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March 12, 1946.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Firearms

We have for acknowledgment your letter of March 9th.

It is noted that the above matter is being referred to Headquarters, R.C.M. Police and that you will be duly advised.

In view of the ruling of the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Custodian accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the firearms surrendered by the Japanese.

Dr. Coleman read the correspondence today and emphasized that as far as the Custodian's Office is concerned, no objection will be registered to any policy acceptable to the R.C.M. Police.

It would appear inadvisable for you to take any further action herein.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

KWW/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No._____

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

March 9, 1946.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am enclosing copy of Miss Matheson's letter of March 4, 1946 addressed to the Commanding Officer, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This letter is in accord with my understanding of our policy. The reply received is as follows:

> "I have for acknowledgment your communication of March 4th I would advise you that with the revocation of certain sections of the Defence of Canada Regulations we have no authority to withhold weapons surrendered by Japanese.
>
> I am referring this particular case to our Headquarters, and will advise you immediately I am instructed as to what action should be taken regarding these firearms." (A.T. Belcher) Supt.

I refer you to copy of letter I have on file dated October 24th from Mr. Varcoe to the Under Secretary of State and to Dr. Coleman's reply to same of November 13th, in which he states "so far as the Custodian's Office is concerned we have no objection to persons of the Japanese race disposing of firearms as they may think proper subject to whatever Police regulations that are in effect."

We have considered <u>disposition</u> to mean arrangements for sale to a white person. Mr. Belcher's present letter does not coincide with this and in view of the fact that he is referring it to his Headquarters, I am writing advising you of this for any attention you think desirable.

According to our records this particular Japanese is residing in Greenwood and I am advising the Department of Labour, Japanese Division, here, as I doubt if they would consider possession of firearms advisable.

I would be pleased to hear from you in regard to this matter as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears

F.G. Shears,
Director.

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March 4, 1946.

Commanding Officer,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Tatsusaburo KUWABARA, Reg. No. 10982
Firearms

We have received from this man a request that the following firearms:

Type	Make	Model	Cal. or Ga.	Action	Ser.#
R	Winchester	1894	25-35	L	499300
R	Ranger	-	22	B	-
S	Nicro	German	12	S	2259

which he states were surrendered to the B. C. Police at Claxton Cannery on November 8, 1942, be returned to him. This man is a resident of Greenwood, B.C.

It is our understanding that firearms are not being returned to persons of Japanese origin residing anywhere in Canada but that if the owners of any firearms in your custody desire to sell these articles you are willing to release firearms to the purchaser, or if the owner wishes the Custodian to offer these articles for sale you will release these to this office. Please confirm that this is correct.

As the Custodian has not been supplied with an inventory of the firearms surrendered to your department by persons of Japanese origin, we do not know whether the firearms referred to by Mr. KUWABARA are in your custody or not. Would you kindly give us a description of the firearms you may be holding for this man.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Protection Department.

FM/MM

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CANADA

Ottawa, October 24th, 1945.

J.R. 10,239-45
Re: Firearms surrendered by Persons of the Japanese Race under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

Dear Sir:

Section 37A of the Defence of Canada Regulations has been revoked except as substituted by P.C. 5972, dated the 14th of September, 1945, which continues the application of the said Regulation so far as members of the Japanese Race are Concerned. The Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has, I understand, directed that all firearms in his possession pursuant to this regulation should be returned to all rightful owners who are not members of the Japanese race.

He advises me, however, that applications are received from Japanese owners of such weapons asking that they be allowed to sell them to British subjects, the idea being that the sale would be arranged by the Jap and the weapon would be turned over from Police custody to the purchaser. The Commissioner has asked for my views as to whether or not there would be any objection to permitting such transactions.

I am, therefore, writing you as Custodian of Enemy Property for an expression of your views on this matter.

Yours truly,

(Signed) F.P. Varcoe
Deputy Minister.

The Under Secretary of State,
O T T A W A

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

November 15, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Firearms

For your information I am enclosing herewith copies of correspondence between the Deputy Minister of Justice and Dr. Coleman concerning the above.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

FC.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

EHC:DC

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. WRIGHT:

You may wish to inform Mr. Shears of this correspondence.

E.H. Coleman

(E.H. Coleman)
Under Secretary of State.

Ottawa, November 15th, 1945.

FPV/MJC

PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

1945 NOV 15 AM 9:16

UNDER SECRETARY
OF STATE

OTTAWA November 14, 1945.

J.R. 10,239-45

Dear Sir:

I am much obliged for your letter of November 13th with reference to firearms belonging to Japanese which have been impounded. Your decision clears the way for disposing of the firearms in question.

Yours very truly,

F. P. Varcoe

Deputy Minister.

The Under Secretary of State,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

Under Secretary of State.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,

O t t a w a.

EHC:DC

Ottawa, November 13th, 1945.

Dear Sir, J.R. 10,239-45

I have only today received your letter dated October 24th. I do not know whether it was delayed in transit or held in your own office. At any rate I did not want it to appear that we had delayed in replying.

As you are aware, persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the defence area, were permitted to take with them such personal property as they could transport. So far as the Custodian's regulations are concerned, there has been no restriction on persons of the Japanese race disposing of the property they took out of the defence area as they think best.

Presumably, had it not been that the firearms had been impounded under the Defence of Canada Regulations, most of the firearms would have been taken out by the Japanese when they left the defence area.

For these reasons we have no objection, so far as the Custodian's Office is concerned, to persons of the Japanese race disposing of the firearms as they may think proper, subject to whatever police regulations may still be in effect.

Yours sincerely,

(E.H. Coleman)
Under Secretary of State.

The Deputy Minister of Justice,

O t t a w a.

RF/FEA

1945 NOV 13 AM 9:09

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

PLEASE ADDRESS
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF JUSTICE
OTTAWA

OTTAWA October 24th, 1945.

J.R. 10,239-45
Re: Firearms Surrendered by Persons of the Japanese Race under the Defence of Canada Regulations.

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Yours truly,

F. P. Varcoe

Deputy Minister.

The Under-Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

Copy for File J-70

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.
September 28, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Mr. McPherson has requested me to reply to your letter of the 25th instant, relative to certain outstanding problems.

1. Re: N.S. McNeil Trading Co. Ltd. - An air mail letter was addressed to you under date of the 24th instant, with necessary instructions.

2. Your letter of the 7th instant has been presented to Dr. Coleman, and subject to the Committee's approval, he agrees with the suggestions therein. Will you be kind enough in due course to let us have a copy of the minutes for record purposes.

3 & 4. In a letter to you dated the 18th instant, Mr. McPherson indicated that while the House is in Session, it will not be possible to obtain the necessary amendments to the orders in council to include associations and properties used for religious purposes.

5. A copy of your letter of the 7th instant has been forwarded to the Director of Indian Affairs Branch, and we expect to have further information for you in this connection reasonably soon.

6. A letter went forward to you under date of the 26th instant and Mr. McPherson suggests that I might have made it even more clear and indicated that in view of the ruling of the Deputy Minister of Justice, the Custodian accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the firearms.

7. The Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence Army has advised that Treasury Board authority is being sought for payment of $1360 for damage to this property. We have pointed out that this is based on the estimate made by Dominion Construction Company Limited, but does not include cost of Iron Fireman stoker installation amounting to $92.50. They have been asked to obtain

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authority to include this. We will forward cheque as soon as it is received.

3. Mr. McPherson was in touch with Mr. H.T. Pammet of the Department of Labour today, and was advised that a list of repatriates is now being compiled by their office in Vancouver. Mr. Pammet will write to Mr. Pickersgill today and instruct him to furnish you with a copy of the list. When this is received, the files of such persons should be given priority from the standpoint of review.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT,
Counsel to the Custodian.

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

25th September, 1945.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

In view of your early departure for England and Germany you may not be able to give personal attention to the following outstanding matters but it would be appreciated if you would see that we are advised in due course. The first item is of immediate importance:

1. Whether it will be in order for the McNeil deed to be prepared allocating the total purchase price to cover 4 parcels.

2. Our policy for dealing with personal goods including clothing and items only of salvage value, excluding that type of effects which cannot be replaced or are of actual religious significance. (As per my letter dated September 7th, 1945.)

3. The question of amending Orders-in-Council to include Associations.

4. Any change in regard to our present policy of withholding buildings formerly used for religious purposes from liquidation.

5. The possible interest of the Department of Indian Affairs in properties at Hakoda Bay which you were taking up with that Department.

6. Our policy in regard to the release and disposition of firearms brought about by the specific request referred to in my letter of the 22nd September, 1945.

7. Bringing to a conclusion the matter of responsibility for payment of damage to the Kitsilano Japanese Language Association School on West 1st Avenue, formerly under lease to the Department of Defense.

8. I have no specific instructions in connection with dealing with any assets being frozen (on account of the Japanese having applied for repatriation and having elected to

conserve his assets and go on relief).

I presume when actual repatriation is arranged for, the necessary instructions will be issued covering the disposition of assets under our control We have no list of those who have applied for repatriation. When I asked Mr. Pickersgill for a list a short while since so that we might indicate this on our files, he advised me that while he would have no objection to supplying this information they had no master list and the information only appeared on the files of the Japanese individuals concerned and that supplying a list to us would be an enormous task and take a long while. I have not pressed this matter as perhaps for the moment it is not urgent although I thought it desirable that our files should indicate those who would likely be repatriated.

Yours very truly,

"F. C. Shears"
Director

FCS/PMH

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

J-70 Your Reference: File No. 4249

September 26, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Shohe SAITO

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant relative to the disposal of a Winchester shotgun belonging to the above named.

You will recall that Mr. McPherson discussed the firearms problem with Col. Hill towards the end of 1942 and an opinion was sent to the Commissioner, R.C.M.P. by the Deputy Minister of Justice as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of November 14th in which you inquire as to whether or not firearms, ammunition and explosives obtained from Japanese under the authority of sections 37A and 37B of the Defence of Canada Regulations should be surrendered to the Custodian of Japanese Property by virtue of Order in Council P.C. 2483.

I am of opinion that a requisition by the Custodian of Japanese property, by virtue of Order in Council P.C. 2483, does not authorize you to deliver to him firearms, ammunition and explosives obtained from Japanese under authority of sections 37A and 37B of the Defence of Canada Regulations."

We are of the opinion that these assets vested in the Custodian under P.C. 2483 dated March 27, 1942. However, Mr. McPherson got in touch with Mr. Forsythe of the Department of Justice yesterday and they adhere to the view expressed in the foregoing.

Under the circumstances, it will be in order for you to advise Col. Belcher that the Custodian accepts the ruling of the Department of Justice and, therefore, no objection will be registered by this office on any policy they adopt.

Yours very truly,

KWW/FC.

K. W. Wright
Counsel to the Custodian

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No. 4249

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

22nd September, 1945.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Shohe SAITO.

You are aware of the situation in regard to firearms and up until the present time this office has neither taken them under our direct control or made any disposition of same.

The attached is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Eric Fisher and I find our Miss Matheson referred the matter to the Officer Commanding, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and I enclose herein his reply.

As the release of this particular firearm might open up the whole question of dealing with the balance I would be glad of your comments before we proceed further. The question of appraisal or agreement as to price would also be a matter for consideration.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Vancouver, B.C. Sept. 20th, 1945.

The Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Shohe SAITO - J.R. "14293

I have for acknowledgment your communication of September 18th.

Mr. Fisher had already applied to this office for the release of the firearm belonging to the above mentioned Japanese. Although we hold three firearms surrendered under the Defence of Canada Regulations by Saito, the sale of these firearms would appear to be a matter for your department to deal with.

There are no regulations prohibiting such a sale, and as the firearms are only held by us in trust we are perfectly prepared to release them should you approve the sale.

May I hear further from you in this matter please?

Yours truly,

(signed A. T. Belcher

Commanding "E" Division.

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577 Victoria St.,
Kamloops, B.C.
Sept. 17, 1945.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I amdesirous of purchasing a Shotgun from a Japanese here in Kamloops. His name is "Shohoe Saito".

His receipt for this gun reads as follows:

B.C. Police No. 2411
Defence of Canada Regulations
Received from "Shohoe Saito""
of "Pitt Meadows
B.C."
the following described firearm
Type "shotgun (Pump)"
Make "Winchester"
Calibre "129a" No. "187433"
Other marks and defects
"none"

Date "Nov. 14, 1940
Place or Station
"Port Coquitlam, B.C."

Please advise me if you will grant me the Necessary permission to purchase this gun and if so how to proceed.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Eric Fisher.

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

February 9, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Toshi TAKAOKA

The attached letter was forwarded to this office by the R.C.M. Police, and is forwarded to you for attention. I have written to the Mounted Police acknowledging receipt of the letter.

Yours very truly,

FC. Miss F. Carroll

Re Radio

Your Reference -
42 D 269-3J-269

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

February 9, 1945.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Toshi TAKAOKA

Your letter of February 8th, together with the enclosure, has been received.

This matter has been referred to our Vancouver Office for attention.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

FC.

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

October 21, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Fire-arms, Guns, Ammunitions & Explosives

Your letter of October 18th, with enclosure, has been received and I have discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman.

The Custodian feels that since the Mounted Police have retained possession of the above mentioned articles, they should decide whether or not in the interests of security such articles can be returned or released in accordance with the evacuee's instructions. Any policy the R.C.M. Police adopt will be acceptable to the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. G/148 7698

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

18th October, 1944.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Fire-arms, guns, ammunitions & explosives.

