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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
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March 7, 1952.

K. W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

At the present time our office is cluttered up with material which we sorted out of our files for destruction during the process of microfilming. The material which has been microfilmed has also been kept intact up to the present.

As we are to vacate the premises by the end of this months, we cannot leave the disposal of this material any longer. It would appear that the best day for using the rear elevator of our building is on Saturdays, and we propose to start getting this loaded into trucks next Saturday, the 15th. We will personally see that the material goes directly into the City incinerator. We will later have to pack evacuee ledgers and unclosed files and material for shipment to Ottawa.

I presume you have no other instructions to give at this time.

Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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Vancouver 2, B.C.,
March 6, 1952.

PERSONAL

K. W. Wright, Esq., Q.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa 4, Ontario.

Dear Ken:

We are in the throes of getting things in shape for the final closing. Have spent several days with Pat and Miss Norrington at Campbell Storage sorting over the remaining stuff we had there. A lot of rubbish we sent to the incinerator (and Pat Good personally saw that it was destroyed) but rather than destroy everything, I made arrangements with the local Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association to take over literally hundreds of photos, albums, pictures and books and a number of small shrines and other personal things, the owners of which we have not been able to locate. This Japanese Association have a room at 324 Powell St. and the understanding is that they will find owners where possible or dispose of it as they may wish. This cleans up our storage items except for the company records which I have written to you about in my other letter.

We are getting together the files in which there is any unfinished business and making a summary so that you will have something to work on if reference is required in the future.

I am not getting on very well with a final report and if I don't get it finished before we close, I can do so after.

Will be looking for the Auditors soon, and Mr. Cook, the Building Manager, wants us to vacate without any delay at the end of the month as they have new tenants already arranged for.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

October 31st, 1951.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Microfilming Cheques.

I have for acknowledgment your communication of the 24th instant.

I enclose copy of Mr. Arpin's memoranum to Mr. Mathieu dated today, which has been approved by Mr. Mathieu and is self-explanatory.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/G
Enc.

Ottawa, October 29th, 1951.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATHIEU

RE: Microfilming Vancouver Office Cheques

Attached you will find a letter from Mr. Shears under date of 24th instant. A copy is being handed to Mr. Arpin for an expression of his views and I would like to know what you think about the matter before replying to Mr. Shears.

K. W. Wright.

KW"/G

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver (2), B.C.,
October 24, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa (4), Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright: Microfilming Cheques

You have previously advised that all cancelled cheques should be preserved, but at this time I would like to bring this matter before you again.

The cancelled cheques to which are attached the requisition forms, are contained in 160 Shannon cardboard binding cases. If these are to be sent to you, they would therefore occupy a fair amount of space.

In view of the time that has elapsed since the majority of cheques were issued, and the fact of the setting up of the Claims Commission, the possibility of any further reference to paid cheques is I think, quite remote. The microfilming machine can be adjusted to photograph in rotation both sides of a document so that if the cheques were microfilmed, both the face side and the signature on the back would be available. The cheques would be microfilmed in numerical order and any further reference to a cheque would first be made through the ledger which shows the cheque number, so that the location on the film would be quite easy. It is my understanding that microfilmed records are accepted in Court as valid evidence, especially if the microfilmed document produced forms a part of a series, and possibly supported by affidavit.

Yes

With the microfilming of other documents nearing completion, I thought it would be well for this particular matter to be reviewed, as it would not take a great while to microfilm these cheques and requisitions if it were decided to do so, before we have to return the machine to the Eastman people next month.

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C. Oct. 24, 1951.

Cheque requisitions and paid cheques concerning our No. 2 Enemy Trust Account have, as you are doubtless aware, already been forwarded to Ottawa. This letter only concerns cheques in Bank Account No. 4 which covers Evacuee Trust Accounts which of course, constitute the greatest volume, and also administration cheques in Bank Accounts Numbers 1 and 3.

It would be appreciated if you will definitely advise as soon as possible what action we should take in regard to the disposition of cheques and requisitions.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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October 18, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of Oct. 16th. I fully agree with your suggestion in regard to what may be termed "unfinished files".

At the time this office finally closes and transfers are made to Ottawa, it is my intention to forward you the complete files covering all unfinished cases (this in addition to the fact that these files will have been microfilmed).

I also plan to have a summary placed at the top of each of these files so that any further transactions may be made as easy as possible at Ottawa.

In regard to the files which have been microfilmed I will let you have a complete index which will immediately lead you to the particular film on which any required file appears.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, 4, Ontario.

October 16th, 1951.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

In your report of the 1st instant reference was made to the fact that 32 claims remain unsettled and that you are holding funds for 63 Evacuees. These may be classed as unfinished files.

We have current cases including the insurance claim of Mrs. Masuye Jinnouchi, and the claim filed by Mr. Cameron, M.P., relative to uncollected accounts of Yamanaka.

You may have others that will not be finished before the office closes.

Believe that I indicated to you some time ago that unfinished files should be microfilmed but the originals retained in file fome for transfer to this office next year.

You will appreciate that it would be much easier for us to have the files and avoid use of projector, etc. Please let me know if you have planned accordingly.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chief Counsel.

KWW/G

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K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.,
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I think that at this time I should write and give you an idea of the progress being made in the affairs of this office. Fifteen thousand files have now been gone over and over 300,000 documents microfilmed. At the present time we are not actually destroying any documents and in addition to the documents which have been microfilmed, we have also set aside the balance of the contents of these files, and before the final closing of the office, arrangements will be made to dispose of all this material. The microfilming is proceeding very well. The Eastman people who are developing each film as it is completed, inform us that the work is very satisfactory. I am hoping that this particular work will be completed in a few weeks.

This leads me to say that I have made tentative arrangements for the following staff reductions which, subject to your confirmation, will be carried out. Mr. Nutter will be leaving at the end of this month, Mr. Reed will terminate his employment at the end of November, and Miss Helen Allan at the end of December. This will leave Miss Norrington, Mr. Good and myself, in regard to whom I have not yet made any definite arrangements.

