed used in his farming operations conducted in his name. About three weeks ago, Uta Watanabe told Aggeler & Musser she would ~~Harry xxx Staub~~ voluntarily assume this debt and pay it off from proceeds of present tomato crop. At that time they referred her to Harry A. Staub, a collector, in whose hands they had placed this account. She told him the same story and paid him $50 on account. Subsequently, the collector apparently went into the Brawley Justice court and had an attachment issued against H. Watanabe and Uta Watanabe and S. Akiyama a friend apparently who was named by Aggeler & Musser in whose name this account was to be carried on their books but who has no interest in this transaction. This attachment was issued by Judge Griffin and by virtue of it Miss Uta Watanabe's bank account in the El Centro Branch of the Bank of America was tied up. In the account was $252.96 which is required for labor in connection with the tomato crop. The Bank

Action taken:* on the attachment writ took from the account $235. leaving only $17.96 which is not sufficient to pay the labor.

I Called Aggeler & Musser- said they had assigned the a/c to the collector and were not further interested.
The Collector, Harry Staub, is out of the Valley for the rest of the week.
The attorney for the collector who drew the complaint says Staub said nothing to him about any agreement nor the payment of $50 on a/c and in the absence of Staub would do nothing as all he was hired to do was to draw the complaint.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 15th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Hirokichi Watanabe
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Address: Rt. 2 Box 11
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of Last entry into United States: 1926

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Uta Watanabe, American-born daughter age 24

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

I Received a letter from Harry Leib, Los Angeles Bureau of Commerce, dated May 11th that he had made arrangements two weeks ago with Watanabe to accept an assignment for a claim which was supposed to be sent to him immediately but not received.

I wrote to Watanabe. We have a previous file on him - see my report 4-7-42 - which file is closed attachment in that case having been paid -

She came in today - says only had 4 acres tomatoes and market is so low now they don't see where there is going to be any net to them out of which any assignment could be paid. If they ever get any money, they will pay as they are able.

Action taken:*

Advised her to write Leib to this effect today which she promised to do. I am also writing him.
Apparently nothing there to realize on now.
Closing file,

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.
May 15th, 1942.

Mr. Harry Lieb,
Los Angeles Bureau of Commerce,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir :

Referring to your letter of the 11th :

I wrote to Mr. Watanabe on May 12th per copy sent you. Miss Watanabe (his daughter) came in to see me today and stated they did not receive the communications you stated in your letter had been sent to him. Further states that due to low market price of tomatoes, there wont be any net returns to them from their four acres (which sounds reasonable in view of what growers and shippers have told me for the past week) and therefore an assignment would be of not benefit to you; further states that if and when they get any funds at all they intend sending you payments on account.

I suggested to her that she write the gist of this to you today which she said she would do.

Regret that under the circumstances there isn't a thing that I can do for you just now.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Harris
Tom Tokuo

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,

May 12th, 1942.

Mr. Hirokichi Watanabe,
Rt. 2 Box 11,
Holtville, Calif.

Dear Sir :

It is claimed that about two weeks ago you agreed with Mr. Harry Lieb of the Los Angeles Bureau of Commerce, to give him an assignment for a claim he had against you as a compromise settlement of said claim; it is further claimed that you have not as yet sent him this assignment per your promise and that you have refused to answer communications from him respecting this matter.

If you have sent him this assignment, will you please answer his letters and tell him so - if you have not sent him this assignment after agreeing to do so, will you please write him and tell him why you are not keeping your agreement and also let me know your reason?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

Copy- Mr. Lieb

Per your letter of May 11th. Will you please let me know developments?

Mr. Watanabe says Price or Lowe Realty should look like copy of assignment would be of no value.

TELEPHONES
PROSPECT 8842
PROSPECT 4171

LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF COMMERCE

FINANCE COUNSELORS
SUITE 334 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BLDG.
1151 SOUTH BROADWAY. LOS ANGELES. CALIF.

May 11, 1942

Mr. Small
c/o Federal Reserve Bank
540 State St.
El Centro, Calif.

Dear Mr. Small:

Two weeks ago when I was in El Centro and saw Mr. Watanabe, we agreed to accept an assignment for our claim and same was supposed to be sent to me immediately.