While the above articles were seized under the same Order-in-Council as cameras and radios, you are aware that the R.C.M.P. have taken delivery of such articles.

A request has been received from J.M. Mitsui asking that his shot gun be sent to Mr. John W. Lees of Grand Forks, B.C. This request was forwarded to the Commanding Officer of the R.C.M.P. and Superintendent Gray has replied as follows:

"With reference to your enquiry of Oct. 12th, I would advise you that the firearm in question is still in our possession.

Before replying to Mitsui and advising him of the procedure to be followed in disposing of the fire-arm, I would like to have your approval."

Copy of my reply to Superintendent Gray is attached and your advice in regard to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE NO. 7698
TO
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OFFICE OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS
VANCOUVER

G/148
7698

18th October, 1944.

Superintendent C.K. Gray,
Commanding "E" Division,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: J.M. MITSUI

Referring to your letter of the 13th instant in connection with the request received from J.M. Mitsui to forward his shot gun to Mr. John W. Lees at Grand Forks.

In view of the fact that so far no fire-arms have been released I am writing to Ottawa for their ruling in regard to this matter and upon their reply we will communicate with you further.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE No. 1

Legal Department

509 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
August 30th, 1944

A. H. Mathieu, Esq., M.B.E.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario

Re: Enemy Radios and Cameras

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

Thank you for your communication of the 24th instant.

When Mr. Spain accepted delivery, he was under the impression that the owners were enemies within the meaning of the Regulations. Upon receipt of your letter, he called at the R.C.M.P., and has reported as follows:

"I have arranged with the R.C.M.P. to return to them the German, Italian and Austrian Radios and Cameras".

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

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

August 24, 1944.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Enemy Radios & Cameras

I have your letter of August 22nd enclosing a memorandum signed by Mr. Spain giving a list of German, Italian and Austrain radios and cameras delivered to your Protection Department by the R.C.M. Police.

According to our records here it would not appear that any of the individuals mentioned in Mr. Spain's memorandum were interned and, as the Order-in-Council covering your office limits your powers to the sale of Japanese effects, it would seem that the radios and cameras in question should not have been accepted from the R.C.M. Police as they do not appear to be classed as enemy property as defined under the Regulations.

Unless, therefore, the R.C.M. Police can establish that the individuals concerned are interned or are residents of enemy or enemy occupied territory, it would appear that the goods in question should be returned to the R.C.M. Police so that theymay hold or dispose of them under the powers or instructions given to them for such effects.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC.

Not one of the names listed has ever appeared in our files of internees or any other section.

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Royal Bank Building,
ouver, B. C.
st 22nd, 1944

Re: Enemy Radios and Cameras

Dear Mr. Mathieu:

Our Protection Department advised a short time ago that Superintendent Gray of the R.C.M.P. was pressing them to remove radios and cameras held for safe-keeping, as the space where they were stored in their gymnasium was required.

We therefore issued instructions for removal of same to our storage warehouse at 992 Powell Street.

The enclosed report dated the 16th instant from our Mr. Spain is self explanatory.

Will you be good enough to advise if you desire to dispose of the radios, and also let us have instructions relative to the cameras referred to in the report.

Auction Sales of Japanese goods are held every week at 992 Powell Street and we will be glad to include these articles if you so desire. We find that purchasers are willing to pay the ceiling price, fixed by the Wartime Prices Board, on all radios offered for sale by Auction.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL

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Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF
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File No. 10-B

August 16th, 1944

ENEMY SECTION
Rec'd AUG 17 1944
File No.
Ans'd
Refer'd

MEMORANDUM TO: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

FROM: MR. G. B. SPAIN

RE: Enemy Radios and Cameras

The undermentioned German, Italian and Austrian Radios and Cameras were delivered to us today by the R.C.M.P.

R.C.M.P. NO.	NAME	RADIO	CAMERA	DIV. FILE OR PAROLE NO.
G-1	Dirk Peter Bartels	2 (1 sp)	3	42E-269/12-102
I-2	Joseph Ceccon	1	-	PC 47857
G-3	Mrs. Agatha Klassen	-	1	PC 15804
A-4	Anton Bruckner	-	1	PC 50707
G-5	Mrs. Albert Kalten	-	1	
G-7	Ernest F. Hovermann	-	1	42E-269/12-439
G-8	Max Ernie Gaike	(Misc. parts) (3 pieces)		42E-269/2/1-268
G-9	Herman Jorger	1 (also misc. (radios' parts - 8 pieces)		43E-269-60

These articles have been stored in a separate place in our warehouse at 992 Powell Street and will be held there pending instructions regarding disposal.

Geo. B. Spain

GBS/JF

GEO. B. SPAIN

VANCOUVER PROVINCE, JANUARY 26, 1944

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AUCTION

RADIOS
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Thursday, Jan. 27, 1 p.m., at 992 Powell St.

Under instructions from the Secretary of State of Canada, acting in his capacity as custodian pursuant to the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943), we will offer for sale the following:

100 Radios, Mantels and Consoles
—Variety of Styles and Makes

Here is your chance to purchase a radio. A lot of these machines look like new.

Terms of sale: Cash.

Thompson & Binnington Limited
Auctioneers and Appraisers
Royal Trust Bldg. PAc. 3564

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario,
January 21st, 1944.

E. Hayashi, Esq.,
Chase, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of January 14th and wish to advise you that all matters relating to evacuee property are handled by the Custodian's Vancouver office.

I, of course, cannot agree with many of the statements in your letter, for example, that I ordered "Japanese cannot possess cameras", since matters of this kind had nothing whatever to do with the Custodian who merely took charge of the articles for administration purposes.

The Custodian, in cooperation with other Government departments, has adopted the policy that cameras and radios cannot be released to persons residing in British Columbia, but no steps have yet been taken to liquidate the cameras so far as I know.

I would suggest that you write to the Vancouver office for further particulars.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWM/L

Jan 14
Chase, B.C.

Dear Sir

I have camera which held in your hand. I hear, when we move to east you release it to the owner. What difference in B.C. or in East we are all out of the defence zone.

When you ordered "Japanese cannot possess camera" we hasten to bring it to your collecting station because you said "after get out from defence zone we will return it to the owner"
Trucks, cars, radios were same way.

When I met you spring in 1942 you said "don't worry, leave them to us we look after them well"

You already release it to the owner who lives in East so please return it to me with your special arrangement — I am eagerly wishing this to you, or keep it

in your hand because I don't
want dispose it especialy
sacrifice price like others.
I think you remember me
— I was the maneger of Komura
Bros Ltd Vancouver.

Yours very truly

E. Hayashi

VIA AIR MAIL

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PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

30th November, 1943.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Radios.

I have just been advised by Mr. Collins that he has received confirmation from Mr. Macnamara in regard to the disposition of radios by auction.

This is in line with your recent opinion in regard to this matter and we will proceed in an orderly manner to dispose of the radios from time to time. We will continue to store the cameras.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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

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November 11, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Radios and Cameras

I have your letter of November 8th but unfortunately have received no reply ffom Mr. MacNamara.

I have discussed this matter with Dr. Coleman this morning and he suggests that you arrange a meeting with Mr. Collins and that the two of you agree on the disposition of the Cameras and Radios.

Unless Mr. Collins has some serious objection it would appear desirable at this time to dispose of at least the radios, even if you had to store the cameras. My recollection is that the cameras would take up very little room and might even be stored in a cabinet with a special lock.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE No.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

8th November, 1943.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Radios.

I presume you have not heard anything further from Mr. Macnamara regarding the disposition of radios referred to in your letter of October 13th.

Superintendent Gray, who has recently taken the place of Col. Hill has 'phoned again and asked when we will be able to remove the radios from the Barracks. I informed him that I had written to Ottawa with regard to this matter and stated that I would make a further enquiry.

Unless we have a definite decision it will be necessary for us to arrange for the removal of these items to another storage.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director,

FGS/PMH

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

November 3, 1943.

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: Chief Treasury Officer.

Dear Sir:

Re: Seizure of Japanese Property

I have your letter of October 30th, with enclosures, and I am returning same on the instructions of the Custodian.

The Custodian feels that these seizures were made and charges incurred by the R.C.M. Police on behalf of the British Columbia Security Commission and are not properly chargeable to the Custodian.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:—
THE COMMISSIONER.
R. C. POLICE.
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
HEADQUARTERS

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE
FILE NO. 42D-269-3-J-18

OTTAWA, October 30, 1943.
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.,

Dear Sir:

RE: Seizure of Japanese Property

1. Enclosed, herewith, in duplicate copy is Account amounting to $248.80, covering storage charges on articles seized from Japanese within the protected area of British Columbia paid by R.C.M.Police with R.C.M.Police funds.

2. We would be pleased to have your cheque in payment of the above account forwarded direct to this Office, and would ask that you please have same drawn in favour of the Receiver General of Canada.

Yours truly,

(J. Stevens)
Chief Treasury Officer.

Encl.

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

October 19, 1943.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Radios

I have your letter of October 13th and by a strange coincidence I wrote Mr. MacNamara about this matter a few days ago. As soon as I have a reply from him I will advise you as to the disposition to be made of the radios.

Yours very truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

13th October, 1943.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
Executive Assistant to the
Secretary of State of Canada,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Radios.

In regard to my recent enquiry concerning the disposition of radios and cameras, you included in a wire instructions to continue to store radios and cameras.

I have just received a letter from Mr. George Collins, copy of which is enclosed. This of course only refers to the disposition of radios belonging to those persons who are now resident outside of British Columbia. Your comments in this regard would be appreciated.

I am wondering if there is any particular reason why it is desired to continue the storage of the radios and cameras in view of our policy of general liquidation of chattels. I imagine that quite an amount of depreciation is taking place and this would be a good time from the market view point to dispose of these articles.

We are also faced with the difficulty as to a desirable place to store these goods once we have removed them from the care of the R.C.M.P. The storages which we are now using have practically all at some time or another been broken into and an added risk would be involved by storing a quantity of somewhat valuable radios and cameras. The best place would be by using a public storage but this would involve a greater cost. Any comments which you have would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH
encl.

COPY

October 12th, 1943.

F.G. Shears, Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Radios - Japanese owned.

Dear Sir:

You will recall last summer that we discussed the advisability of making available to all Japanese who had moved east of the Rockies, the opportunity of having their radios forwarded to them when the short - wave mechanism was neutralised.

Of the one hundred and two persons whom we advised to this effect only twenty-eight have requested their radios be forwarded to them. In view of this fact, which is due to a great many of the Japanese being on sugar-beet operations where they have no electric power as well as the fact that a number of them have already purchased radios in the area, I would recommend for your consideration that the radios belonging to the people now resident outside of British Columbia be withdrawn from the Police warehouse and sold by public auction. Any credit derived from the sale of these radios to be placed to the account of the Japanese through your organization.

Any assistance we can render in preparing thses radios for sale will be made available on request.

Yours very truly,

(signed) George Collins,
Commissioner.

GC/DS

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Send the following message, subject to the conditions on the back thereof, which are hereby agreed to.

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About September 30, 1943

F G SHEARS ESQ
DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
506 ROYAL BANK BLDG
VANCOUVER B C

REJECT OFFER ON PARCEL "C" STOP OPEN PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS AND IF OFFERS EQUAL APPRAISED VALUE YOUR DISCRETION WHETHER TO ACCEPT STOP STORE RADIOS AND CAMERAS

G W MCPHERSON
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Charge to Custodian's Office.

~~GWMcP/FC~~ File J-11

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

28th September, 1943.

G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
227 Oxford Street,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

As you are aware, the radios and cameras which were seized by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were by mutual arrangement stored in the R.C.M.P. Barracks here in Vancouver.

Col. Hill has just telephoned me stating that they now require this space for their own use so that it will be necessary for us to make some arrangements to move same.

A limited number have been shipped to places outside of British Columbia. Col. Hill still expresses the opinion that it is not particularly desirable to ship the radios to the Japanese living in the Interior.

In view of the fact that we are now starting the liquidation of chattels I would like your advice as to whether we should not at this time offer all these radios for sale at a public auction. It will be necessary for us to move these radios to do so as it would not be in order for an auction to be held at their present location.

Col. Hill is leaving at the end of the month and Supt. Gray is taking his place.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

G. W. McPherson, Esq.

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31st May, 1943.

Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Miss F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department

Dear Sirs:

Referring to your letter of the 29th May, we attach hereto a copy of our letter to the Registrar of Shipping.

Yours faithfully,

P. L. Ross Sons

Enclosure.

31st May, 1943.

Registrar of Shipping,
Winch Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Kemp

Dear Sir:

Your recent letter to the Custodian's Office requesting particulars of vessels sold to the West Coast Shipbuilders Limited has been referred to us.

The following scows have been sold by us to the West Coast Shipbuilders Limited:

"Y.O.1"	Moresby Island Fisheries Ltd. 75 x 18 x 4.3	Not registered
"Y.O.7"	Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited 73.2 x 18.2 x 4	Not registered
"Y.O"	Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited 73 x 18 x 4	Not registered
"Y.O."	Pacific Sea Products Exporters Limited 73.4 x 18 x 4.3	Not registered
"M.11"	British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd. 72.3 x 18 x 4.5	Not registered
"M. 5"	British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd. 73 x 17 x 4.5	Not registered
"M. 1"	British Columbia Fish Salteries Ltd. 72.3 x 18 x 4.5	Not registered
Oil Scow	Nanimo Shipyards Ltd. 21.7 x 12 x 2.9	Not registered
No Number	Vince & Company 65.4 x 23.5 x 3.6	Not registered

Registrar of Shipping 31st May, 1943.