I am also making plans to give up the major portion of our present office space at the end of December, only reserving a small room in case this is needed for a month or so longer.

As a result of my last letter to those claimants who had not accepted their awards, nine of these have recently completed releases and have been paid. I feel that no further action need be taken until all the other work is complete, and if there are still claims unsettled at that time I will then present to you a final picture and receive your ruling.

At the moment there are 32 claims outstanding amounting to $69,942.68.

This includes the Deep Bay Logging Company claim of $51,750.00. You are aware that Mr. Norris who is now representing the Deep Bay claimants, was trying to secure a considerable sum in payment of legal expenses in addition to the amount of the award recommended. The conclusion of matters concerning the Deep Bay Logging Company has also been held in abeyance as P.S. Ross & Sons have not yet given us a final report on this Company, due to certain interlocking arrangements with Kagetsu & Co. I understand from Mr. Field that these matters will be finalized in the near future and his final report submitted to us.

Payments of final balances in trust accounts amounting to approximately $55,000.00 are gradually being made as we are able to do so. The position is as follows:

October 1, 1951.

K. W. Wright, Esq., K.C.

6	Suspense Accounts	-	Mainly covering proceeds of unidentified chattels and nets for which we can assume the Japanese owners made claims and have been paid.	
15	Whereabouts unknown	-	Occasionally able to secure information.	
10	Refuse to accept			
12	Association Accounts	-	Gradually being finalized	
9	Canada Mio distribution	-	Trying to locate	3
			Deceased	5
			Ownership doubtful	1
11	Sundry	-	P.C.U. Interest (.05¢)	1
			Mental incapacity	1
			Held for debts	2
			Tagashira Income Tax	1
			Hompa Buddhist Temple	1
			Deep Bay	1
			Kagetsu	1
			Mary Iwasaki (Davis & Co.)	1
			Awaiting award Release	1
			Counter claim (J.H. Todd)	1
63				

After the completion of microfilming, the payment or disposition of Trust Account balances and claims, there will remain such matters as the disposal of office furniture, the shipment of evacuee records (apart from material which will be destroyed) and the sorting and disposal of records of companies which have been liquidated by P.S. Ross & Sons during the past years. The question of a final audit may also need to be considered before our records are dealt with and the office closed. However, as indicated, the situation will be more clarified by the end of the year, and at the most it would appear that with a staff of two or three, the continuance of the office would be limited to from one to three months.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 20, 1949.

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Offkce of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I received your letter of the 18th instant in which you refer to the suggestions made in my letter of the 15th.

In connection with the transfer to Ottawa of Enemy Accounts and files, you asked for some information in regard to the progress of the audit. Mr. Colson of the Audit General's Department only commenced this audit on May 12th. However, I gather from him that as far as the Enemy Section is concerned, he anticipates that this will be finished very shortly. Whether their report on the Enemy Section will then be made or held until the Evacuee audit is completed, will I suppose, depend upon any instructions which may be given to Mr. Colson. It is not possible for me to indicate the time which will be required to complete the audit of Evacuee Accounts, but I assume that this will occupy a month or so more.

As far as the Enemy Corporations which have been dealt with by P.S. Ross & Sons are concerned, winding-proceedings have been completed on the following:

British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd.
Cameron Lake Logging Co. Ltd.
Canadian Salt Herring Exporters Ltd.
Canamoku Company Limited
Cowichan Saltery Company Ltd.
Fuji Chop Suey Limited
Green Cove Salteries Ltd.
Komura Bros.
T. Maikawa Stores Limited
Moresby Island Fisheries Limited
Moresby Island Fisheries (Jedway) Ltd.
Nanaimo Shipyards Limited
Powell Fish Company Ltd.

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Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Co. Ltd.
Salt Salmon Exporters of B.C. Ltd.
Sidney Inlet Mining Company Ltd.
Vince & Company Limited

The position in regard to other Enemy Companies for which winding-up proceedings have not been completed, is as follows:

Japan and Canada Trust Savings Company - A surplus and tax liabilities is involved and a clearance from the income tax is still to be obtained.

J. Kasho Company Limited - P.S. Ross & Sons are still waiting for the possibility of realization of an account receivable due from the Canadian Saltery Company which was liquidated by Mr. Gilbert Hogg.

T. Matsuyama and Company Limited - There are a number of affiliated companies connected with this corporation. Winding-up proceedings cannot be concluded until the affairs of the Union Fish Company have been finalized.

N. S. McNeil Trading Company Limited - Taxable surplus has to be determined and income tax clearance received.

Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited - No books have been available for this company. The last balance sheet shows accounts payable of approximately $23,000.00 and there is a cash asset of $1174.08. There is a suggestion that this company might be struck off the Register if Mr. Field had an interview with the Registrar at Victoria.

Union Fish Company Limited - Question of a distributable surplus has to be cleared up and income tax clearance secured.

It is hoped that the incompleted matters referred to above, will be completed in the next few months. I trust this is the information required.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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November 22, 1948

See Draft Letter Council 1 Below

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. COLEMAN

RE: Revocation of Orders in Council Pertaining to Properties of Japanese Evacuees & Repatriates

During the war, persons of the Japanese Race were evacuated from the Protected Area of British Columbia and Order in Council P.C. 1665 of March 4, 1942, as amended by Order in Council P.C. 2483 of March 27, 1942, provided that all property situated in any Protected Area of British Columbia, belonging to any person of the Japanese Race (excepting fishing vessels, subject to Order in Council P.C. 288 of January 13, 1942, deposits of money and shares of stock) should be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian.

Order in Council P.C. 469 of January 19, 1943, empowered the Custodian to liquidate such vested property.

Order in Council P.C. 7355 of December 15, 1945, enabled the Custodian to control and liquidate real or personal property left in Canada by Repatriates and also provided for the eventual transfer of the proceeds to the former owners.

The Orders in Council above referred to were continued pursuant to the provisions of The Continuation of the Transitional Measures Act, 1947.