I have written to Mr. Watanabe but have not received any response. Can you in any way assist me in getting this assignment? I understand all of these matters go through your hands and I, therefore, am seeking your cooperation.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Very truly yours,

LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF COMMERCE

ML:pk

BY Harry Lieb

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

April 11, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

We are returning Complaint of Harry A. Staub in connection with the Watanabe transaction mentioned in your letter of April 7.

This was discussed with Miss Snyder of the firm of Aggeler & Musser, upon receipt of your communication, and we explained the situation thoroughly to her and she promised to telephone her representative in El Centro and furnish complete instructions. She also promised to have the information transmitted to you by her representative.

We assume that all that can be done in this matter has now been accomplished, and did not give you the telegraphic reply requested inasmuch as it had been handled by telephone by Miss Snyder.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

Enclosure.

El Centro, Calif.,
April 10th, 1942.

Evacuee Property Department,
Federal Reserve Bank,
707 South Spring Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen: Re : HIROKICHI WATANABE et al

As a matter of record :

Referring to my report of interview of April 7th in this matter and accompanying letter of same date to Mr. Bold relative to attachment served :

I am advised that Harry A. Staub who obtained this attachment on the bank account appeared at the Bank of America, El Centro Branch, this afternoon and stated he had compromised this suit - received a check for the compromised amount and released the attachment.

I have had several conversations with different individuals regarding this since April 7th in an endeavor to get them together to make some kind of a settlement and apparently was successful.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H. SMALL
Field Representative

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/24/42
(Date)

Name: Wm. R. Mitchell Motor Co.
(Print)

Telephone: X
Interview: X

Address: 690 Main St.
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation: X
Individual:

Person Interviewed: J. H. Mitchell, Pres.

Address: as above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Called on telephone re request of local office of Motor Vehicle Dept. (State Highway Patrol) to secure transfer registrations involving Japanese - particularly concerning native born U.S. citizens.

Action taken:* Gave them information contained in wire Gordon Williams received from me of yesterday that arrangements had been made in Washington to clear these items. He came back later to say that Traffic Dept. requires certified copies of birth certificates which it is impossible to secure prior to evacuation. Letter to Attorney-Police will follow me the information.

Handled by:
C. H. Dorman
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: SHIGETO YAMADA
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 82-B
(Street and Number)

Imperial, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult:
Minor: x
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Jan. 16, 1922- Never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Farming 40 acres in name of American born sister Masaye Yamada- 24 years old, who is buying the farm. Sold the crop for $3,500 which funds are being provided thru a F.S.Ad. loan and after liens in connection with the crop are paid will leave Shigeto and his sister Masaye about $1,500 net.

Father Juichi Yamada had a 1935 Oldsmobile car with a contract to the Bank of America, Calexico, - unpaid balance of $196, 1 payment of $96 being past due since February, 1942. Juichi Yamada is an alien and now in concentration camp in North Dakota but had been living on the ranch with his children but Shigetu claims he has no interest in the crops or land. The car is now in the Meloland Garage with a bill of $185 against it before the garage man will release it. Shigeto Yamada states he took the car to the Garage in December on instructions from his father but that he has not used the car himself nor never did - that he has been using his brother's car since his brother went into the U.S.Army. Juichi Yamada it is asserted, notified his son Shigetu to tell the Bank of America they could have the car in payment of the garage bill and the unpaid balance of the contract. The Bank refuses to take it over on this basis claiming the value of the car repaired will be less than $300 and want Shigeto and his sister to assign from the proceeds of the sale of their crops enough to pay off the contract. They claim the father Juichi has no interest in their crops and they do not care to assume any balance due on account of this contract. The car was clear of lien when Juichi borrowed $196 from the Bank of America and the children claim to have no knowledge of what Juichi did with the proceeds of the loan.

Action taken:*

No problem yet- listed for record purposes only at this time.

Handled by:

*Attach additional pages where necessary

El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

4/28 Jim Shelley gives this + took info from card Dick
Sent to A.D. re law re ag.

3/31/42
(Date)

Name: GEORGE YAMAGUCHI
(Print) (Surname) (Given)

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Oceanside Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Date of last entry into United States: 22 years old. Born and raised in this County

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Don Dawson

Address: 467 Main St. El Centro, Calif

Telephone Number: _____

Ranch known as the "Dawson Ranch" 1½ miles from Los Luis Rey Mission.