We have had previous correspondence with you in the matter of having these unregistered vessels placed in your records. We assume we will hear from you as to the progress in this matter in due course.

Yours faithfully,

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912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
March 22nd, 1943.

Mr. G. Collins,
Commissioner,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Collins:

Re: Radios

A copy of Mr. MacNamara's letter of the 16th instant addressed to the Under Secretary of State has been forwarded to me and I note that your Commission is now prepared to take delivery of Radios owned by evacuees residing outside the Province of British Columbia and to remove the short wave equipment and ship same to the owners.

Immediately after the meeting of the Cabinet Committee in Ottawa on January 11th when this policy was decided upon, instructions were transmitted to this office to make such radios available on the request of the Japanese owner where he would pay the shipping charges and cost of removing short wave equipment.

The Officials of this office in co-operation with the Officers of your department can, no doubt, arrange the details to carry out the policy.

While in Ottawa I have had correspondence referred to me by the Under Secretary of State from your department there, dealing with problems between your Commission and this Local Office. I would suggest that most of these problems can be settled locally as between yourself and Mr. F.G. Shears, Acting Director, here, thus avoiding the lengthy delay incidental in correspondence going to Ottawa where it is referred to me and then back to Mr. Shears for attention.

I expect to return East the end of this week and will, of course, deal immediately with any matter that is brought to my attention there dealing with questions between our respective organizations here, but it would appear to me that matters could be facilitated by direct negotiations with Mr. Shears.

Your favourable consideration of this suggestion would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

G.W. McPherson,
Executive Assistant.

GWM/DG

ATM

Ottawa, March 17, 1943.

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Arthur MacNamara, Esq., Deputy Minister of Labour, concerning the return of radios to evacuated Japanese outside British Columbia.

In view of the decision reached by the Cabinet Committee at its meeting on January 11th, I have no doubt you will be very glad to turn over to the British Columbia Security Commission the radios belonging to those Japanese who were evacuated to places outside British Columbia.

I enclose copy of my reply to Mr. MacNamara's letter.

E. H. Coleman

ATM

Ottawa, March 17, 1943.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Labour,
O t t a w a .

I received today your letter of the 16th. G. W. McPherson, Executive Assistant to the Custodian, is now in Vancouver. You will recollect that Mr. McPherson was present at the meeting of the Cabinet Committee in January and is acquainted with the arrangements then made. I am therefore sending him a copy of your letter, with the request that he give the necessary instructions along the lines indicated in your letter.

E. H. Coleman
Under Secretary of State.

DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

OFFICE OF THE
MAR 17 1943
Under Secretary of State

Ottawa, March 16, 1943.

Dr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

The Commissioner of Japanese Placement at Vancouver is receiving many requests from Japanese on the Prairies and in Ontario for their radios now in the possession of the Custodian, but advises that the Custodian is not releasing these.

This Department and the R.C.M.P. favour allowing Japanese east of the Rockies to possess standard wave radios, and consider that this will be an added inducement to some Japanese to move east. I understand that the Cabinet Committee has agreed to this policy.

Accordingly, I would appreciate it if you would instruct the Custodian at Vancouver to turn over radios when requested to the British Columbia Security Commission, which will make the necessary arrangements to have the short wave parts removed and the radios shipped to the Japanese on the Prairies or in eastern Canada.

A. MacNamara.

A. MacNamara.

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No.....

Your Ref. - Legal Section

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
January 25th, 1943.

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Radios

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th instant with further reference to radios and the fact that no shortwave equipment can be released.

On receipt of your last letter I advised Col. Hill that we would be in a position to release radios outside the Province of British Columbia. I received a note from him in reply in which he stated that in view of his previous letter to us he would be obliged if we would hold this matter up.

I telephoned Col. Hill on Friday and advised him that we were not pressing the matter at the moment but pointed out to him that the arrangement was only to release these articles outside the Province of British Columbia. He had apparently overlooked this, although it was quite plainly stated in my letter to him, and thought that we were going to release radios outside of the protected area.

I understand that he has written to Ottawa, so should you hear anything regarding this matter you will understand that it is purely a mistake on Col. Hill's part in not reading my letter carefully.

Col. Hill now understands the situation.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears.
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

G. W. MCPHERSONS ESQ.

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Vancouver, B.C.

23rd January, 1943

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Attention of Mr. B. Good - Controller

Dear Sir:

Re: Cars and trucks

We wish to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 21st instant, enclosing cheques covering proceeds of car and truck sales as undernoted:-

M. Furuya & Co. Ltd.	$1,997.76
T. Maikawa Stores	358.94

Mr.Frederick Field $3,525.19 covering the following:

M. Ebisuzaki & Co.	$1,572.01
Fuji Chop Suey Ltd.	321.11
Komura Bros. Ltd.	640.31
Ocean Fisheries Ltd.	670.58
Union Fish Co. Ltd.	321.18

Cheques have been issued by Mr. Field in payment of the amounts due the last five mentioned companies.

Yours faithfully,

F. J. Ross

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

Legal Section
GWM/DI

20th January, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Motor Vehicles.

I have your letter of January 18th. In view of the fact that we have sold the majority of the automobiles belonging to evacuees, I do not think we can release any without causing criticism from those evacuees whose cars have been sold.

As far as the trucks that Mr. Shimek has are concerned, I think you should write directly to the individual Japanese owners and find out whether or not they are prepared to let Mr. Shimek have the use of same and what consideration they desire. If you cannot make an arrangement, then they should be approved and sold.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

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

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Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

Legal Section
GWM/DI

20th January, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Eichi Hayashi

I have your letter of January 15th concerning the above party's camera, and note that the R. C. M. Police are using it. You will now have my letter concerning the release of cameras and I do not see how, in equity, we can release cameras to other Japanese if we do not return this man's, if he wants it. I think that the only way that the Mounted Police can get this camera is by purchasing it from Mr. Hayashi through your office, with his consent. Otherwise, the camera should be returned to him upon his evacuation from the Province of British Columbia, if he is still there. The forced sale of one man's camera would almost amount to confiscation of a private person's property, and this is not, up to the present, the policy of the Custodian. If we had not been going to release the cameras, the arrangements as proposed by Col. C. H. Hill would, I think, be agreeable.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

17/06

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

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

20th January, 1943.

Legal Section
GWM/DI

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Radios

I have your letter of January 18th.

No radios with shortwave equipment can be released, so that if the removal is going to destroy the radio, it might be a good idea to advise the owner of this and obtain his consent to a sale, giving him the funds to buy a standard wave radio, if he so desires, outside British Columbia.

I note the arrangements you have made with Col. Hill, and they would appear to be entirely satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

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

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
18th January, 1943.

Your File - Legal Section
GWM/DI

G.W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Radios and Cameras

In regard to the release of radios to evacuees residing outside of British Columbia, will it still be considered desirable to remove shortwave equipment?

I understand that in some cases this is difficult without spoiling the radio.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
18th January, 1943.

Your File - Legal Section
GWM/DI

G.W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Motor Vehicles.

In reply to yours of the 13th re the above.

I have not overlooked the matter of the proposed Meeting with the Used Car Dealers Association and have brought this item forward on my diary several times. I will endeavour to bring this to a discussion without much further delay.

The present situation shows that we have 8 cars left in the city, 7 at Victoria, 1 at Cranbrook and 1 at Hastings Park.

I recently asked Mr. Ure for a full report on the trucks held by the P.C.U. which have been sold or used on a rental basis.

I have received a request from two Japanese for the release of their trucks stored with the P.C.U. but which have not so far been used by the P.C.U. as the Japanese expressed a wish that they should be stored and not rented.

The Security Commission state that these Japanese who are at Welling, Alberta, have sold their trucks to a local man there who is prepared to come to Mission to take delivery.

Mr. Shimek would like to use these trucks and has asked the Japanese for the price they require for these trucks but has not received any reply.

If a similar price could be obtained here I would think we should disregard the Japanese request as it would require gas etc. to transport these trucks to Alberta.

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FILE No.....

G.W. McPherson Esq.

Your brief comment regarding our policy in connection with such a matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No.....

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
15th January, 1943.

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Cameras and Radios.

Further to the above matter I have now arranged with Col. C.H. Hill for a stove to be installed at their Barracks and they have undertaken to purchase the necessary fuel. We are to allow 50 cents a day to their Janitor to keep the necessary fires on. This will relieve us of the necessity of moving these goods and supplying security and heating.

I think this arrangement is very satisfactory, moreover, in the event of any deterioration being evident in these cameras, at least we are in a position to know that since the time of seizure they have been in the care of the R.C.M.P.

Yours truly,

F.G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

VIA AIR MAIL

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE No. 9751

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
15th January, 1943.

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson,

Re: Eichi HAYASHI.

Among the cameras which we have in storage is one owned by the above which he values at $1,500.00.

Col. C.H. Hill called to see me yesterday and stated that they were engaged in a very important investigation in which they could very well use this particular type of camera. He also stated that it would be very valuable to his Department as a permanent part of their equipment.

He had apparently already written to his Headquarters as he gave me the reply he had received which reads as follows:

> "Referring to your report of January 8th, 1943 in the above connection, please be advised that your suggestion that the photographic equipment seized from the Japanese National E. HAYASHI be purchased from the Official Custodian, is concurred in.
>
> Will you please approach the Custodian in this matter and obtain from him a price for the equipment you mention and submit the same to this Office for consideration. In the meantime, it is suggested that possibly arrangements could be made with the Custodian to borrow this equipment so that your enquiries in this matter need not be delayed."

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G.W. McPherson Esq.

I have agreed to the use of this camera for the specific purpose for which they now require it.

In view of the fact that this is required by a Government Department and also that cameras are not now being released, I would think we should favourably consider this request. We would of course contact Mr. Hayashi asking his opinion regarding a sale, but I do not think I would mention that it was a Government Department that was interested.

However, on the assumption that he will not agree to a sale, or agree to a sale at less than his stated price, I would think that in view of our policy of co-operating with other Government Departments, that it would be in order to arrange for this sale at a proper appraised valuation.

In the case of the cars and boats which Government Departments took over, there was of course a general policy of sale being pursued which is not at present the policy in regard to cameras.

This particular camera equipment must be of a very special type and possibly is not obtainable from any other present source. This would be one reason why the R.C.M.P. may wish this equipment and might also be a reason why the Japanese would not be willing to sell.

Just a line in connection with this matter would be appreciated.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.

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Legal Section
GWM/DI

13th January, 1943.

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Motor Vehicles

I would appreciate being advised as to the present standing with regard to motor vehicles, with particular reference to the proposed meeting with the Used Car Dealers' Association.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

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

Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Canada.
January 13th, 1943.

Legal Section
GWM/DI

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Re: Radios and Cameras

I have your letter of January 6th, with enclosure, which has been discussed with the Deputy Custodian. It has been decided that radios and cameras should be returned to evacuees residing outside the Province of British Columbia, provided such persons pay the charges incidental to their return, and of course, provided that any liens or other charges against the radios are taken care of in accordance with the policy outlined in Part 10 of my brief.

It is the intention that with the relocation of the Japanese east of the mountains, the radios will be returned to the individuals after they leave the Province of British Columbia, and it would therefore appear inadvisable to move the radios from the place where they are now stored.

If you can make arrangements to have them properly protected by heating the building, as suggested in your letter, this should be done. If the cameras are liable to deteriorate where they now are, possibly you could move them to the office and find some place where they could be stored, but in this event, they should be locked up. If they are alright where they are, then I would suggest that they remain there.

Would you please see that all copies of my brief, with particular reference to Part 10, Section 1, Page 14, are amended accordingly.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

F.G.Shears,Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B.C.

VIA AIR MAIL

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FILE No._____

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

6th January, 1943.

G. W. McPherson Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. McPherson:

I have to-day received a letter from Col. C.H. Hill in which he enclosed a copy of a letter he received from Ottawa which reads as follows:

> "In reply to your secret memorandum of the 22nd instant in which you suggest that the question of the return of Japanese radios and cameras be left in abeyance, at least for the time being, in view of all the circumstances, this suggestion is concurred in."

This brings up the question of whether we will have to remove the radios and cameras from their present location at the barracks.

I telephoned Col. Hill and went down with him and inspected the radios. At the present time no particular damage is apparent but the woodwork of the radios is slightly damp and doubtless the mechanism of the radios will not be improved.

I think that you have been up to the barracks and are familiar with the situation.

The Homper Buddhist Temple is a possible place to which we might remove these effects, but that building would require heating and also the expense of a watchman.

I noticed that the barracks had a proper brick chimney and I asked the possibility of our obtaining a stove and having a fire made every day so as to counteract the dampness of the atmosphere.

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Your File No.269G.13-2

6th January, 1943.

A/Commissioner C. H. Hill,
Commanding "E" Division,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your kindness in driving me out to the barracks yesterday is much appreciated.