A recent survey discloses that 19 parcels of real estate owned by Japanese and under Custodian control remain unsold and the fact that no satisfactory offers have been received since the time that our policy of liquidation was entered upon is an indication that these properties created no public interest in their purchase.

There are also 13 properties which belonged to Japanese Associations and here again, no satisfactory offers have been received.

Due to the pressure of work in connection with dealing with Japanese claims, there is still approximately $270,000.00 remaining to the credit of individual Japanese evacuees, and while this money is being forwarded to the owners from time to time, it is possible of course that funds may still remain on hand when the Transitional Measures Act expires next March.

As to assets of Repatriates, examination reveals that there is one unsold parcel of real estate which is jointly owned with an Evacuee, numerous stocks, bonds, interests in life insurance contracts and refundable savings portion of income tax. There are 76 persons who returned to Japan entitled to income tax refunds totalling $2,765.00, and this amount will be paid to the Custodian by the Income Tax Authorities next March.

Order in Council P.C. 804, dated 2nd March, 1948, removed restrictions on travel, effective April 1st, 1949, and thereafter Japanese will be allowed to return to the protected area of British Columbia without permit. In my opinion, the Custodian would be well advised to withdraw all Vesting Certificates covering Japanese Evacuee properties in B. C. and allow the former owners to resume control as soon as possible after April 1st next.

Advice was received on the 22nd ultimo that the Cabinet had directed the Committee on Emergency Powers to review the Orders in Council now in force under the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, and to revoke any Orders in Council not required.

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The Department of Justice was asked to advise if the Custodian would have the right to liquidate the assets in his possession if Orders in Council P.C. 1665, P.C. 469 and P.C. 7355 were revoked. The Deputy Minister of Justice has replied as follows:

"As I understand it, the assets of persons of the Japanese race, which have up to the present vested in the Custodian, constitute the total property which will vest under the three Orders in Council mentioned in your letter. I understand that there is no possibility of any additional assets of such persons vesting in the Custodian in the future if the Orders in Council remain in force. I further understand that so far as these assets are concerned, the task which remains to the Custodian is to liquidate them and return the proceeds as soon as it is practicable to the former owners.

I am of opinion that the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) provide authority to the Custodian to sell, liquidate or otherwise dispose of property of persons of the Japanese race vested in him, and to relinquish any such property or the proceeds of liquidation of such property. The proceeds of such liquidation may be placed in a bank or invested in securities with the approval of the Treasury Board.

Pending liquidation or retransfer of the assets or their proceeds, the Custodian would have power incidentally to carry out any necessary management of the assets.

The foregoing powers could accordingly be exercised if the three Orders in Council mentioned in your letter are revoked".

In view of this opinion, I submitted drafts of two recommendations to Mr. A. H. Brown, Chief Executive Officer and Solicitor, Department of Labour, and he approved both attached forms the day he left for England.

In accord with your instructions, I then got in touch with Mr. Henry of Justice Department and he suggested making the effective date earlier than the 30th March, 1949, as specified in the approved draft. There is sound reason for this in that Section 7 of the Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947, provides in part:

"This Act shall expire on the 60th day after Parliament first meets or on the 31st day of March, whichever date is the earlier".

I have changed the recommendations to read "effective the 28th day of February, 1949".

You will observe that the recommendation as to revocation of Order in Council P.C. 1665, dated March 4, 1942, and P.C. 469, dated January 19, 1943, is to be made by the Secretary of State with concurrence of the Minister of Labour, and the recommendation as to revocation of Order in Council P.C. 7355, dated December 15, 1945, is to be made by the Minister of Labour with the concurrence of the Secretary of State.

Mr. Brown indicated that he would not have time to bring this matter to the attention of his Minister and I promised to request you to arrange this. Will you therefore be kind enough to have both the enclosed recommendations signed and put forward to Council.

K. W. WRIGHT

KWW/JF
Encl.

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506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
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November 2, 1948.

Your File J-9

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo enclosing copy of communication addressed to the Honorable Colin Gibson by Mr. A.D.P. Heeney.

For your information I am enclosing a list of real property unsold, belonging to persons of the Japanese race, and also a list of real property belonging to Japanese organizations.

In regard to the first group, the fact that no satisfactory offers have been received since the time that our policy of liquidation was entered upon, is an indication that these properties created no public interest in their purchase. You will notive that a number of these are situated at Port Essington which, as you are aware, has become somewhat of a ghost town since the evacuation of the Japanese.

In regard to the Association properties, we have been in contact with the officials of these organizations and in some cases there has been a willingness to sell, but no satisfactory offers have been received.

In view of the proposed revocation of orders-in-council which I assume would remove restrictions as to travel, I would think that the withdrawal of our vesting from these properties and allowing the former owners to resume control, would be a logical step. I am wondering whether there would be any advantage in this being done prior to the revocation of the Orders-in-council, and by giving proper notification to the former owners.

We are not aware of any unsold real property owned

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K.W. Wright, Esq.

November 2, 1948.

by Japanese who returned to Japan in 1946 except one of the Port Essington properties which is jointly owned with an evacuee.

There are 76 persons who returned to Japan who are entitled to income tax refunds totalling $2765.00, and this amount I believe will be refunded by the income tax authorities next March. There may also be some paid-up life insurance on the lives of some who have returned to Japan. There may be a few cases in which evacuees are interested as shareholders in the distribution of funds resulting from the liquidation of a company such as the Japan and Canada Trust. Some very small amounts are also received from time to time as interest from unredeemable shares in the Pacific Co-Operative Union, and we occasionally receive commissions from life insurance companies for monies due to former agents.

There is practically no personal property of any intrinsic value now on hand.