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Yamaguchi is renting 43 acres from Major M. H. Dawson & Don Dawson. Ranch is in San Luis Rey Valley. The Dawsons owe the Federal Land Bank $5300 on this ranch. Lease is not assigned to the Bank. Rent was due. The lease was to start Feb. 1, 1942, & this income was to be paid to the Land Bank by the Dawsons who agreed to pay the taxes themselves. Jap was preparing to put in crops - disced twice. He is at present on the ranch but in view of evacuation has not paid the Feb. or March rent. He has other farming interests & has reported them to our San Diego office. Not reference to this acreage. Mr. Dawson was in our San Diego office to see about the status on March 27th. Apparently the WCCA representative told Mr. Dawson that the ranch was too good & wouldn't list it for assistance or give any information regarding the assets of Yamaguchi

Action taken:*

Handled by: Dawson
El Centro

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El Centro, Calif.,
March 31st, 1942.

Mr. Fred C. Bold, Ass't Manager,
Federal Reserve Bank,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Bold :

Replying to your letter of yesterday relative to Major M. H. Damron :

I return herewith Mr. Damron's letter to you of March 26th together with a copy of my interview report of today. Apparently Mr. Don Damron must have come into contact with one of the field men of the WCCA organization in the San Diego office on March 27th in the afternoon. He reports that he was treated very courteously in the morning by a gentleman there but he did not have his lease with him. He went back in the afternoon with his lease but that gentleman wasn't there and he claims not to have received any consideration from the man who was there then.

In this office here, the WCCA representative, Mr. Schanck, is eager to have the land owner come in to see him regarding a Japanese tenant and give the information as to what he wants in the matter of formally cancelling the lease upon evacuation and what arrangements he is willing to make for the settlement of past due rent if any.

Mr. Damron is writing to his sister, who lives in San Diego, a Mrs. R. D. Tyler, to go into the office there Thursday in connection with this lease and his problem in connection with his ranch in view of the evacuation of the Japanese tenant. He was mostly incensed at the fact that he went from here to San Diego and spent a day and a half there for the sole purpose of talking his deal over in the office and then was not permitted to list his tenant's name nor particulars regarding his problem.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 30, 1942

Mr. Charles H. Small, Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

A Major M. H. Dawson (or Damron) has written from El Centro regarding his recent interview in San Diego with our field representative there. The letter alleges certain lack of understanding of a problem concerning rental of a ranch owned by M. H. and Don Dawson in San Louis Rey Valley. The name of the Japanese tenant is not given in the letter, nor is there any other information given which might identify the case.

Please make an effort to get in touch with Major Dawson and advise him that you have been requested by this office to assist him in working out a deal that will be satisfactory with all parties concerned.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 21, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Kenneth Yamamoto
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 495
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: ???

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: ??

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Kay Nishimaru &

Address: Sunder Singh, Rt.2 Box 169 ~~Heber, Calif.~~

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Kenneth Yamamoto is one of the volunteer workers who left for the Parker Evacuation Camp May 9th. He left his 1935 Chevrolet Master Coupe engine No. 5163660 serial 6ED06-1717 license 9C9042 with Kay Nishimaru, Sec'y of the Japanese Association, to sell for him. There is owing approximately $115 to the Pacific Finance Corp., 621 So. Hope St. L.A.

Nishimaru sold the car to Sunder Singh for $150. Singh gave his check for $150 made to the order of Kenneth Yamamoto to Nishimaru to give to Yamamoto when he arrives at Parker today and Yamamotok will pay off the Pacific Finance and instruct them to send the released pink ownership certificate to me to deliver to Sunder Singh.

White registration certificate delivered to me to hold for pink.

Action taken:*

Handled by: C. H. Hamilton
El Centro, Calif.

*Attach additional pages where necessary

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

June 16/42
(Date)

Name: Kenneth Yamamoto
(Print)

Address: El Centro
(Street and Number)

Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship:

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Now at Parker Reception Center

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report of C.H. Snell June 2nd/ also copy his letter to Pacific Finance Co - L.A. re Parker ownership ent. on Chev. Coupe - Letters attached.

Wants this ownership ent. + release from Pac. Fin. Co soon as possible for new buyer Dandar Singh.

Action taken:*

Phoned Mr. Norton of Pac. Fin. Co. who checked this up and promised they would mail all papers on this to Snell at El Centro today.