After viewing the radios and cameras and considering the problem which would be involved in moving these to another location, I would be glad if you would consider the following:

From the point of view of safe keeping, we would not be able to find a better storage location than your own outside of a commercial storage. Any other storage which would be available to us would, for practical purposes, not be greatly better than your building and it would be necessary for us to arrange for heating and caretaking. The letter which you received from Assistant Commissioner Mead still leaves indefinite the matter of a final policy and only speaks of "at least for the time being".

It is, therefore, not altogether improbable that the cameras and radios may yet be released for shipment or that a policy of liquidation might be decided upon. Moreover the cameras and radios have already been subject to winter conditions for the past several weeks in their present location and subject to somewhat damp atmospheric conditions.

I do not consider that a great deal of heat is required and if sufficient heat could be given so as to counteract any extreme humidity, I think this would be sufficient to give adequate protection to these articles.

In view of the fact that there is a good brick chimney in your building and a place for a stove, I would be obliged if you would advise if you would be prepared to arrange for one of your Janitors or Caretakers at the barracks to put on a fire once or twice a day. If this could be arranged we would endeavour to locate a stove and secure the necessary wood fuel and would of course instal the stove and make the necessary space around it and make proper access to it.

The radios and cameras are at the present time insured for fire risk and I have made enquiries and we can be properly protected even if a stove is used for heating purposes.

I am advising Mr. McPherson at Ottawa of the present position of these articles and also asking for instructions from our own department there. In the meantime, however, I would be glad if you would advise me if the suggestion I have outlined would be acceptable to you so that we might continue to use your building on the basis suggested.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Acting Director.

FGS/PMH

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FILE No. G/28

1942 DEC 14 AM 9:24

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
December 11, 1942.

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Re: Radios and Cameras

You will recall that when the policy of releasing radios and cameras to Japanese outside the protected area was discussed last summer the possibility of public criticism was mentioned and considered. I am enclosing two clippings from the Vancouver Sun which are possibily only the beginning of a press campaign. The first clipping appeared in the evening edition of December 10th and the original source of the newspaper's information is unknown to this office. Individual files in this office have indicated by correspondence received during the last week or ten days, that the British Columbia Security Commission's Camp Supervisors have advised the Japanese that they could have their radios on application to this office. If these statements were made, they were not authorized by this office; the matter was merely in the process of negotiations as to the mechanics of delivery through the facilities of the Security Commission.

The Vancouver Sun telephoned this morning before nine o'clock and requested that they be permitted to take pictures of the radios. I advised them that the radios were not under the custody of this office but were in charge of the R.C.M. Police and referred them to Colonel Hill. The reporter asked whether or not the radios were to be returned and I advised him the policy was determined in Ottawa and would be carried out in this office but that no radios had been released up to the present time.

The Daily Province called Mr. Shears and asked for his statement and it is my intention to instruct Mr. Shears as follows:

(1) The interpretation of the Order-in-Council under which the articles were seized indicates that the Japanese can purchase and operate radios outside the protected area.

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(2) No radios have been released up to the present time by the Custodian to Japanese and in any case no radio with shortwave equipment would be released.

(3) The evacuation now being complete, discussions are taking place concerning the entire question.

In my opinion it is desirable at this time and before any further statements or mis-statements are made, to place on record the position of the Custodian, relying on the fact that the questions that are now arising were considered prior to the determination of the policy.

Unless otherwise advised, instructions already received from you will be carried out.

Yours very sincerely,

G.W. McPherson

GWMcP/FC

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Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Specified Articles

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Order-in-Council P.C. 365, dated January 16th, provided that the Minister of Justice could "Prohibit or restrict the possession or use by all or any enemy aliens ordinarily resident oractually present in such Protected Area of any specified articles, and to require the delivery up by any such enemy aliens aforesaid of any such specified articles to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police".

Subsequently, by Notice of the Department of Justice, dated February 5th, 1942, it was provided in part that no enemy alien should have in his possession, while in such Protected Area, any Camera, Radio Transmitter, Radio Short Wave Receiving Set, Fire Arms, Ammunition or Explosives, but no provision was made for the surrendering of such articles to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

By Order-in-Council P.C. 1486, dated February 24th, 1942, the Minister of Justice was again given the same power to restrict the use of specified articles, and to require their surrender to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

By Department of Justice Notice, dated February 26th, 1942, the Minister of Justice required that "No person of the Japanese race could have in his possession or use in the Protected Area any Motor Vehicle, Camera, Radio, Radio Transmitter, Radio Receiving Set, Fire Arms, Ammunition or Explosives", and further required that all of these specified articles be forthwith surrendered to certain officials, including Justices of the Peace, the Provincial Police Officers and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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It is to be noted that under this Order there was no distinction between Japanese because of their nationality and the Order of the Minister of Justice was extended to include Motor Vehicles.

By Order-in-Council P.C. 1665, dated March 4th, 1942, as amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 2483, dated March 27th, 1942, the property of persons of the Japanese race evacuated from the Protected Area was placed under the protective custody of the Custodian. Regulation 12 (1) of that Order-in-Council provided in part as follows:- "All property situated in any Protected Area of British Columbia, belonging to any person of the Japanese race .. .. delivered up to any person by the owner, pursuant to an Order of the Minister of Justice ..... shall vest in and be subject to the control and management of the Custodian".

The Custodian took delivery of Motor Vehicles, Cameras and Radios from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the Cameras and Radios were stored in the R.C.M. Police Barracks. Arrangements are now being made to return them to the Japanese owners outside the Protected Area.

Insofar as the Guns, Ammunition and Explosives are concerned, the Custodian's office has never taken delivery of same from the R.C.M. Police, since we had no desire to have such articles under our control, if it could be avoided. This question was discussed with Colonel Hill and, subsequently, on October 26th I requested Miss Carroll to write a letter to him, asking for inventories of the articles seized, since I felt that they were under the Custodian's control legally and that he would be held accountable to the Japanese for their administration. The claims against Japanese are also on file here and these articles constitute assets for possible liquidation of such claims. Colonel Hill felt that these articles should remain with the R.C.M. Police and as far as this office is concerned we have no desire to take delivery of same but, being

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Dr. Coleman. December 10th, 1942.

anxious to clarify the legal position and the responsibility, we suggested to Colonel Hill that a ruling be obtained from the Department of Justice in Ottawa. Therefore, he wrote to the Commissioner in Ottawa and received a reply, dated December 5th, a carbon copy of the correspondence having been made available to this office, through the co-operation of Colonel Hill. I am enclosing copies of the correspondence, together with a copy of Colonel Hill's letter to the Custodian, dated December 8th, which enclosed the other correspondence.

I am of the opinion that the decision of the Deputy Minister of Justice, as set out in his letter of November 28th, should be reviewed by you, since it affects the Custodian's position, insofar as all specified articles are concerned. The legal position, in my opinion, is quite clear that the responsibility is, under existing Orders, placed upon the Custodian.

It is to be noted from the Deputy Minister's letter of November 28th that he refers to a requisition by the Custodian, but no such requisition was ever intended or even contemplated, but the law seems to be fairly clear that the property does vest in the Custodian and that it is his responsibility to protect same.

If the ruling of the Deputy Minister of Justice is to be carried out, then I am of the opinion that the Custodian should release the Radios and Cameras, which are now in storage at the R.C.M. Police Barracks to the Mounted Police, since they were seized under the same Order, and possibly the Automobiles now remaining in the Custodian's hands should be returned to the Police.

I would appreciate your opinion as to whether or not the other specified articles can be considered to be covered by the Deputy Minister of Justice Order.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP:HW.
Encl.

COPY

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Vancouver, B.C.
Dec. 7/42.

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The Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Firearms, Guns, Ammunition and Explosives

With reference to your communication of Oct. 26th and further to my reply of Oct. 27th, I am now in receipt of a communication from my Headquarters, enclosing letter from the Deputy Minister of Justice.

Copies of these are attached hereto for your information. They are self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) C.H. HILL
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

c o p y

Ottawa, Canada

Dec. 5, 1942.

C 112-5

MEMORANDUM

The Officer Commanding,
"E" Division, R.C.M.P.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Firearms etc., Japanese

With reference to the above and to your letter of the 27th inst. together with enclosures, you are advised that the subject matter was referred to the Deputy Minister of Justice for an opinion as to whether Order in Council P.C. 2483 provided the necessary authority for firearms, explosives etc., surrendered by Japanese to be turned over to the local Custodian of Enemy Property.

2. In this connection we enclose copies of letter dated the 28th ult. from the Deputy Minister of Justice from which it will be noted that in his opinion P.C. 2483 does not convey the requisite authority.

3. Would you please convey the opinion of the Department of Justice to Mr. Carroll, the local Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.

J. Healey, Insp.
C.P.O.

Enc.

copy

Ottawa.

Nov. 28th, 1942.

TO: The Commissioner, R.C.M. Police

J.R. 6874-42
Re: Disposition of Firearms.
Your File No. C.112-5 Vol.2

"A"

I am in receipt of your letter of November 14th in which you inquire as to whether or not firearms, ammunition and explosives obtained from Japanese under the authority of sections 37A and 37B of the Defence of Canada Regulations should be surrendered to the Custodian of Japanese Property by virtue of Order in Council P.C. 2483.

I am of opinion that a requisition by the Custodian of Japanese property, by virtue of Order In Council P.C. 2483, does not authorize you to deliver to him firearms, ammunition and explosives obtained from Japanese under authority of sections 37A and 37B of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

Deputy Minister.

C A N A D A

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Office of the Custodian

Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Telephone PA 6131 October 20th, 1942.

----------LIST OF MOTOR VEHICLES----------

Vehicles are stored in the following places:

Vancouver

- Symbol -	- Location -
A	1. McDermott Motors
B	2. Consolidated Motors
C	3. Johnston Motors

Victoria	Empress Garage and Service Station. 615 Government Street.
Cranbrook	Dezall's Garage Company Limited.

Motor Vehicles are sold on the basis of
"as is" and "where is".

C A R S

VANCOUVER

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR		STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDO-METER	CUST. NO	
Chevrolet	A	12-19	1937	Sedan	4		24,380	87	$700.00
	B	12-17	1937	Coupe	5	Light	48,531	A20	500.00
	A	12-19	1937	Sedan	5	Spot-light heater	47,229	32	600.00
	B	12-01	1936	Coach	5	Heater	73,957	A19	375.00
	A	1001	1935	Coach	5		37,104	95	450.00
	A	Mast.	1935	Coach	5		46,248	90	450.00
Dodge	A	D-7	1937	Sedan	5	Heater	50,298	97	650.00
	A	D-7	1937	Sedan	5	Heater	39,122	119	650.00
	A	D-4	1935	Tour. Sedan	5	Heater, radio lighter	64,032	76	550.00
Ford	A		1935	Coach	5	Heater, two fog-lights, seat-cover bumper-guard	39,330	2	350.00
	A	4/	1938	Sedan	5		36,507	94	575.00
	A	C	1936	Coach			12,869	3	375.00
	C		1938	Sedan			18,985		
Graham	A	110	1936	Sedan	5	Fog-light, seat covers		128	500.00
Nash	A	37-12	1937	Coupe	4	Radio & aerial	35,746	60	600.00
	A	13-18	1937	Sedan	5		31,021	68	600.00
	A	880	1931	Sedan	6		48,202	138	50.00
Oldsmobile	A	35-27	1939	Coupe	5	Heater	6,773	75	850.00
	B	35-27	1939	Coupe	5	Seat-covers,	13,140	A4	850.00
Pontiac	A	26-19	1936	Sedan	5	Heater, two fog-lights	43,908	43	600.00
Terraplane	C		1935	Sedan	4		51,976		300.00
Willys	A	77	1936	Spec. Sedan	4		49,194	52	400.00

T R U C K S

Dodge	B		1936	Panel ½-¾T	4		48,116	A27	425.00
Ford	A	01C	1940	Panel ½-¾ T.	5		50,188	T128	615.00
Maple Leaf	B	16-48	1936	Plat. 2-a½ T.	6		42,954	A22	400.00
Chevrolet	A		1937	Sedan Del.					400.00

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CARS

V I C T O R I A

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR		STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDO-METER	CUST. NO	
Buick	44-19	1938	Sedan	5	Radio, heater	36,024	V14	#850.00
	44-19	1936	Sedan	5	Radio, clock, heater.	24,626	V4	725.00
Chevrolet	12-11	1937	Coach	5		39,752	V22	395.00
Dodge	D21/	1941	Sedan	5		10,687	V16	1350.00
	D19S	1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio	7,469	V2	1475.00
		1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio	24,502	V5	945.00
	D13	1939	Sedan	5	Heater	19,800	V23	800.00
		1936	Sedan	5	Heater	33,294	V13	400.00
Ford	81-A	1938	Sedan	5	Radio	38,986	V24	600.00
Oldsmobile	3609	1936	Sedan	5	Heater	500,594	V25	400.00
Packard		1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio	26,559	V8	1650.00
		1925	Sedan	5			V9	25.00
Plymouth	P-8	1939	Sedan	5	Radio, heater	18,866	V15	785.00
	P-84	1938	Sedan	5	Radio	32,469	V1	985.00
	P-3	1937	Sedan	6		39,703	V19	445.00
Pontiac	28-29	1935	Sedan	5	Heater, clock	21,863	V3	495.00

CARS — C R A N B R O O K

Dodge	D-15	1940	Sedan	5	Radio, heater	13,977	Waiting for appraisals.
Ford	A	1929	Tudor	4			
Nash	420	1929	Sedan	6		30,494	

TRUCKS

Fargo		1936	Panel Del.	5	Heater	25,709	

Motor Vehicles are sold on the basis of "as is" and "where is".