Due to the pressure of work in connection with dealing with Japanese claims, there is still approximately $270,000.00 remaining to the credit of individual Japanese evacuees, and while this money is being forwarded to the owners from time to time, it is possible of course that funds may still remain on hand when the Transitional Measures Act expires next March.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

UNSOLD PROPERTIES

Greater Vancouver

File No.	Cat. No.	Address	Assessment
5150	274	2200 Block Triumph St.	$ 615.00
5564	441	Tide Flats, North Van.	200.00
13431	460	5195 Royal Oak Ave., Burnaby	1585.00
	File 7551	17th St. between William & Rupert Ave., North Van	150.00

Rural

File No.	Cat. No.	Address	Assessment
14090-14127	501	Bamfield	$ 1,000.00
14090	505	Bamfield	100.00
13698	556	Clark Ave., Cranbrook	70.00
1372	726	225 First Ave., Pr. Rupert	1,935.00
2300	731	Prince Rupert	110.00
1398	738	Port Essington	285.00
1398	740	Port Essington	2,075.00
639/1348	741	Port Essington	670.00
1348	743	Port Essington	1,100.00
1582	744	Port Essington	1,725.00
598/2398	747	Port Essington	965.00
1526	750	Haysport	480.00
1488	751	Port Essington	125.00
7602/7601/ 5409	872	Shannon Road, Richmond	1,700.00
	File 1348	Port Simpson, Pr. Rupert	1,550.00

LIST OF UNSOLD PROPERTY BELONGING TO
JAPANESE ORGANIZATIONS OR HELD UNDER
TRUST DECLARATIONS

October 30, 1948.

FILE NO.	NAME	CLASSIFICATION	LOCATION
13509	TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION, HANEY	dwelling & hall	2383-2385 Dewdney Trunk Road, HANEY, B.C. Pt.0.2 ac. m/l, Lot 1,Blk.2, Lot 245,Grp.1,Map 1007 marked red and lettered "E" on Sketch No. 3897, Mun. of Maple Ridge, D.N.W. and Lot 1 of Pt. Lot 1, Blk 2, Lot 245, Grp. 1.,Map 6263, Mun of Maple Ridge, D.N.W.
9754	JAPANESE SCHOOL MAINTAINERS A ASSOCIATION, Port Hammond	hall, school, house,two shacks	Power Line Road, Hammond,B.C. Lot 1 of Lot "A" of Lot 278, Group 1, Map 4948, Mun. of Maple Ridge
10526	THE VANCOUVER NIPPON KYORITSU GO-GAKKO(Japanese School of Language) MAINTENANCE ASSN.	concrete building	475 Alexander Street, Vancouver Lots 20,21,22, Blk 38, D.L.196
G/73 55480	WESTERN CANADA HOP CO-OPERATIVE UNION	dry kiln and office	Cor. Clay & Silverdale Roads, Mission: Pt.2 ac.m/l, Lot 3, N.W.¼ Sec.20,Twp.17, Map 2755,Sk.8368.
8659	HANEY FRUIT RANCHERS ASSOCIATION	2 halls, 1 school 1 church 2 wood-sheds	14th Ave & Dewdney Trunk Road, HANEY, B.C: Pt.1 ac. m/l SE¼ Sec.20, Twp. 12, "G", Mun. of Maple Ridge, D.N.W.
9623	WHONNOCK,RUSKIN & ALBION JAPANESE FARMERS ASSOCIATION	hall	32nd Avenue Ruskin, B.C. Pt.2.5 ac. m/l, L.S.D. 1, Sec. 5, Twp. 15, Sk. 8334, Mun. of Maple Ridge.
		Dwelling & Hall	30th Avenue, Whonnock, B.C. Pt. 0.5 ac. m/l, SE¼ Sec.6 Twp. 15, Sk. 6383, Mun. of Maple Ridge.
10396	SURREY BERRY GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION	dwelling	Sandel Rd. near Townline Rd. New Westminster: Lot 2, SW¼ Sec. 33, Map 6634
10697	CANADA MIO SONJIN KAI	hall	S.E. Cor. Moncton St. & 3rd Ave. Steveston, B.C. Lot 9, Blk.6, Sec.10,B3N, R7W, Map 249
10721	STEVESTON JAPANESE ASSOCIATION	kindergarten building	No. 1 Road at Chatham Street, Steveston: Lots 13-16, 17 & 18, Blk. 23, Sec. 3, B3N, R7", Map 1691.

FILE NO.	NAME	CLASSIFICATION	LOCATION
12894	THE PRINCE RUPERT JAPANESE ASSOCIATION	2 storey building dwelling at rear	Prince Rupert, B.C. Lot 19, Blk. 16, Sec. 5, City of Prince Rupert, Map 923
12196	CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION Port Essington, B.C.	community hall small house	Port Essington, B.C.: East 28 feet of Lot 13, Blk. 1, Townsite of Port Essington, Map 537.
Enemy 448	TENRIKYO CANADA CHURCH	dwelling	526 East Cordova Street, Vancouver, B.C. Lot 6, Blk. 58, D.L. 196, Group 1, N.W.D. Plan 196.

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
October 27, 1948

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Legislation Pertaining to Control of
Assets of Japanese Evacuees & Repatriates

Dear Mr. Shears:

I enclose herewith copy of communication addressed to The Honourable Mr. Gibson by Mr. A. D. P. Heeney under date of 21st instant.

In the course of our telephone conversation last night, I indicated that consideration is now being given to the revocation of all Orders in Council pertaining to Japanese Evacuees, including Repatriates. There is no possibility of any additional assets of such persons vesting in the Custodian in the future if the Orders in Council remain in force. The task that rests with the Custodian is to liquidate whatever is left and return the proceeds to the former owners. I also intimated that the Orders in Council governing the relocation in Canada of Evacuees would likely be rescinded or allowed to lapse at the end of March, 1949. It seems to me that as, if and when the Japanese are no longer required to secure permits to enter B. C., it may be desirable to file Vacating Certificates on all unsold parcels of real estate and thereby allow the former owners to resume control.

I have expressed the view that pending liquidation or re-transfer of assets or their proceeds, the Custodian would have power incidentally to carry out any necessary management of the assets if the Orders in Council P.C. 1665, dated March 4, 1942, and the amendments thereto, and Order in Council P.C. 7355 of December 15th, 1945, are revoked.

Dr. Coleman has asked me to submit a memorandum on the matter and before doing so, I would like to have your comments, as

well as details and remarks covering assets of Evacuees and Repatriates not yet liquidated.