Handled by: G.O. Williams

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(Closed)

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

June 2, 1942.
(Date)

Name: KENNETH YAMAMOTO
(Print)

Address: P.O.Box 495
(Street and Number)
El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview:

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: _____

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See previous reports

Letter from Yamamoto at Parker Evacuation Area sending check of Sunder Singh (purchaser of car) for $150 endorsed by him with request to pay off Pacific Finance Corp. claim of $121.60 and send him balance.

Action taken:*

Negotiated Sunder Singh's check and sending cashiers check to Pacific Finance Corp. @ L.A. per copy of letter attached with request for return of ownership certificate. I have white registration certificate for this car with power of attorney from Yamamoto to sign ownership certificate for him as seller and deliver to Sunder Singh, the purchaser, as soon as received from Pacific Finance Corp. (Singh now in possession of car and has called on me twice inquiring as to when he will receive the certificates.)

Call mr Norton at F.R.B. S.F.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

P. O. Box 855, El Centro, Calif.

June 2, 1942.

Pacific Finance Corp. of California,
621 South Hope Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Re : Kenneth Yamamoto
'35 Chev. Coupe
Mot. 5163660

Referring to letter of May 15th to Imperial County Citizens Welfare Committee, 436 Broadway, El Centro, by your D. R. McDonald, Ass't Coll. Manager, enclosed is Cashiers Check for $121.60 being the balance due you under the above contract of Kenneth Yamamoto, P.O.Box 495, El Centro, Calif.

Will you please send me the motor registration certificate releasing your interests and any insurance policy you may be holding in this connection as soon as possible?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

Copy- F.C.Bold, L.A.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/25/42
(Date)

Name: SHIZUO YAMANAKA
(Print)

Address: 480 Adams St
(Street and Number)

El Centro Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: _____

Operating under Treasury License now?: _____

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above

Address: "

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Ford V8 1935 Coupe - Wants title & Wrench for $90.-
Motor Vehicle Dept. refuses to transfer title on Registration
Cf. without certified copy of birth cf. to be issued by
State of Colorado County of Otero City of Rocky Ford.
Shizuo has 1 certified copy which he does want to give up.

Action taken:*
Local office of Motor Vehicle Dept accepts Government's affidavit
same taken on a notarized copy of a birth cf. or certified copy
of birth cf. of relative overseas but branch offices would not
accept them - they would have to be sent direct to Government

Handled by: _____
C. H. Jo Corson

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/26/42
(Date)

Name: YAMASAKI - FRANK
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: _____
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Jap.

Wilmington Calif.
(City) (State)

Name _____ (Surname) _____ (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1918

Operating under Treasury License now?: Yes

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Owner
"

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Principal property involved and scope of problem:
Has 1941 Chevrolet Sedan - made contract & made from Worack Chev. Agency - Net price balance $673.= due Aug 1, 1942
Wants to sell & turn Abstract of Title - White citizen for $100 plus Abstract assuming first due 8/1/42
Wants to know how to effect transfer.

Action taken:*
Worack says should turn to Worack's Branch agency where original contract was made & transfer would be taken care of

Handled by:
C. N. H. Brown

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: NIGIHIKO YANO
(Print)

Address: 734 So. 8th St.
(Street and Number)

El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1908 acme to U.S.- In Japan 5 months 1920/21

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Partner with most of the interest in GOLDEN VALLEY PRODUCE CO., a limited partnership.

See reports Louis Y. Mukai, Hiroko Kawakita, and TOMOSUKE KISHABA this date.

Action taken:*

Witnessed delivery of checks endorsed by the above individuals as stated in those reports.

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3-26-42
(Date)

Name: Joe YASUDA
(Print)

Address: R1 Box 7
(Street and Number)

Holtville Calif
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Adult: X
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: USA

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Dec 25 1920

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Same

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Has loan on 62 acres
Want to sell crop to Dorman Farm Co
Problem of $720 re loan payments
etc

Action taken:*

Inquired Escrow at Bank to
cover all demands and payments

Handled by: COLES
El Centro

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Los Angeles Branch
[redacted]ral Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 23, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Joe M. Yasuda
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 7,
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Sept. 25, 1920. Never out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: above

Address:

Telephone Number: Holtville 8702.-R-1

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Sent 3 pink slips covering a Sedan, pickup, and truck to Motor Vehicle Dep't at Sacramento about a month ago for transfer from father's name to him. About a week later sent his birth ctf. in to them per their request and has written them twice but the pink slips don't come back and he wants to sell the cars.