October 12, 1942.

Memorandum for Mr. E. T. Read.

Motor Vehicles

The estimated cost of handling the above at Vancouver and Victoria is:

Insurance:	$ 22.35
Wages:	135.00
Storage:	191.00
Total per month:	$348.35

October 8th, 1942.

DISTRIBUTION OF CARS EXPENSE TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 1942.

	Vancouver	Victoria	Prince Rupert
Taking cars in & Moving, etc.	$1,482.42	$ 458.90	$ [illegible]
Storage	1,771.08	689.85	37.50
Appraisals	631.00	138.50	
Insurance	931.22	192.00	
Wages	2,178.28		
Printing	134.29		
Advertising	242.70	76.65	27.30
Sundry	32.70	32.10	
	$7,403.69	$1,588.00	$ 64.80

TOTAL $ 9,056.49

Less Insurance to be charged to Administration....	107.36		
	7,296.33	1,588.00	64.80
Add October Expenses - Wages -	29.72		
Storage -			7.25
	$7,326.05	$1,588.00	$72.05

TOTAL $8,986.10

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

October 7th, 1942.

Number Seized.	Number Released.	Number Sold.	Number On Hand.	Gross Amount Rec'd from sale.	Amount of Liens Paid.	Amount of Liens Unpaid.	Incurred Expense.	Amount of Insurance in force.	Appraised Value of Vehicles on Hand.
496	100	336	60	$115,175.00	$10,346.04	$6,447.91	$8,986.10	$30,000.00	$31,851.00

October 7th, 1942.

OUTLINE OF CARS, TRUCKS, & MOTORCYCLES SEIZED.

Location.	Number Seized.	Number on Hand. Oct.7th, 1942.
Hastings Park	396	22
Consolidated Motors	27	6
Victoria	28	19
Prince Rupert	3	1
Cranbrook	4	4
Mayne Island	12	0
Madill Garage	6	0
Cloverdale	1	0
Port Moody	1	1
Duncan	1	0
Curtis Motors	1	0
Dueck-Nicol	2	1
Fred Deeley's	2	0
Johnston Motors	7	6
Victoria Motorcycles	1	0
Hastings Park Motorcycles	4	0
		60
	Released	100
	Sold	336
496		496

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. G. W. McPHERSON 28th SEPTEMBER, 1942.

MOTOR VEHICLES ON HAND (UNSOLD)

	Cars	Trucks	Total	Value
(McDermott)	24	1		$11,465.00
(Consolidated)	3	4		3,975.00
(Johnston)	3	3		2,005.00
(D. Nicoll)	1	—	—	1,050.00
Vancouver:	31	8	39	18,495.00
Victoria:	18		18	12,665.00
Pr. Rupert:		1	1	
Cranbrook:	3	1	4	
Port Moody:	—	1	1	
	52	11	63	

These figures exclude: Two cars (Coupe) in Custodian's list which are under control of P. S. Ross & Sons and are not for sale at present; and also a number of vehicles similarly controlled and regarding which this office has incomplete information.

In view of the comparatively limited number of enquiries received for vehicles other than the main stock it should prove advantageous to concentrate all in the one place, where all interest would centre.

For the same reason transfer of all Victoria cars to the Vancouver centre appears to be advisable.

Subject to the market not being affected by changes in the Government's gasoline rationing policy, the best way to liquidate the residue would probably be to have one or more of the larger Used Car dealers take the stock over into their own name at or near its appraised value. Such a course might, however, be difficult before the investment involved is reduced to less than half the present figure.

NOTE OF OUTSTANDING LIENS ON UNSOLD CARS:

Finance Co.	Make	Value	Lien	Stored
Commercial Credit	Nash	$ 350.00	$ 521.56	McDermott
"	Terra.	300.00	128.85	Johnston
"	Int.	390.00	402.20	"
"	Ford	240.00	298.19	"
Consolidated Fin.	Ford	575.00	439.90	"
"	Ford	126.00	297.25	"
"	Ford	250.00	409.62	"
General Motors A.C.	Chev.	1050.00	1005.68	Dueck-Nicol

M. Nicoll

DISTRIBUTION OF CARS EXPENSE TO 31st AUGUST, 1942

THE CLARKE & STUART COLUMNAR SHEET, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Taking Cars in at Hastings Park	$	670	71
Taking Cars in at Victoria		373	90
Storage - Victoria and Hastings Park		2,002	23
Appraisals		766	50
Moving to Main Street		811	71
Insurance		1,534	82
Wages		1,373	28
Printing, etc.		128	44
Advertising		346	65
Sundry Expenses		62	77
	$	8,071	01

about 9%

August 31, 1942

CARS AND TRUCKS

Japanese Name	Car or Truck No	Sold To	Gross Amount	Amount Debited	Balance
ARAI, Kozo	C 34	Arthur Marshall	$ 140.00		$ 140.00
ATAGI, Hisao	C 25	N. A. Haslett	375.00		375.00
BURRARD FISH CO.	T 112	Dixon & Murray	335.00		335.00
EBISHUZAKI, M.	T 111	A.A. & A. Campbell	750.00		750.00
M. EBISUSAKI CO.	C 40	R. C. M. P.	902.00		902.00
FARMERS' PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTING CO.	T 135	Prov. Government	550.00		
	T 127	Rec. General	950.00		1,500.00
FUJII, Yajiu	C 10	Campbell Motors	65.00		65.00
FUJIMOTO, Yoshikazu	T 53	C. T. Pitt	250.00		250.00
FUJINO, Bunnosuke	T 106	Prov. Government	725.00		725.00
FUJINO, Sukutaro	T 140	M. Kolarcik	250.00		250.00
FUJIOKA, Takaichi	T 119	Prov. Government	450.00		450.00
FUKAWA, Shoji	T 244	Johnston Motors Co.	300.00		300.00
FUKUMOTO, Keizo	T 40	Peter Sawatzky	50.00		50.00
FUKUMURA, Kunisaburo	C 49	R. C. M. P.	950.00		950.00
M. FURUYA CO. LTD.	T 57		425.00		
	T 79	John Harty	135.00		
	T 95	J. Boshard & Son Ltd.	650.00		
	C 83	R. C. M. P.	525.00		1,735.00
HAMANAKA, Hisako	C V11	Cecil Eve Motors	300.00		300.00
HANADA, T.	T 124		900.00		900.00
HASHIDA, Toyoki	T 24	Vancouver Motors	75.00		75.00
HATANAKA, Kenichi	C 122	R. C. M. P.	695.00		695.00
HAYASHI, E.	C 24	C. W. Pattison	810.00		810.00
HAYASHI, Toby	C 26	Jack N. Nelson	35.00		35.00
HAYASHIDE, Tatsukuro	T 84	Lee's Transport	200.00		200.00
HIGUCHI, Shiginori	C 116	E. G. Latten	170.00		170.00
HORI, Kanichi	T 12	Johnston Motors	25.00		25.00
HORIBE, Kozaduro	C 151	Dom. Gov. (Penitentiary)	1200.00		1,200.00
IKEDA, Gunjiro	T 90	Cartwright Lumber Co.	1235.00		1,235.00
INAMOTO, Umetada	C 46	G. D. Wilkie	375.00		375.00
INOKUCHI, Y & OHAMA, G. A.	T 142	Prov. Government	975.00		
		Columbia Security Lien		702.85	272.15
INOUYE, Yasutaka	T 137	Prov. Government	700.00		700.00
ISABURI, Nozaki	C 6	H. Rosdahl	200.00		200.00
ITO, Isematsu	T 115	Prov. Government	795.00		
		Motor Agency Lien		110.00	685.00
IWASA, Tsugio	C V12	R. V. Hocking	1075.00		1,075.00
KAGETSU, Eikichi	C 118	R. C. M. P.	1025.00		1,025.00
KAITA, Suchechi	T 26	McKay & Flanagan	576.00		576.00
KAITA, Takaju	T 29	Forest Lawn Development	475.00		
		" " new generator		15.00	460.00
KANAME, Sato	C 4	Campbell Motors	35.00		35.00
KARSUKAWA, Shimpei	C 93	Consolidated Motors	700.00		700.00
KAWAMOTO, Yoshino	C 48	Bowell McDonald Motors	50.00		50.00
KAWASE, Tadayoshi	T 120	Prov. Government	525.00		
		Corp. of Richmond water		17.12	
	T 121	Mike Petrencik	201.75		709.63
KINOSHITA, Kazuo	T 103	Prov. Government	550.00		
	C 99	M. Jensen	360.00		910.00
KITAGAWA, Mokichi	T 73	Prov. Government	1025.00		1,025.00
KOBAYUSHI, Shigleno	T 19	Prov. of B. C. Forestry Dept.	750.00		750.00
KODAMA, Genichi		Dom. Government	750.00		750.00
KODAMA, Tokuo	T 130	Prov. Government	825.00		825.00
KUMAMOTO, Jun	T 86	Ole T. Hollen	204 .75		
	C 45	M. Marx	450.00		
	T 87	Cartwright Lumber Co.	1235.00		1,889.75
KURIO, Kuijiro	T 34	Rec. General	625.00		625.00
MAEDA, Tokichi	T 98	Prov. Government	900.00		900.00
MAEHARA, Jiro	T 243	Johnston Motor Co.	50.00		50.00
MAENO, Kenichi	T 3	Prov. Government	550.00		550.00
MAIKAWA LTD.	C 73	Civil Protection Comm.	1000.00		
	T 88	Prov. Government	850.00		
	T 129	Rec. General	750.00		2,600.00

anese Name	Car or Truck No	Sold to	Gross Amount	Amount Debited	Balance
MAIKAWA STORES LTD		Dom. Government	1975.00		
		T. Maikawa Stores		1975.00	.00
MAKINO , Ishio	T 56	W. Mitchell	10.00		10.00
MARUNO, Tatsushi	C 36	C. Giach	300.00		300.00
MARUNO, Yashi	T 2	Dixon & Murray	380.00		380.00
MATSUI, Masayuki	C 132	M. McKay	500.00		500.00
MATSUMIYA, S.	T 132	James M. Brown	210.00		210.00
MATSUNE, Tamotsu	T 28	Prov. Government	525.00		525.00
MATSUTARO, Seto	C 9	Campbell Motors	25.00		25.00
MINAKI, Kikataro	T 8	Johnston Motors	305.00		305.00
MINEZU, M.	T 242	Aim Engineering & Supply	275.00		275.00
MORI, Suzi	T 80	Fairview Sheet Metal	365.00		365.00
MORI, Yoshitaka	T 66	Johnston Motors Co.	200.00		200.00
MORII, Etsuji	C 124	J. E. Shoultz	125.00		125.00
MURA, Kumaichi	C 24	Campbell Motors	130.00		130.00
MURAKAMI, K.	T 38	Hubbard Construction Co.	275.00		275.00
NAGA, Hideziro	T 1	Eugene A. Senay	426.00		426.00
NAGAI, Masayoski	T 68	Lee's Transport	350.00		350.00
NAGAO, Kany	T 240	Prov. Government	600.00		600.00
NAGATA, S. and Mrs S.	C A23	Consolidated Motors	700.00		700.00
NAKADE, Shinichi	C 23	R.C.M.P.	785.00		785.00
NAKAGAMA, Ryotaro	T 116	Prov. Government	850.00		850.00
NAKAMURA, Ryotaro	T 18	Empire Sheet Metal	400.00		400.00
NAKAMURA, Sadato	C 74	D. Rebchester	175.00		175.00
NARAMURA, Shotoro	T 61	J. C. Gavigan	900.00		900.00
NATSUHARA, Kizo	C 141	Ray Kozawko	80.00		80.00
NEW FISH MARKET	T 110	Walsh Motors	500.00		500.00
NISHI, Shigitoro	T 62	Prov. Government	750.00		
	C 109	R. C. M. P.	625.00		1,375.00
N. NISHIGUCHI CO. LTD.	T 118	Prov. Government	420.00		420.00
NISHIHATA, Jiro	C 47	Johnston's Motors Co.	95.00		95.00
NISHIKAWA, Tomigiro	C 62	R. Martyn	300.00		300.00
NISHIMURA, Jujiro		Johnston's Motors	200.00		200.00
NISHIMURA, Yoshio	C 28	A. E. Stephens	475.00		475.00
NISHIZAKI, Kusairo	T 43	Prov. Government	875.00		
		International Harvester		226.13	648.87
NISHIZAKI, Yosonatsu	C 103	J. H. Gerlitzki	55.00		55.00
NITTA, Masaru	T 101	Prov. Government	325.00		325.00
OCEAN FISHERIES LTD.		Dom. of Canada Gov.	800.00		
		Ocean Fisheries		800.00	.00
OHORI, Masato	T 104	McKay & Slunagan	707.00		707.00
OIKAWA, Tadashi J.	C 100	Campbell Motors	255.00		255.00
OIKE, K.	T 241	Campbell Motors	280.00		280.00
OKURA, Keichi	T 76	Gerald G. Hobbis	510.00		510.00
ONO, Yasu	C 35	Simpson Bros.	80.00		80.00
ONODERA, Genjiro	C 22	Ed. Voice	50.00		50.00
OSEKI, Eichi	C 13	Campbell Motors	65.00		65.00
OTSUJI, Rikimatsu	C 67	Wm. J. Bastedo	36.00		36.00
OTSUJI, Yoshiharu	C 37	Vernon A. Young	60.00		60.00
OYAMA, Seiho	T 44	Prov. Government	850.00		850.00
PACIFIC IMPORTERS	C A26	R. C. M. P.	1052.50		1,052.50
RIVER FISH CO. LTD.	T 108	Prov. Government	625.00		625.00
RUSKIN BOX MANUFACTURING	T 155	Prov. Government	625.00		625.00
SAIMOTO, Kunimatsu	C 42	Albert Flavell	600.00		600.00
SANO, Ed Shigeichi	T 49	Johnston Motors	25.00		25.00
SASAKI, Shuichi	Madill 1	R. C. M. P.	800.00		800.00
SASAKI, Teto	C 104	H. Robbins	25.00		25.00
SATO, S. S.	T 48	Cartwright Lumber Co.	500.00		500.00
SHIMIZU, Kazuo	C 108	Campbell Motors	105.00		105.00
SHIMODA, Yukio	C 92	Charles Jones	275.00		275.00
SHIZETA, Fusazo	Motorcycle M4	A. R. McIndoe	175.00		175.00
SUDA, Tsuruji	T 126	T. A. Leach	80.00		80.00
SUGA, Tatsuo	C 39	R. C. M. P.	800.00		800.00
SUMI, Y.	Motorcycle M1	H. Bowler	300.00		300.00
SUSUMA, James	T VT3	Stewart & Hudson	165.00		165.00
SUZUKI, Sadao	T 9	H. E. Marks	550.00		550.00
TAGASHIRA, Rinkichi	C 84	E. Conroy	975.00		
	T	Rec. General	950.00		1,925.00
TAKAGI, A.	C 234	Johnston Motors	405.00		405.00
TAKAGI, Akira	T 146	Rec. General	825.00		
		Industries Accept. Corp.		525.00	300.00