You might also discuss this with Messrs. McPherson and Hunter before writing.

Kindly let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE NO. 5607

506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 8, 1948.

Your No. J-9

K.W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd enclosing copy of Bill #136 continuing the Transitional Measures Act, and copies of House of Commons Debates.

I am afraid I cannot complain about Mr. MacInnis's quip in regard to the possibility of the one-storey house existing on the fruit trees, when I notice the construction of the sentence to which he refers. However, I assume he is as bright as I am, and knows what it means.

I have referred to Goro SUZUKI's file and find that he has put in a claim on the basis of his property being worth $700.00. He also has a personal property claim covering a floathouse and other items for $345.00.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/GN

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
March 22, 1948

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Goro SUZUKI
Your File No. 5607

Dear Mr. Shears:

We enclose herewith, for your information, copies of the following:

1. Bill 136 - An Act to amend The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947.

2. House of Commons Debates, dated March 12, 15 and 16, 1948.

With reference to the remarks of Mr. MacInnis on Page 2228 of Hansard, dated March 15, 1948, we would call attention to your letter addressed to this office under date of March 9th, 1946.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

OTTAWA January 28, 1948.

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Re: Legislation Pertaining to Control
of Assets of Japanese Evacuees &
Repatriates. Your ref. No. J-9.

I acknowledge your letter of January 16th last.

As I understand it, the assets of persons of the Japanese race, which have up to the present vested in the Custodian, constitute the total property which will vest under the three Orders in Council mentioned in your letter. I understand that there is no possibility of any additional assets of such persons vesting in the Custodian in the future if the Orders in Council remain in force. I further understand that so far as these assets are concerned, the task which remains to the Custodian is to liquidate them and return the proceeds as soon as it is practicable to the former owners.

I am of opinion that the Revised Regulations respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) provide authority to the Custodian to sell, liquidate or otherwise dispose of property of persons of the Japanese race vested in him, and to relinquish any such property or the proceeds of liquidation of such property. The proceeds of such liquidation may be placed in a bank or invested in securities with the approval of the Treasury Board.

Pending liquidation or retransfer of the assets or their proceeds, the Custodian would have power incidentally to carry out any necessary management of the assets.

The foregoing powers could accordingly be exercised if the three Orders in Council mentioned in your letter are revoked.

F. P. Varcoe
Deputy Minister.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
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Name	FORMER INTERNEES File No.	SECURITIES HELD D/C Bonds	W/S Cert.	~~Income Tax Refund~~	Sundry
NAGATA, Shichitaro	159				Deposit receipt Sumitomo Trust Co. 5000 Yen
KITAGAWA, Tsumeto	249				Imperial Government of Japan 31500 Fcs. 4% Bonds 1967 & 1970
MAEDA, Jusaburo	411				Associated Cleaners & Dyers Ltd. 9 shares
ISHIBASHI, Yoshichiro	470	100.00	20.00		Returned for safekeeping by Japanese
KOBAYASHI, Kazuo	479				Dunwell Mines Ltd. 1000 shares
SAMESHIMA, Tomio	511				Associated Cleaners & Dyers 2 shares
TOBO, Soichi	524				Associated Cleaners & Dyers 2 shares
OKURA, Kiichi	675				B. C. Purchasers Assn. 1 share
MIYASAKI, Shigeichi	836				Associated Cleaners & Dyers 2 shares
KUMITA, Genzaburo	1009				Associated Cleaners & Dyers 3 shares
ASANO, Yoshishita	385				B. C. Purchasers Assn. 410 shares
		$ 100.00	$ 20.00		
Royston Lumber Co. Ltd.	15706	$ 90,000.00			
Maikawa Ltd.	13565				B. C. Purchasers Co-Op Assn. 110 shares
Japanese Fishermen's Assn. Steveston	10721	350.00			Canadian Currency $1.00

CASH POSITION LEDGER BALANCES - 31st December, 1947 - REPATRIATES

File No.	Name	Date Repatriated	Balance	Remarks
785	HASEGAWA, Yasuke	2nd Oct. 1946	$ 200.00 -	Owes Treasury $200.00
1398	FUKUHARA, Takakazu	2nd Oct. 1946	378.70 -	Acknowledged debts over $1000.00. Owns 2 properties at Port Essington, still unsold.
2510	SUZUKI, Yoshikazu	2nd Aug. 1946	315.86 -	Claims in excess of this amount still outstanding
3116	ODE, Takejiro	17th June 1946	272.71	
4823	WAKAHARA, Sannosuke	17th June 1946	1,546.36 -	Proceeds R/Property Sale. Ownership not established. Awaiting proof from him that A/Sale balance owing to resident of Japan paid in full.
4851	MINATO, Kinosuke	17th June 1946	1,000.00	
4963	KODAMA, Tokuo	24th Dec. 1946	5.06 -	Owes Treasury $344.10
6054	KIDO, Hideo	2nd Aug. 1946	1,500.00	
7327	HAMAGAMI, Yasahiro	17th June 1946	272.71 -	Owes Treasury $47.58
8801	IIUMA, Miki	2nd Aug. 1946	2.99 -	Owes Treasury $200.00
11235	KUSUNOKI, Kujo	2nd Aug. 1946	500.00 -	Owes Treasury $200.00
11849	KOBAYASHI, Chiyono	2nd Oct. 1946	240.19	
11960	KATO, Sahei	2nd Aug. 1946	.05	
13119	KOBAYAKAWA, Yoshizo	31st May 1946	171.83 -	Judgment outstanding in excess of this amount.
XI 882	SHIKAZE, Kaichi	17th June 1946	457.31 -	Awaiting P.S. Ross & Sons' positive identification of ownership.
XI 1196	TSUJI, Ichijiro	2nd Oct. 1946	113.09 -	Admitted claims outstanding over $800.00.
			$6,976.86	