Action taken:*

He gave me the license numbers of the three motor vehicles and I will write to the Motor Vehicle Dep't and urge attention.

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

May 18th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Joe M. Yasuda,
(Print)

Address: Rt. 1 Box 7,
(Street and Number)

Holtville, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: x
Female:
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born 9/25/20

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Above & Harry W. Williams

Address: Holtville, Calif.

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

See report 4/23/42

Registration certificate for Pickup did not come in from Motor Vehicle Dep't prior to evacuation. Yasuda sold pickup to Harry Williams and leaving contract with lst National Bank of Holtville for collection and authorized me to sign for him on ownership certificate when received transferring over to Harry Williams subject to contract.

Action taken:*
For record purpose only.

MAY 25 1942

Handled by: [signature]

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El Centro, Calif.

State of California

Department of Motor Vehicles

Division of Registration

CULBERT L. OLSON
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES M. CARTER
DIRECTOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

HOWARD E. DEEMS
REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES

IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NUMBER 58776

SUBJECT:

SACRAMENTO
May 8, 1942

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Attention: C. H. H. Small,
Field Representative

Gentlemen:

This is with reference to your letter of April 23, 1942 relative to 1942 certificates 22W 715, 22W 716 and K 8288 in the name of J. M. Yasuda, Rt 1 Box 7, Holtville.

Our records indicate that these applications have been cleared and certificates should be received within a few days. If Mr. Yasuda leaves prior to receipt of certificates, please have him arrange with the post office for forwarding his mail to him.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

By R. Ryan 2d
Adjustments, Bureau 7

TF:am

Address all communications to Division of Registration

Take Time To Live — Drive Safely

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

3/23/42
(Date)

Name: Y. YONASHIRA
(Print)

Telephone:
Interview: X

Address: P.O. Box 84
(Street and Number)

Adult: X
Minor:
Male:
Female: X
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Nilard = Calif
(City) (State)

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: X

Person Interviewed: Above & Dom Kiya

Address: Nilard

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Mrs. Yonashira shipped furniture on consignment to Venice Produce Co. Los Angeles. Statements show over $500.- to come - but $100 on account & promise Rest of Balance as returns are received. Have been prompt heretofore - They understand Venice Produce Co. is a Japanese firm and are liquidating in view of evacuation.

Action taken:*

Have suggested Dorothy write L.A. & have Venice Produce Co. (110) Do Bond Petition & investigation & ascertain if arrangements to have same made to pay off - Come back Nil. or Above.

Write C/H & - Letter 3/25

Handled by:
C. H. H. Barron
Ex Director

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Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 28, 1942.
(Date)

Name: Yoshiko Yonashiro
(Print)

Address: P. O. Box 84,
(Street and Number)

Niland Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male:
Female: x
Citizenship: U.S.A.

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: Born Hawaii 1913- Came here 1939- not out

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual: x

Person Interviewed: Shinsii Ige- Husband of above

Address: Above

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Shipped tomatoes to Venice Celery Distributors, 1101 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles February 14th to 21st. Has a/c sales for $589.63. Has received $100 and $89.63 - unpaid balance of $400.

Has written for balance.

Action taken:*

Suggested I would write also to find out if assets have been assigned.

Handled by:

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El Centro, Calif.

AFFILIATIONS IN ALL PRINCIPAL CITIES OF THE THE UNITED STATES

BONDED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau

W. W. GRAY
SEC'Y MGR.

943-A SOUTH SAN PEDRO STREET
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONES { TRinity 9194
TRinity 9195
TRinity 9196

CREDIT REPORTS
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May 1, 1942

Mr. C. H. H. Small, Field Representative
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 28, addressed to Venice Celery Distributors, relative to payment of merchandise consigned by Yoshiko Yonashiro.

Venice Celery Distributors has liquidated, having turned over collection of accounts receivable and liquidation of fixed assets to the writer for handling.

While we have not seen an audit to indicate the financial responsibility of this concern, it is our belief that they are well able to take care of all of the obligations owing.