Japanese Name	Car or Truck No	Sold To	Gross Amount	Amount Debited	Balance
TAKAHASHI, G.	T 123	Cartwright Lumber Co.	325.00		
		Cash " "	5.00		330.00
TAKAOKA, Hideo D.	T 102	Prov. Government	875.00		
		International Harvester Co.		395.82	479.18
TAKASAKI, Masaru	C 112,	Vernon A. Young	55.00		55.00
TAKASKI, Miyuki	C 106	R. C. M. P.	900.00		900.00
TAKASAKI, Wataru	C 113	R. C. M. P.	900.00		900.00
TAKEDA, Fusajiro	T 16	Prov. Government	750.00		
	T 15	Rec. General	660.00		1,410.00
TAKEDA, Noburu	C 33	G. Cooke	127.00		
	T 33	Bowell McDonald Motors	175.00		302.00
TAMAKI, Fusamatsu	T 64	C. L. Arland	380.00		380.00
TANAKA, Geroge Z.	C 121	G. J. Alements	450.00		450.00
TANAKA, Juhei	C 77	R. C. M. P.	800.00		800.00
TANAKA, Y.	C 89	R. C. M. P.	900.00		900.00
TATEISHI, Keizo	C 20	T. Harrison	110.00		
	C VM1	Jameson Motors	75.00		185.00
TOGO CLEANERS LTD.	C 147	R. C. M. P.	900.00		900.00
TOMITA, Skozo					.00
TSUMURA, Isao	T 147	Prov. Government	450.00		450.00
TSURUDA, Hisao	C V18	J. W. Ellis	100.00		100.00
TSUYUKI, Kaizo	C 41	R. C. M. P.	625.00		625.00
UNION FISH CO.					.00
UNO, Yoshiyuki	C 123	F. Schmidt	405.00		405.00
UYEDA, Bunjiro	C 5	Campbell Motors	30.00		30.00
UYEDA, Susumu	T 71	R. Browne	270.00		270.00
UYESUGI, Komakichi	Madill 3	R. C. M. P.	800.00		800.00
UZO, Kosugi	T 94	Rec. General	650.00		
		General Securities Lien		584.00	66.00
WAKABAYASHI, C.	C 107	R. C. M. P.	725.00		725.00
WATANABE, Saitoku	Motorcycle	John O. Pipe	150.00		150.00
YAMASAKI, Tokuichi	T 10	Prov. Government	1050.00		
		Consolidated Finance Lien		841.20	208.80
YAMASHITA, S.	C 55	R. C. M. P.	875.00		
	C 56	R. C. M. P.	875.00		
	C 58	R. C. M. P.	875.00		
	C 59	R. C. M. P.	865.00		
	C 57	R. C. M. P.	875.00		4,365.00
YASHIKI, Joju	Madill T 1	Les Gilmore	525.00		525.00
YUKAWA, Yoshiaki	T 59	H. Gilder	300.00		300.00
NAGAI, Kameo	C 71	Fordyce Motors	175.00		175.00
WAKAHARA, Sannosuki	T 139	R. C. M. P.	625.00		625.00
		Total	$ 81,673.00	$ 6,192.12	$ 75,480.88

C H Reed
Asst Acct.

VIA AIR MAIL

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE

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FILE No.

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

1942 AUG 31 AM 9:17

509-10 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
August 28th, 1942.

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter written by me today, which explains the situation.

I believe this matter will be presented to Ottawa and I thought you would like to be informed in advance.

In this particular case I do not think the amount of money involved is material, but I do think that since we have sold in the neighborhood of one hundred (100) cars and are holding the funds temporarily until the question of debts owing in this area and the expenses involved in the administration of these cars, which total approximately $10,000.00, have been determined, no funds should be released.

You will recall that I discussed this general policy with you and that it was decided that cars under the Custodian's control should not be released to the former owners. The policy of retaining the funds temporarily is one with which I trust you will agree, since you will recall that you agreed that the disbursements incidental to the protection and sale of the cars shall be charged on a percentage basis against the proceeds.

Yours truly,

GWMcP:HW.
Encl.

vehicles, cameras, radios, etc. outside the Protected Area, but that is not the matter coming under the jurisdiction of the Custodian.

The policy of the Custodian was to sell the cars, which has been done, and the proceeds of the sales of all cars are being held by this office for the present, pending a determination as to the final disposition of same.

In view of the above, I regret to inform you that it is not possible at the present time to issue a cheque pay-

509-10 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
August 28th, 1942.

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Geo. E. McCrossan, K.C., Esq.,
203-6 Rogers Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Re: R. TAGASHIRA

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 20th addressed to the attention of Mr. Wright has been referred to me for reply, together with the file in this matter.

As you know, Motor Vehicles were required by law to be delivered up to the R.C.M. Police and other designated persons, and the above party, in accordance with this law, delivered his car, and title to same subsequently vested in the Custodian by Order-in-Council P.C. 1665 as amended.

In due course the Custodian advertised these Motor Vehicles for sale and tenders were received and many accepted, including a tender on this car. I note from the file that certain conversations have taken place with members of this office as to the possibility of this party or his nominee bidding for his car and same being released to him. I also note your statement that the R.C.M. Police gave him written permission to own and operate a car in the interior beyond the Defence Zone. During the time your discussions were going on with members of this staff I was in Ottawa and discussed the whole question of releasing all motor vehicles to the former Japanese owners after they had been evacuated.

This matter was discussed in Ottawa by the Custodian and I was instructed that it was not considered advisable that any of these motor vehicles should be returned, but that the sale as originally planned should be carried out. Obviously, therefore, the Custodian could not and would not have accepted a tender from a nominee representing the above party, regardless of the statement made by the R.C.M. Police, which only relates to the ownership of a car outside the Protected Area, which is another matter. I am advised there is no law at the present time prohibiting persons of the Japanese race from owning motor vehicles, cameras, radios, etc. outside the Protected Area, but that is not the matter coming under the jurisdiction of the Custodian.

The policy of the Custodian was to sell the cars, which has been done, and the proceeds of the sales of all cars are being held by this office for the present, pending a determination as to the final disposition of same.

In view of the above, I regret to inform you that it is not possible at the present time to issue a cheque pay-

able to your firm for the proceeds of the sale of this car. You will appreciate the fact that a precedent of this kind might have far reaching effects insofar as the other owners of Motor Vehicles similarly disposed of are concerned.

It may be that in the future certain payments will be made out of the assets being administered by the Custodian to the former Japanese owners, but the question of a complete settlement of their affaris in the Protected Area is one that has yet to be determined.

Your letter and the authority to pay this money to you will be kept on file and when it is possible to finally settle this matter you will be contacted.

Yours truly,

G.W.McPHERSON.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:HW.

ATM

Ottawa, August 20, 1942.

Dear Mr. McPherson, re Cameras and Radios

I have received this morning your air mail letter of the 18th on this subject. I approve of the decision suggested in your letter.

The Custodian is not likely to be in Ottawa before the end of the month and I will discuss the whole situation with him as soon as he returns.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
509-10 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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FILE No._____

509-10 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
August 18th, 1942.

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Re: Cameras and Radios

Dear Dr. Coleman:

I have written you a letter today regarding Fish Nets and, while I hesitate to burden you with too much correspondence, I feel that you would like to know the general situation as it develops in relation to any important matter, which is liable to come before the public, as a result of action taken by this office.

Following your instructions to release the Cameras and Radios to the Japanese after they have been evacuated, I thought it advisable to visit the R.C.M. Police Barracks and did so yesterday with Col. Hill, and saw the Radios and Cameras stored there.

There are approximately five hundred and twenty-five (525) Mantle Radios, three hundred and twenty (320) Consoles and five hundred (500) Cameras in the barracks, and other storage companies in the city, and finance companies have additional radios stored with them and possibly a few Cameras. There are at least two (2) Broadcasting Sets, which I assume you will not wish returned, in view of the fact that there is a law against any alien having an Amateur Broadcasting Set at the present time, according to Col. Hill.

Col. Hill and myself discussed the entire evacuation and he expressed the opinion, which I agreed with, that in view of the uncertainty as to where any particular Japanese is today or will be tomorrow, and considering the fact that the Camera might be released

to the individual Japanese in, shall we say Lethbridge, and he arrives back in Vancouver, they should all be held until the Security Commission announces that the evacuation has been completed. The latest statement made indicates that it will be completed on or about November 1st and, while I know it is the Minister's policy to return these articles, it would seem reasonable to delay taking action until the individual owner is finally located and his Radio or Camera can be shipped to him at a definite point outside this area.

Col. Hill agrees with this suggested policy, which will not be a departure from the instructions given by you to me, but will merely mean that we will advise the Japanese and the Security Commission that we are holding the articles for the reason given above and as soon as the evacuation is completed they will be returned. We will also advise the individual Japanese that if he wishes to sell his Camera or Radio he may do so and we will release it for that purpose.

These articles are now stored in a frame building at the barracks and the other half of the building is used as a garage, which in my opinion increases the fire hazard, and I am, therefore, arranging to cover the articles with Fire Insurance for the period that they are under the Custodian's control and remaining in this building.

Anticipating that you will agree with the above policy, steps are being taken to implement it, but if you think that they should be returned immediately I would appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP:HW.

G. W. McP.

Jap files

DEPUTY MINISTER OF LABOUR

1942 AUG 11 AM 9:11

CANADA

SECRETARY

Ottawa, August 10, 1942.

E. H. Coleman, Esq., K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Secretary of State,
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Dear Mr Coleman,-

Some correspondence has recently taken place in connection with demands for the return of radios, etc., received by Mr. MacPherson from Japanese.

A reply, I believe, has already been sent to your Minister. However, you will probably be interested in the attached copy of letter from the Chairman of the British Columbia Security Commission.

Yours very truly,

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Associate Deputy Minister
(A. MacNamara)

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

MARINE BUILDING

VANCOUVER, B. C.

AIR MAIL

August 5, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labor,
OTTAWA, Canada.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

It is desired to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 1st in which you enclose copy of memorandum to the Secretary of State from the Under Secretary of State.

The Custodian in Vancouver has taken charge of motor cars, radios and cameras turned in by the Japanese. None of these articles can be used by the Japanese in the protected area by virtue of orders passed by the British Columbia Security Commission.

As far as cameras are concerned the Order has been enlarged to prohibit the use of cameras by Japanese not only in the protected area but in our interior housing schemes and work camps. We have permitted, however, the use of longwave radios only in these work camps and housing schemes.

As far as automobiles are concerned the use of these was prohibited to Japanese by Order in Council and the cars were turned in, of course, to the Custodian. This Commission has passed no orders prohibiting the use of cars among the Japanese. We have on a few occasions authorized the use of light trucks on farms outside the protected area although legally such authority was not necessary.

Briefly, therefore, as far as the legal aspect is concerned there is nothing to prevent the Japanese outside the protected area or outside our housing projects or work camps from possessing either cars, radios or cameras. As a matter of fact, some Japanese have been buying cars in southern Alberta.

With regard to the third paragraph of the memorandum in question it is quite likely that a number of Japanese have called at Mr. MacPherson's office, asking for their cars, cameras and radios even after they have been evacuated. The explanation of this is that we, as you know, are clearing out certain work camps and for a while the workers were brought into Vancouver to be evacuated to another point immediately. They would spend one or perhaps two days in the city and doubtless these are the people of whom Mr. MacPherson speaks in his letter.