Name	EVACUEE File	SECURITIES HELD D/C Bonds	W/S Cert.	Income Tax Refunds	Sundry
MASUDA, Geo. Yoshi	625		5.00	Address unknown	
IWASAKI, Akira	711	1,500.00		Held at request of Japanese	
TOMITA, Shotaro	821			Japan & Canada Trust 200 shares	
SHIKATANI, Hideo	1042			Receipt Japan & Canada Trust 1000 Yen	
ONODERA, Tomizo	1344	500.00		Returned. address unknown	
NAKAGAWA, Mitsuzo	1440			New Pacific Holding Co., Seattle 11 shares	
INOUYE, Kazuyoshi	2685		10.00	Returned, Address unknown	
IWASAKI, Hyosaku	3638	2,500.00		At New Denver	
OBOKATA, G.	3716		5.00	Returned, Address unknown	
TAGASHIRA, Rinkichi	5129	20,000.00		Held for claims	
SHIKAZE, Kayemon	5420			Riversyde Lumber Co. 500 shares	
SHIKAZE, Gilbert Hironori	5456			Riversyde Lumber Co. 254 shares	
NISHIKAWA, Yukio	6051			Japan & Canada Trust 200 shares	
ISOSHIMA, Yujiro	6983	500.00			
SATO, Mrs. Toye	7536	3,350.00			
UYENO, Mochachi	8549	1,000.00			
IWASAKI, Fuji	8663	1,500.00		Held at request of Japanese	
YAMASAKI, Noboru	8717	9,000.00			
TAMAKI, Fusamatsu	9518	300.00			
SUZUKI, Kunuzo	9780	500.00			
EDAMURA, Shigejiro	10015			West Coast Trading Co. 3 shares	
NIMI, Torogoro	10711	450.00		Nikko Co-Op Trade Assn. 1 share	
KUMAMOTO, Jun	12442			Associated Cleaners & Dyers 9 shares	
KONDO, Asanosuke	14385			Japan & Canada Trust 225 shares	
NAKAMURA, Torajiro	15005			1944 3.00	
HARAGA, Minato	15615	1,200.00		Held in Trust	
		$ 42,300.00	$ 20.00		$ 3.00

Real Property Unsold

On Thursday, April 24th, 1947, in reply to a question regarding the number of unsold parcels of real estate, you gave Parliament the assurance that no further properties would be sold without the consent of the owner. The unsold properties are as follows:

Greater Vancouver Properties - Unsold

Cat. No.	Address	Assessment	Appraisal
72	668 East Cordova St.	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,060.00
144	2456 McGill St.	2,200.00	3,000.00
340	162 West 5th Ave.	2,435.00	3,600.00
274	2200 Block Triumph St.	615.00	400.00
441	Tide Flats, North Vancouver	200.00	75.00
460	5195 Royal Oak Ave., Burnaby	1,585.00	2,630.00
File 7551	17th St. between William & Rupert Ave., North Vancouver	150.00	75.00
	7 properties	$ 8,385.00	$10,840.00

Rural Properties - Unsold

501	Bamfield	$ 1,000.00	$ 300.00
505	Bamfield	100.00	75.00
556	Clark Ave., Cranbrook	70.00	70.00
726	225 First Ave., Prince Rupert	1,935.00	2,500.00
731	Prince Rupert	100.00	110.00
738	Port Essington	285.00	270.00
740	Port Essington	2,075.00	2,650.00
741	Port Essington	670.00	300.00
743	Port Essington	1,100.00	1,000.00
744	Port Essington	1,725.00	1,000.00
747	Port Essington	965.00	300.00
750	Haysport	480.00	100.00
751	Port Essington	125.00	275.00
872	Shannon Road, Richmond	1,700.00	1,780.00
File 1348	Port Simpson, Prince Rupert	1,550.00	1,000.00
	15 properties	$13,890.00	$11,730.00

The following properties in which there is an enemy interest were unsold at the end of the year:

File 448 TERRIKYO CANADA CHURCH
526 East Cordova

File 1112 Masakichi UYEYAMA (in Japan)
Property at Kelowna
Agreement for sale - $ 22,665.00
Cash - 8,000.00
Yearly payment - 5,000.00
(Approved by Ottawa January, 1948)

File 11715 115 Gilmore Ave., Burnaby $ 2,550.00 $ 3,500.00

This property has not been dealt with. It is jointly owned by Kuzuhara and his wife, a white American citizen now in a mental institution in the United States. Mortgage $2500.00 due Japan & Canada Trust.

Cat.No.	Owner's Name
72	Eikichi NAKASHIMA
144	C. & T. WAKABAYA
340	Takejiro TANAKA
274	Morio Sanmiya
441	Yoshiye ISHIKAWA
460	Toyo MAGITA (Wi
File 7551	Matsuye ASANO (p
501	I. KAKIUCHI,Dec'
505	Iwakichi KAKIUCH
556	Kiyojiro Maigawa
726	Ichijiro MATSUMO
731	Takahiko KOMIYAM
738	Takakazu FUKUHAR
740	Takakazu FUKUHAR
741	Matsujiro OHASHI
743	Matsujiro OHASHI
744	Shimo KAMEDA
747	S.HOMMA & Y. SH
750	Chutaro MITSUBA
751	Fusa TANAKA
872	Tomio,Noboru & S
File 1348	Matsujiro OHASH