Venice Celery Distributors discontinued operations some time ago, originally selling to Venice Produce Distributors, a concern owned by two Americans. These men operated for a time and it is possible that the consignment of merchandise was made by Yonashiro during the period when Venice Produce Distributors had possession of the business.

It is suggested that you address a communication to the Bureau of Marketing Enforcement, second floor, State Building, Los Angeles, California, setting forth full information in regard to this consignment, including the date of the consignment. By taking such steps, you are assured that the claim of Yonashiro will be protected and if need be, claim will be made against

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the bonding company to recover the money for this grower.

If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to call upon this office.

Yours very truly,

L. A. PRODUCE DEALERS
CREDIT BUREAU

W. W. Gray
SECRETARY-MANAGER

WWG/nm

540 State Street,
El Centro, Calif.,
April 28th, 1942.

Venice Celery Distributors,
1101 South San Pedro Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gentlemen:

YOSHIKO YONASHIRO of P.O.Box 84, Niland, Calif., show us account sales for tomatoes consigned to you between February 14th and 21st amounting to $589.63, stating $189.63 has been paid by you leaving an unpaid balance of $400.

Final sale of these tomatoes was made over 6 weeks ago undoubtedly and settlement made therefor. Will you please let me know by return mail why this balance of $400 has not as yet been paid Yonashiro?

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

El Centro, Calif.,
April 1st, 1942.

Mrs. Y. Yonashira,
P. O. Box 84,
Niland, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Yonashira :

You were in my office March 29rd with Mr. Higa relative to an account owing to you by the Venice Produce Company, of Los Angeles, for tomatoes sold by them for you on consignment.

You should immediately enter a claim for the amount still owing to you by the Venice Produce Company. Send this claim (it may be in the form of a letter) to

W.W.GRAY, Manager
Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau,
943½ South San Pedro Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Also send a copy to

State Dep't of Agriculture
Bureau of Market Enforcement
State Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

After you have sent your claim in, be sure you tell them your new address after you are evacuated from here.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative

LOS ANGELES BRANCH

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

FISCAL AGENT OF THE UNITED STATES

March 25, 1942

Mr. C. H. Small
Field Representative
Evacuee Property Department
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Dear Mr. Small:

Referring to your letter of March 23rd, I note your various problems.

In checking up on the Venice Produce Company here, find that they are now in the process of liquidation, this being handled by our Los Angeles Produce Dealers Credit Bureau, W. W. Gray, Manager, address, 943½ South San Pedro Street. Conversation with Mr. Gray developed that this company has some slow assets which may take some time to clean up. He indicates possibly as long as six months. Furthermore, there is also a $5,000.00 bond up with the State, so that all in all, Mr. Gray feels it will definitely pay out 100% in time.

In this connection, would mention the point of the grower filing his claim with Mr. Gray. Also, that in the event of the grower being evacuated before settlement is made, he should keep in touch with Gray, the Trustee, regarding subsequent address, etc., so that he can eventually get his money.

The above is in connection with your report covering Y. Yonashira, Niland, California.

In connection with Joe Nakada of Niland, and the trouble he is having with United Farmers Association, also of this City, I can only say that I have tried three or four times to get them on the telephone, but there was no answer. However, another check elsewhere suggests that they are going through liquidation, but have been unable to find out who is handling it. Hope to do this and will advise you further.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 16th, 1942.
(Date)

Name: NIGHIKO YANO
(Print)

Address: 734 So. 8th St.
(Street and Number)
El Centro, Calif.
(City) (State)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Adult: x
Minor:
Male: X
Female:
Citizenship: Japanese

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States: 1908 came to U.S.- In Japan 5 months 1920/21

Operating under Treasury License now?: No

Type of Business:
Partnership: x
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed: Above

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Partner with most of the interest in GOLDEN VALLEY PRODUCE CO., a limited partnership.

See reports Louis Y. Mukai, Hiroko Kawakita, and TOMOSUKE KISHARA this date.

Action taken:*

Witnessed delivery of checks endorsed by the above individuals as stated in those reports.

Handled by:

El Centro, Calif.

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POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE COMPANY

OF CALIFORNIA

MANUFACTURERS - WHOLESALE

MAIN SALES OFFICE: 1323 SILVIUS AVENUE
SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE 1503

May 1st, 1942.