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We agree with Mr. MacPherson when he states that to return these articles to Japanese would have a disturbing effect on the white people of Vancouver and there is no necessity for him so to do. In fact, he cannot so do unless the owners are outside the protected areas.

It is regretted that he is of the opinion that to a large extent the evacuation scheme has broken down. It is not correct and it is doubted here if Mr. MacPherson has sufficient knowledge of the progress of the evacuation scheme to make such a broad statement.

Regarding the last paragraph of this memorandum according to which Mr. MacPherson states that inspectors of the Soldier Settlement have gone to the farms of supposedly evacuated Japanese to find that the Japanese owner has returned and is calmly resting in possession, it is desired to state that this is not correct. What has happened is that the Japanese farmers, chiefly in the Fraser River valley, immediately this Commission took over supervision of the Japanese, were notified to hold themselves in readiness for evacuation and the Custodian was also notified to the same effect. To use our parlance, they were "custodianized." However, we have not yet found a place to put many of these people and they have never been evacuated. They have not returned to their farms because they have never left them.

No Japanese who has been evacuated from the protected area has been allowed to come back and Mr. MacPherson's telephone message was given without a correct knowledge of the facts. He could easily have obtained these facts if he had requested same from us as we are only too anxious to cooperate with and assist him in every respect.

Yours very truly,

(Sgd.) Austin C. Taylor,
CHAIRMAN, B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION.

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Ottawa, August 5, 1942.

Dear Brigadier Wood,

Your letter of July 31st, reference No. C 112-19-1, received today.

I have been talking on the telephone this morning to the Custodian's representative in Vancouver, Mr. McPherson. Mr. McPherson tells me that he is proceeding to make arrangements for the removal of the articles you mention.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN.
Under Secretary of State.

Brigadier S. T. Wood,
Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
OTTAWA, Ont.

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED
THE COMMISSIONER
R.C.M. POLICE
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA

42 AUG 5 AM 10:18
OF STATE

REF. Nº C 112-19-1

July 31st, 1942.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Deputy Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

1. Deputy Commissioner Cadiz, after a recent inspection of our Barracks in Vancouver, draws to my attention the fact that radios, cameras etc. in considerable quantities surrendered by or seized from persons of the Japanese race pursuant to the order of the Minister of Justice dated February 26, 1942 are at present stored in Police buildings thereby occupying space which is required for other purposes.

2. As pursuant to Order-in-Council P.C. 1665 dated Ottawa March 4th, 1942 such property is vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian, it would be much appreciated if other storage arrangements could be made by the Custodian in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

S. T. Wood

S. T. Wood
Commissioner.

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Secretary of State

MINISTER OF LABOUR
CANADA

Ottawa, August 1, 1942

My dear Colleague:

I have copy of Memorandum written by the Under Secretary of State, Dr. E. H. Coleman and dated July 30, before me in which he discusses the question of;

(a) Japanese moving back into Vancouver, and

(b) Disposition of property delivered up to the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.

On receipt we immediately contacted the British Columbia Security Commission.

The matter was investigated and a telegram has been received from the Chairman which I quote hereunder:

"No Japanese have returned to Vancouver except half a dozen physically unfit for road camp work stop Custodian advises no Japanese have been allowed return of their cars."

In regard to the disposition of property, this of course is a matter for your decision. However, I certainly think it would be inadvisable to return motor cars, even though the persons who originally owned them have moved out of the protected area.

As to radios, certainly no radios with short-wave equipment should be returned.

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As I understand it there is nothing to prevent enemy aliens possessing radios and cameras as long as they are located outside of the protected area. Therefore I doubt if there is a valid reason for not returning such articles to the original owner upon request.

As stated by me in the House of Commons, the evacuation is to proceed to completion with the utmost possible despatch.

Yours sincerely,

Honourable Norman McLarty,
Secretary of State,
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MOTOR VEHICLES, CAMERAS, RADIO TRANSMITTERS, RADIO RECEIVING SETS, FIRE ARMS, AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Mr. R.G. Bell has been placed in charge of all of the above specified articles;

THE LAW

1. Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, (1939).

(a) "Enemy" is defined by Regulation 1 (b), as follows:-

(i) Any state, or Sovereign of a State, at war with His Majesty.

(ii) Any person who resides or carries on business within enemy territory or proscribed territory, and, as well, a person wherever resident or carrying on business who is an enemy or treated as an enemy and with whom trading is, for the time being, prohibited by these Regulations or by statute or proclamation by His Majesty or by the common law.

(iii) Any person acting as agent or otherwise on behalf of an enemy, or under the control of a person who is an enemy.

(iv) Any person who is declared by the Governor in Council to be an enemy.

(v) Any person who has been detained under the Defence of Canada Regulations during the period of such detention.

(vi) Any person who has been interned or detained under the authority of the Government of a Power allied or associated with His Majesty or whose property within the territory of such Power has been treated by that Power as enemy property.

Provided, however, that Enemy shall not include any person

by reason only that he is an enemy subject, and provided further that the Governor in Council shall have power to declare any person not to be an enemy who would otherwise be considered as such under these Regulations.

(b) Enemy Property vests in the Custodian by virtue of Regulation 21, which states as follows:-

(1) All property in Canada belonging to enemies at or subsequent to the commencement of the present war, and whether or not such property has been disclosed to the Custodian as required by these Regulations, is hereby vested in and subject to the control of the Custodian.

(2) This regulation shall be a vesting order and shall confer upon the Custodian all the rights of such enemies, including the power of dealing with such property in such manner, as he may in his sole discretion decide.

(c) Releasing of Property by the Custodian is under the provisions of Regulation 39, which states as follows:-

"The Custodian may at any time, at his discretion and by such notice, conveyance, transfer or release as he may think proper, relinquish any property or the proceeds of the liquidation of any property."

(d) Power to Sell vested property is given under Regulation 40, which states as follows:-

(1) The Custodian may dispose of any property at such time and place and to such person and upon such terms

and in such manner, whether publicly or privately, as he in his discretion shall think proper.

(2) The transfer or sale by the Custodian of any property shall be conclusive evidence in favour of the purchaser and of the Custodian that the requirements of these Regulations have been complied with.

(e) Commissions can be charged under Regulation 44, which states as follows:-

(1) The Custodian shall have power to charge against all property investigated, controlled or administered by him but which is subsequently released, in addition to any other charges authorized under these Regulations, an amount not exceeding two per centum of the value of all such property, including the income if any.

(2) The Custodian shall have power to retain out of the proceeds of all property vested in him under these Regulations sufficient moneys to pay the expenses incurred in the administration of such Regulations.

(3) The Custodian shall have power to charge such additional fees in respect of his duties under these Regulations, whether by way of percentage or otherwise as the Treasury may fix or approve, and such fees shall be collected and accounted for by such persons in such manner and shall be paid to such account as the Custodian directs, and the incidence of the fees as to capital

and income shall be determined by the Custodian.

(f) Regulation 50 provides -

"The Custodian shall not be liable for any tax, assessment, mortgage, lien, charge, call, rent, interest or payment upon or in respect of any property vested in him."

(g) Regulation 51 provides -

"No property vested in the Custodian shall be forfeited for default in doing any act or making any payment in respect thereof, or attached, seized or taken under any legal process or any distress, or foreclosed, or sold under any mortgage, lien, pledge or charge, or sold for any tax or assessment.

The balance of these Regulations should be studied, since they are the basic regulations upon which the Custodian relies in all matters.

2. Order-in-Council P.C. 1486, dated February 24th, 1942.

This gives the Minister of Justice power to make Orders, among other things relating to -

(2) (d) "To prohibit or restrict the possession or use by any or all persons, ordinarily resident or actually present in such Protected Area, of any specified articles, and to require the delivery up by any such person aforesaid of any such specified articles to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

3. Minister of Justice Order - February 26th, 1942.

It states in part as follows:-

"(2) No person of the Japanese race shall have in his possession or use in such Protected Area any Motor Vehicle, Camera, Radio Transmitter, Radio Receiving Set, Fire Arm, Ammunition or Explosive."

"(3) It shall be the duty of every person of the Japanese race having in his possession or upon his premises any article mentioned in the next preceding paragraph, forthwith to cause such article to be delivered up to ..... an Officer or Constable of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

"(6) Every person of the Japanese race shall leave the Protected Area aforesaid forthwith."

"(8) In this Order, "Person of the Japanese Race" means as well as any person wholly of the Japanese race, a person not wholly of the Japanese race, if his father or mother is of the Japanese race, and if the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by notice in writing has required or requires him to register pursuant to Order-in-Council P.C. 9760, dated December 16th, 1941."

It is to be noted here that this Order-in-Council only applies to persons of the Japanese race so long as they are in the Protected Area and have possession or use of the defined articles.

4. Order-in-Council P.C. 1665, March 4th, 1942, amended by Order-in-Council P.C. 2483, March 27th, 1942.

These Orders provide in part as follows:-

"1 (bb) 'Person of the Japanese Race' means any person of the Japanese race required to leave any Protected Area in British Columbia by Order of the Minister of Justice under Regulation 4, as amended, in the Defence of Canada Regulations (Consolidated) 1941."

"4 Regulation 12 is hereby rescinded and the following substituted therefor -

"12 (1) Subject as hereinafter in this Regulation provided, as a protective measure only, 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 13th, 1942, and deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities) delivered up to any person by the owner pursuant to an order of the Minister of Justice, or which is turned over to the Custodian by or on behalf of the owner, or which the owner, on being evacuated from the protected area, is unable to take with him, shall be vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian as defined in the Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, (1939); provided, however, that no commission shall be charged by the Custodian in respect of such control and management.

(2) The Custodian may, notwithstanding anything contained

in this Regulation, order that all or any property whatsoever, situated in any protected area of British Columbia, belonging to any person of the Japanese race shall, for the purpose of protecting the interests of the owner or any other person, be vested in the Custodian, and the Custodian shall have full power to administer such property for the benefit of all such interested persons, and shall release such property upon being satisfied that the interests aforesaid will not be prejudiced thereby.

(3) For the purposes of the control and management of such property by the Custodian, the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, (1939), shall apply mutatis mutandis to the same extent as if the property belonged to an enemy within the meaning of the said Consolidated Regulations."

It is to be noted that under this Order-in-Council, the Custodian is vested with the legal ownership of the specified articles referred to in the Minister of Justice Order quoted above, and the administration of such articles is brought within the provisions of the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, (1939).

I would also draw to your attention the fact that under this Order-in-Council only the property of persons of the Japanese race <u>who are required to leave the Protected Area vests</u> in the Custodian and, therefore, any property of any person of the Japanese race who resided outside the area would not vest, since such person was not required to leave by Order of

the Minister of Justice.

Insofar as the specified articles are concerned, these are covered by Regulation 12 (1) and they vest in the Custodian immediately upon their delivery to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It is to be noted further that the Custodian can charge no commission in respect of his control and management of such articles.

THE LEGAL EFFECT

1. Enemy Owned Specified Articles

Generally speaking the vesting of such articles is clear-cut, regardless of their location in Canada, and this office is administering all of such property in Canada where the former owner is an enemy because of Japan's declaration of war and subsequent expansion in the Pacific. In these cases the Custodian's Office is not concerned with the Protected Area and you may find under your control an Enemy Car at Kelowna, which is outside this area.

Enemy Owned Articles may be classified in three distinct groups -

(1) Individual Owned.

(2) Company Owned.

(3) Internee Owned.

All such property vests in the Custodian, who has absolute discretion as to the disposition and charging of administration expenses relating thereto.

2. Specified Articles Owned by Non-Enemy Persons of the Japanese Race.

These articles vest in the Custodian under Order-in-Council P.C. 1665, as amended, after they have been surrendered to the authorized persons, regardless of whether or not the former owner is ever evacuated.

However, some persons required to surrender the specified articles did not do so, but either secreted them or gave them to friends or in the case of Motor Vehicles transferred them either by bona fide sale or a fictitious one. In these cases the article obviously does not vest, since it has never been delivered in accordance with the Minister of Justice Order, but the interest of the person of the Japanese race in such article will vest in the Custodian - either at the time of his evacuation from the Protected Area or at the time of his registering his property for administration purposes. Regardless of how the Custodian becomes the vested owner, once the property has vested in him it will be administered under the provisions of the Consolidated Regulations referred to above.

THE CUSTODIAN'S POLICY

The law and legal situation resulting from the law have been explained above, but the method of putting the law into effect has materially affected the Custodian's policy, so it is necessary to understand the practical, as well as the legal, development of the Custodian's rights insofar as the specified articles are concerned.

Since the practical application of the law differs, as regards Motor Vehicles, Radios and Cameras, and Fire Arms, Ammunition and Explosives,

it is desirable to deal with the Custodian's policy affecting these three groups of articles under three headings -

1. Motor Vehicles.

This heading includes Passenger Cars, Trucks and Motor Cycles. The publication in the Canada Gazette of the Minister of Justice Order of February 26th, published on February 27th, requiring persons of the Japanese race to surrender their Motor Vehicles, had an immediate effect, so far as such persons were concerned. Assuming in their ignorance that their Motor Vehicles would be confiscated, they immediately rushed to dispose of same, either by a fictitious or a bona fide sale, or simply by turning their Motor Vehicles over to friends to hold for them, possibly for the duration of the war, at some nominal consideration. The police took no action until March 6th, when they published a notice in the press, requiring the Japanese to surrender their Motor Vehicles at certain specified locations on March 9th, including among others Hastings Park in Vancouver, but information indicates that there were in the neighborhood of six hundred (600) transfers in Vancouver alone of Motor Vehicles, between February 26th and March 9th.