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72	Eikichi NAKASHIMA	Tenant: O.Casperson - $22.50 per month.
144	C. & T. WAKABAYASHI (Test Case)	Dwelling - voluntary sale by Norris & MacLennan
340	Takejiro TANAKA	Tenant: L.Julson - $25.00 per month (Dwg.)
274	Morio Sanmiya	No revenue (vacant lot)
441	Yoshiye ISHIKAWA	Ne revenue (vacant lot)
460	Toyo MAGITA (Widow of Veteran 1914-18)	Tenant: Wm.Greenlees - $20.00 per month.
File 7551	Matsuye ASANO (patient in Mental Hospital)	Vacant land - no revenue.
501	I. KAKIUCHI,Dec'd. & I.NARIIWA,Dec'd.	No revenue (small shack) Bamfield, B.C.
505	Iwakichi KAKIUCHI, Deceased	No revenue (vacant land) Bamfield, B. C.
556	Kiyojiro Maigawa	No revenue (vacant land)
726	Ichijiro MATSUMOTO	Tenant: Parkinson - $21.50 per mo. (Dwelling)
731	Takahiko KOMIYAMA	No revenue (vacant land)
738	Takakazu FUKUHARA (Repatriate)	No revenue (dwelling)(property mortgaged)
740	Takakazu FUKUHARA (Repatriate)	No revenue (Hotel on 33' lot)(mortgaged)
741	Matsujiro OHASHI	No revenue (small building on 22' lot)
743	Matsujiro OHASHI	No revenue (store and dwelling)
744	Shimo KAMEDA	No revenue (store and dwelling)
747	S.HOMMA & Y. SHIMASAKI	No revenue(no buildings,125 ac. isolated)
750	Chutaro MITSUBATA	No revenue (dwelling)
751	Fusa TANAKA	No revenue (dwelling)
872	Tomio,Noboru & Shimpei BABA	No revenue (old boat building shed)
File 1348	Matsujiro OHASHI	No Revenue (old building used for Buddhist Church Services)

Properties Belonging to Evacuee Organizations - Unsold

File No.	Address	Description
12938	HOMPA BUDDHIST TEMPLE 549 E, Cordova St., Vancouver 500 Block E. Cordova, Vancouver	Temple Vacant Land
10526	VANCOUVER NIPPON KYORITSU GO-GAKKO (Japanese School of Language) MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION 475 Alexander St., Vancouver	Concrete Building
5422	BUDDHIST CHURCH, Mission 7th Ave. Mission	Church & Hall
10697	CANADA MIO SONJINKAI S.E. Corner Moncton St. & 3rd Ave., Steveston	Hall
12196	CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION Port Essington	Community House Small House
8659	HANEY FRUIT RANCHERS ASSOCIATION 14th Ave., & Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney.	2 halls, 1 school, 1 church, 2 woodsheds
9754	JAPANESE SCHOOL MAINTAINERS' ASSN. Hammond	Hall, School & Dwelling
13509	TRUSTEES OF THE MAPLE RIDGE BUDDHA MISSION 2383/2385 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Haney	Dwelling and Hall
8986	NEW WESTMINSTER JAPANESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL 815 Agnes St.	School
12894	PRINCE RUPERT JAPANESE ASSN. Prince Rupert	2-storey building dwelling at rear
10721	STEVESTON JAPANESE ASSN. No. 1 Rd. at Chatham, Steveston (Lots 13 to 16)	Kindergarten rented to School Board
10396	SURREY BERRY GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION Sandell Rd., Townline Rd., New Westminster	Dwelling
G/73	WESTERN CANADA HOP CO-OPERATIVE UNION Corner Clay Rd., & Silverdale Rd., Mission	Dry Kiln & Office
9623	WHONNOCK, RUSKIN & ALBION Japanese Farmers Association 32nd Ave., Ruskin 30th Ave., Whonnock	Dwelling Hall

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FILE NO.	RENTAL
12938	Rented to Peter Hem for $15.00 per month (Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard are solicitors for the Association.
10526	Leased to Army & Navy Stores for 18 months from Oct. 15, 1947 to Dec. 31, 1948, at $150.00 per month (Norris & MacLennan solicitors for the Association).
5422	Vacant (seasonal use only by Dominion-Provincial Farm Labour Service at $60.00 per season.
10697	Rented to Wm. McMartin at $20.00 per month.
12196	Rented through Helgerson & Co. since September, 1947, at $3.00 per month. Vacant almost continuously since evacuation.
8659	Tenants: W. C. Austin - $7.50 per month L. A. Wilson - 2.00 per month (solicitors for Association will probably be Fulton,Morley & Verchere
9754	Tenant: Buchanan - $7.00 per month (solicitors for Association are Norris & MacLennan)
13509	No tenant since 1946 (previously rented for $5.00 per month) Now storage only.
8986	Tenants: C. W. Lillies - $16.00 per month S. A. Davey - 16.00 per month Owners have instructed Coulthard & Sutherland, New Westminster, to sell.
12894	Rented through Helgerson & Co.,Prince Rupert to three tenants at $10.00, $10.00 and $22.50.
10721	Tenant: Steveston School Board at $25.00 per month. (W. W. Lefeaux, Solicitor for the Association)
10396	Vacant at present (previously rented to C.C.Dan Limited at $100.00 per season).
G/73	Tenant: J. A. Cameron (office building only) $12.00 per month. (Solicitors for the association, Virtue & Russell, Lethbridge)
9623	Tenant on Whonnock Property: J. A. Jestuk - $8.00 per month Ruskin Property vacant.

There remains a certain amount of personal property still in storage at the following locations:

1. Vancouver - Hompa Buddhist Temple, 604 E. Cordova Street. This building has been sold but a room reserved for storage of personal goods which have been brought from Steveston and Greater Vancouver, together with boxes of records of companies which have been under the control of P. S. Ross & Sons.

2. Maple Ridge Buddhist Church, Dewdney Trunk Road, Haney, B. C. Here there are mostly personal goods, a few of which might be saleable. In addition, there are goods belonging to the Buddhist Church, some tools belonging to the Western Canada Hop Co-Operative Union and some Company records belonging to the Maple Ridge Co-Operative Union.

3. New Westminster - Japanese Buddhist Church, 120 - 10th Street. There are personal goods only stored here in a room to be leased for one year from January 1, 1948.

4. Steveston - Kindergarten building owned by the Steveston Japanese Association, No. 1 Road at Chatham Street. There are no strictly personal goods here, but odds and ends which might possibly be sufficient for an auction. The building is being handled by W. W. Lefeaux and is rented to the Steveston School Board.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
January 14, 1948.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Mr. Good passed on your telephoned request of this morning to me and I now enclose material which I hope is what you require. The pages numbered 11, 13 and 19 are copies of the pages of the same numbers in Mr. Shears' report which went forward to you by regular mail on Saturday P.M. (January 12) and should be in your hands by the time you receive this.