Martha Brown

Mr. Stanley Schain,
Box 152,
Niland, California.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find statement of account of Mr. F.K.Fujita. We hold a crop mortgage recorded in Book 501 Page 389 of the Official records of Imperial County, also an agreement with Magano Company approved by Mr. Fujita for the payment thereof, also a check No 79 signed by Fusae K. Fujita dated February 6th 1942 for $ 200.00 which was to apply on account. This check was returned by the Bank marked N.S.F.

In handling the crop as we understand you are doing under a power of attorney, will you please send us copies of each sale and to whom sold as(50%) fifty percent of the money comes under our mortgage and must be accounted for.

Please let us hear from you in due course.

Yours very truly

POTASSIUM PHOSPHATE COMPANY

A. L. Kreiss

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cc- Mr. F.K.Fujita
Alien Property Custodian, El Centro.
L.O.Wilabee, El Centro.

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El Centro, Calif.,
April 2nd, 1942.

Mr. G. C. Dunford, Manager,
Inland Fertilizer Company,
4144 Pandini Boulevard,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Mr. Dunford :

Referring to your letter of March 30th relative to account with you of South Valley Fertilizer, Brawley :

So far as I have been informed, the Federal Government has not set up a collection agency in this area in connection with the Japanese Evacuation order of General DeWitt. Several Federal agencies are represented here in El Centro to assist Japanese evacuees in handling their personal and property interests inso far as they are affected by the Evacuation order. Locally all of these agencies and the Japanese together with all interests involved are working harmoniously and with the fullest degree of cooperation.

The Japanese insofar as it has come to my observation, with a few exceptions, are disposing of their interests voluntarily and at a sacrifice financially to a greater or lesser extent in nearly every case but there has been no evidence that they are using this emergency order to get out from under any of their just debts. In disposing of their crops they are making arrangements so far as possible to see that their creditors' interests are taken care of either out of the cash proceeds if such are in the transaction or from assignments against future cash payments to be made for their accounts.

In view of these circumstances, until and as if your debtor has signified that it is his intention not to take care of your obligation, should you in fairness to him endeavor to collect this thru an outside agency? What does he say about it? You have not indicated what his attitude is in your letter nor whether the obligation is current, past due, in default nor any particulars.

Yours very truly,

C.H.H.SMALL
Field Representative.

PLANT AND OFFICE
4144 BANDINI BOULEVARD
PHONE ANGELUS 5101

G. C. DUNFO
G. PARK
Ass

INLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS AND JOBBERS OF ALL KINDS OF FERTILIZERS

OWNERS OF

WESTERN SUN FERTILIZER COMPANY

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

March 30, 1942

War Farm Administration Office
540 State Street
El Centro, California

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing herewith list of one Japanese account who owes us money for fertilizer purchases the past season. Because of Japanese evacuation this parties is not paying, so no doubt you can help us get our money in which we understand your offices are trying to straighten up on these matters before the farmers actually leaves.

South Valley Fertilizer--P. O. Box 123--Brawley $289.84

If we can give assistance or help in any way possible do call on us.

Respectfully yours,

INLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY

G. C. Dunford

G. C. Dunford, Manager

GCD:dt

Los Angeles Branch
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
Fiscal Agent of the United States

April 4, 1942.
(Date)

Name: General - (Print)

Telephone:
Interview: x

Address: (Street and Number)

(City) (State)

Adult:
Minor:
Male:
Female:
Citizenship:

Name (Surname) (Given)

Date of last entry into United States:

Operating under Treasury License now?:

Type of Business:
Partnership:
Proprietorship:
Corporation:
Individual:

Person Interviewed:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Principal property involved and scope of problem:

Had a very pleasant interview with JOHN W. DYKES, U.S.Dept of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, of 294 Wholesale Terminal Building, Los Angeles.

Subject : Cooperation between his department and the Federal Reserve Bank field representative for this area in connection with facilitating exchange of information and assistance on both sides in protecting Japanese debtor and/or creditor accounts, and other parties having debtor and/or creditor collection difficulties in connection with the marketing of field and truck crops thru concerns, individuals or brokers licensed by said Department or having bonds posted for proper performance.

In case of specific instances requiring such cooperation we think the arrangements are made to get quick action

Action taken:*

Handled by: [signature]
El Centro

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