We have attached the information asked for by you and, in addition, you will remember that on your last trip to Vancouver I handed you a summary of incorporated societies, compiled on October 6, 1947 and brought up-to-date on November 14, 1947, which may also be helpful.

With regard to the chattels still on hand, we have an inventory of the goods in Steveston but none of the goods in the Maple Ridge Buddhist Church, the only two places where there are goods other than strictly personal and not society owned. We enclose a copy of the Steveston inventory which will give you an idea of the type of goods left unsold. Since this inventory has been taken from our file, would you please have it returned as soon as possible. With reference to item 2 on page 19, Mr. Anderson reported recently that the Church goods belonging to the Maple Ridge Buddhist Church have been, from the beginning, boarded up in the church alcove. The goods belonging to Evacuees is mostly strictly personal, having no intrinsic value. Mr. Anderson states that the tools belonging to the Western Canada Hop Co-operative Union consist of a wheel barrow and two scales and a few other relatively unimportant items. Not nearly as much evacuee goods in the Maple R. Buddhist Ch. as in the Kindergarten at Steveston.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC
Encs. Inventory,
Pages 11, 13 and 19.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
January 14th, 1948

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Following our telephone conversation this morning I handed over to Mrs. McArthur your request for details as to rental, etc. of real properties of Evacuees, not yet liquidated and she has prepared, in triplicate, sheets for attachment to the right hand side of the similarly numbered sheets in Mr. Shears' Annual Report, which was mailed to you on Saturday afternoon last. The Post Office informs me that as this was mailed ordinary mail it will arrive in Ottawa tomorrow, Thursday.

Mrs. McArthur is also enclosing details of chattels not yet liquidated for similar attachment to the sheets in Mr. Shears' Report.

You will find enclosed a statement showing in details the Securities held by us for all Evacuees, and a separate list covering those repatriated to Japan, also details of the cash balance held by us to the credit of repatriates. It has been our custom to clean out as far as possible every two or three months the trust accounts of repatriates by turning over the free balance to the Treasury Department for transmission to Japan in the usual way after deduction of the Treasury advance in each case if any advance is still outstanding.

I trust the information given will supply you with all the details you require, and remain,

Yours very truly,

B. Good
Comptroller

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17th June 1946	1,000.00		
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2nd Aug. 1946	1,500.00		
17th June 1946	272.71	-	Owes Treasury $47.58
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1398	FUKUHARA,	Takakazu	2nd Oct. 1946	378.
2510	SUZUKI,	Yoshikazu	2nd Aug. 1946	315.
3116	ODE,	Takejiro	17th June 1946	272.
4823	NAKAHARA,	Sannosuke	17th June 1946	1,546.
4851	MIHATO,	Kinosuke	17th June 1946	1,000.
4963	KODAMA,	Tokuo	24th Dec. 1946	5.
6054	KIDO,	Hideo	2nd Aug. 1946	1,500.
7327	HAMAGAMI,	Yasahiro	17th June 1946	272.
8801	IIUMA,	Miki	2nd Aug. 1946	2.
11235	KUSUNOKI,	Kujo	2nd Aug. 1946	500.
11849	KOBAYASHI,	Chiyono	2nd Oct. 1946	240.
11960	KATO,	Sahei	2nd Aug. 1946	.
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January 16, 1948

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D. H. W. Henry, Esq.,
Counsel,
Department of Justice,
Justice Building,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Legislation Pertaining to Control
of Assets of Japanese Evacuees &
Repatriates

Dear Mr. Henry:

Referring to our brief interview following yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Japanese Problems, the Custodian desires an expression of your views in regard to extension of existing Orders in Council which empower the Custodian to administer the assets of persons above referred to.

The Orders in Council with which we are concerned are P.C. 1665, dated 4th March, 1942; P.C. 2483, dated March 27, 1942; P.C. 469, dated January 19, 1943, and P.C. 7355, dated 15th December, 1945. You will find these on Pages 112, 113, 154 and 155 of the brochure prepared in connection with the presentation of The Continuation of Transitional Measures Act, 1947.

You were informed on November 6, 1947 (copy of our letter attached) that the Custodian had not completed the task assigned to him in British Columbia and you are aware that as the matter now stands, control has been continued at least until March 31st next.

Dr. Coleman informed me last Wednesday that the Cabinet had decided to drop numerous Orders in Council relating to Japanese and that the Secretary of State had been advised to prepare a special bill covering control of their properties.

I have indicated that it does not appear necessary to present a special bill and frankly, both Colonel Gibson and Dr. Coleman hope you will agree.

You stated at the Cabinet Committee Meeting that it is planned to introduce a bill extending The Transitional Measures Act and that all required Orders in Council would thereby be continued.

The Minister of Labour has evidently decided to recommend revocation of Order in Council P.C. 7355. The Custodian is only interested in Sub-section 2 of Section 6. Would it be desirable to revoke P.C. 7355, excepting thereout Sub-section 2 of Section 6, thereby allowing the omitted clause to continue in effect under the proposed extension bill? Similarly, those portions relating to Custodian control of property which appear in P.C. 1665 as amended by P.C. 2483 and P.C. 469 might be extended.

Permit me to stress that the Custodian is not asking for additional powers, but merely seeks continuation of control for the purpose of completing the administration of vested assets.

Turning to the question that arises if the suggestion put forward is not acceptable and the Orders in Council are revoked in toto, would the Custodian still have the right to liquidate the assets in his possession?

Might we not rely on the provisions in the Trading with the Enemy Regulations and the Trading with the Enemy (Transitional Powers) Act which deal with duration of vesting and confer authority to liquidate? If the answers to these are in the affirmative, the Custodian will have no objection to the revocation of all of the Orders in Council referred to, but for reasons you will readily appreciate, they must not be allowed to lapse.

In conclusion, I would like to make clear that the Custodian is not interested in assets acquired by the Japanese since they were evacuated.

I enclose herewith copy of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943) together with a copy of The Trading with the Enemy (Transitional Powers) Act.

Your co-operation herein will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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Encl.