This failure on the part of the police to enforce the law as of the date published in the Canada Gazette caused considerable embarrassment to the Custodian, since he found that he was in possession of Motor Vehicles that law-abiding Japanese had

had surrendered in accordance with the Police Order, while their friends and neighbors, contrary to the law as in effect from February 26th, had disposed of their Motor Vehicles, and in many cases obtained cash for same. In effect, the Japanese who obeyed the law was penalized and the matter having been brought to the attention of this office a ruling was obtained from the Deputy Minister of Justice, as disclosed in a letter from the Director of Criminal Investigation, R.C.M. Police, dated April 22nd, 1942, stating as follows:-

> "Referring to your letter of April 8th in which you request my opinion as to whether a motor vehicle disposed of by its owner, a person of the Japanese race, after publication in the Canada Gazette of the Order of the Minister of Justice of February 26th, may legally be seized from the new owner, I am of the opinion that, although such person of the Japanese race may have committed an offence, such offence does not invalidate the sale and a good title is vested in the purchaser. The motor vehicle cannot, therefore, legally be seized from the new owner."

In view of this ruling, this office has taken no steps to upset any transactions made by Japanese prior to the date of the publication of the Police Order, but has not recognized any transfers made after that date of cars surrendered under the orders. There were several cases where white people, who had

taken title to Motor Vehicles, prior to the Police Order, surrendered same at Hastings Park and these were subsequently released, in view of the above ruling.

All of the Motor Vehicles were not, of course, delivered to Hastings Park, but many were delivered in other points throughout the Protected Area and in some cases Motor Vehicles were held in local garages and the Police merely notified. There were, of course, Enemy Motor Vehicles held for Enemy Companies, and Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, representing the Enemy Section of the Custodian's Office, advised that they were holding certain Motor Vehicles. The Motor Vehicles which they had under their control since December 7th had in some cases already been advertised for sale and several sold, but the balance of the Motor Vehicles were reported and since that time have been handled along with the Motor Vehicles surrendered in accordance with the Police Order. It has been apparent from time to time that there are Motor Vehicles throughout the Protected Area, which should have been surrendered, but which have been retained in private garages, or which white people are holding for persons of the Japanese race.

It should be remembered that under the law the Custodian only becomes vested with those Motor Vehicles which were delivered up in accordance with the Minister of Justice Order, and the Motor Vehicles which were not delivered up in accordance with that order only vest in the Custodian as of the date of the

registration of the Japanese owner, or as of the date of his evacuation. In either of these events the Motor Vehicle is then under the Custodian's control, the same as ordinary chattels, and is handled in accordance with the general rules of policy relating to chattels, rather than in accordance with the policy set down in this memorandum.

Following the publication of the Police Notice, the Custodian took certain steps to carry out the duties imposed upon him by the Regulations then brought into effect. In the first instance the Custodian took control of the Motor Vehicles from the Police by accepting delivery of same at the points where they had been collected, and setting up a staff to handle the problems, such as taking the inventory and guarding the property.

Inventory.

The taking of the inventory entailed considerable work, requiring full particulars of the vehicles, the investigation of titles as to the registered owner, and in some cases the release of a Motor Vehicle, found to be registered in the name of a white person and coming within the ruling of the Deputy Minister hereinbefore referred to. In these cases, and in all cases, where Motor Vehicles were or are released in the future, it should be kept in mind that Motor Vehicles should not be released from the Custodian's control if they are registered

in the name of a Japanese, since there may be a question of liability on the part of the Custodian, if the Motor Vehicle caused damage while the title to same was legally vested in him.

Therefore, the policy is that before any Motor Vehicle is released it must be transferred out of the name of the Japanese to a white person, who then becomes responsible for same.

It was also necessary in taking the inventory to have the Motor Vehicles valued, both in order that Insurance might be placed on them, and also in order to know what the total value of the Motor Vehicles under the Custodian's control amounted to.

In the taking of a complete inventory the title to every Motor Vehicle should have been investigated in full and the records placed in such shape that when the time came for disposal the Custodian could give title without any question. Due to the Volume of work, however, this was not done in every case. This fact should, however, be kept in mind, and in any future dealings with Motor Vehicles no offer should be accepted until it is definitely clear that the Custodian can give good title.

In investigating the title, it was also necessary to ascertain whether or not there were any liens against the Motor Vehicles,

since the lien might amount to the value of same, and the lien holder would have to be advised that he could not exercise his rights at the present time but that he would be protected in any future disposition of the Motor Vehicles covered by his lien.

Insurance.

Assuming that a complete inventory was taken, the next step was to have the Motor Vehicles covered by a blanket insurance policy on the basis of their appraised value, and this was arranged. The amount of insurance has been reduced from time to time as Motor Vehicles have been sold or released. Mr. Gibson, who is handling all insurance matters in this office, should now be consulted in any matter pertaining to a further reduction of the insurance, or the continuation of same. Any insurance on any individual Motor Vehicle previously carried by the owner should have been cancelled several months ago, but if it has not then steps should be taken immediately by Mr. Gibson to see that the insurance is cancelled and any refunds payable are obtained.

Advertising.

The Custodian now having detailed information as to the property under his control, and it being obvious that the

Motor Vehicles would rapidly deteriorate since they could not be stored under cover, in view of the fact that floor space was not available in Vancouver, although many attempts were made to obtain space, it was decided to advertise the Motor Vehicles for sale, this policy having been approved by the Deputy Custodian in his letter of March 30th, 1942, which reads in part as follows:-

> "I think after the various Government Departments interested have made their selections, the Custodian will be prepared to approve a public advertisement, provided we have reserve bids."

The B.C. Security Commission, having expressed through its chairman, Major Taylor, on several occasions its view that the Motor Vehicles should not be released to the evacuees to take out of the area, because of the effect on public opinion, they were also agreeable to the sale policy and, in fact, have purchased many of the Motor Vehicles. Prior to the actual advertising of the Motor Vehicles to the public generally, it was decided by the Deputy Custodian to proceed as indicated in the above letter. Arrangements were made to do this, and many Motor Vehicles were sold, prior to advertising, at an appraised value, to both the Dominion and Provincial Government Departments, and to the B.C. Security Commission. No private sales were made by the Custodian's Office to other persons or organizations, in view

of the fact that the Custodian's general policy is to advertise, thereby avoiding criticism and obtaining an indication of the true market value.

It having been decided to advertise, a brief notice was inserted in the Press throughout the Protected Area to the effect that certain Motor Vehicles were for sale in definite locations and that full particulars concerning same could be obtained on application to the Custodian's Office, where a catalogue had been prepared. Tenders were called for in the usual way and a catalogue was distributed on request.

As regards this catalogue, it should be pointed out here that the Custodian, having prepared same, held out that the catalogue was correct, and if a purchaser bought on the basis of the catalogue specifications then the Custodian must stand behind such specifications and make any adjustments that may be necessary owing to incorrect description, or equipment found to be missing at the time of delivery to a purchaser.

Tenders.

As a result of the advertisement a great number of tenders were received and subsequently opened at the appointed time. The highesttenders, if equal to or more than the appraised value, were accepted without question. It was found that there were a large number of tenders fairly close to the appraised

value and it was decided that in order to realize as much as possible on an unfavourable market, which was becoming more unfavorable every day, it would be desirable to accept all tenders not more than fifteen percent (15%) below the appraised value, if the appraised value were over five hundred dollars ($500.00), and not more than twenty percent (20%) below the appraised value, if the appraised value were under five hundred dollars ($500.00). These two arbitrary figures were taken on the basis that if the Motor Vehicles had eventually to be turned over to Used Car Dealers on a percentage basis, they would charge in the neighborhood of fifteen percent (15%) on Motor Vehicles valued at over five hundred dollars ($500.00), and Motor Vehicles under five hundred dollars ($500.00) would be in very poor shape and require considerable polishing up to make them saleable at all through the dealers, and a twenty percent (20%) deduction was considered reasonable.

While I have not received final figures, it appears that one hundred and forty-eight (148) Motor Vehicles were disposed of up to August 31st, the total sale price being eighty-one thousand, six hundred and seventy-three dollars ($81,673.00), against which was charged liens, amounting to six thousand, one hundred and ninty-two dollars and twelve cents ($6,192.12), leaving a net balance of seventy-five thousand, four hundred and eighty dollars and eighty-eight cents ($75,480.88).

I know that many sales have been put through since these figures were obtained, and it is to be hoped that there will only be a small number of Motor Vehicles left on the Custodian's hands, to be dealt with in the future. The policy has now been established and the persons in charge of this work have been advised by me that it is in order for them to tell any prospective purchaser that the Custodian will accept a certain amount for a Motor Vehicle, the amount quoted to be the appraised value, although the individual is not to be advised of this. If the individual is prepared to pay this amount, then a sale is to be made immediately, but, if not, then he is to be advised to put his offer in writing and it will be considered. Under no circumstances is he to be told that deductions of fifteen percent (15%) or twenty percent (20%) may be allowed.

Disposition of Proceeds.

The question as to the disposition of the proceeds of sale is an important one, and the policy is as follows:-

In the case of all Enemy Motor Vehicles, if they are under the control of Messrs. P.S. Ross & Sons, the proceeds of the sale are to be paid to them, but not until certain charges have been made, which I will deal with later. The same applies to the proceeds of sale

which would normally be credited to an enemy, whose property is being handled by the Enemy Section directly.

Liens.

In the first instance, the question of paying liens should be considered and all liens should be paid in full and a release obtained from the lien-holder, together with the original Lien Contract. If any bid is not equal to the lien against the Motor Vehicle, then the Motor Vehicle should not be sold, but negotiations should be opened with the lien-holder to see whether or not he would accept the motor vehicle in full settlement of the lien agreement. If he will, then a settlement should be made, and, if not, then he should be given an opportunity to sell the Motor Vehicle, but same must remain under the Custodian's control so long as it is registered in the name of a Japanese.

The entire proceeds of the sale of all Motor Vehicles are to be credited in the Accounting Department to a Special Motor Vehicle Account, and are not to be credited to the individual Japanese owner.

Taking the 30th day of September as the cut-off date for the sale of Motor Vehicles, resulting from the advertisement, it is the intention of the Custodian that all disbursements

incidental to the handling of the Motor Vehicles up to that time should be charged against the proceeds of the sale. This authority was obtained from the Deputy Custodian in his letter dated March 30th, in which he states as follows:-

> "The Custodian is of the opinion that we would be justified in charging disbursements, although we are precluded from making a commission charge in connection with the disposal of the cars."

I think the only fair way to make a charge against the Motor Vehicles concerned is on a unit basis, since the value of the Motor Vehicle has nothing to do with the disbursements incurred, other than the disbursement resulting from the placing of Insurance, which was based on value. Therefore, the disbursements should be charged on a unit basis, as against all Motor Vehicles disposed of or undisposed of, and the insurance should be charged on a percentage basis, taken on the appraised value. Having paid off or settled the liens and having deducted the disbursements incurred in the administration of the Motor Vehicles, the next step is to credit the individual accounts with the balance. If the credit is due to an Enemy, under the Enemy Section, then it should be transferred to that section, and, if it is due to a Company under the control of Messrs. P.S. Ross and Sons, then it should be paid to that company, indicating the charges made against same. In the case of Enemy funds the Custodian is entitled to charge all disbursements and a commission

up to two percent (2%) for administration expenses. These additional charges will be made at a later date and need not be considered now. They do not apply to evacuee property.

As to the undisposed Vehicles, the cost per unit and the percentage on the insurance will be carried as a debit against the Motor Vehicle, to be charged, if, as, and when it is finally disposed of. At that time the additional costs incurred from the 30th day of September will have to be added to the amount charged.

Custodian's Future Policy.

As to the Custodian's future policy, this will, to a large extent, depend upon the number of Motor Vehicles remaining under his control after all sales have been put through, but certain steps should be taken now to place the entire matter in proper shape, so that complete information will be available when the Custodian is required to give an accounting of his administration.

In the first instance I consider it essential that a complete card index be opened, giving full details concerning every Motor Vehicle and the name of the registered owner, his file number in the Evacuee or Enemy Section, and his Police Registration Number, if any. The card index should also show

all charges made against the Motor Vehicle, and the sale price, the name of the purchaser, the appraised value and the amount finally credited to his account. It should also indicate the charges made, arrived at as above described.

The question of reducing the Insurance from time to time, as the Motor Vehicles are disposed of, should be kept constantly in mind and referred to Mr. Gibson, who will be responsible to see that the Motor Vehicles are not over-insured and that the insurance is kept in force.

Arrangements should be made as soon as possible to centralize the Motor Vehicles in one storage place, so that the number of guards and the cost of protecting same is reduced, together with the rent.

As soon as it becomes apparent that no more sales are likely to result from the advertisement, then a statement should be prepared, showing the number of Motor Vehicles remaining under the control of the Custodian, where they are situate and the approximate value of same. This statement should not be too elaborate as to detail, but should give sufficient information so that the matter may be discussed intelligently with the Used Car Dealer's Association. When that point is reached, I think a conference might be held with the officers of that association,

to determine whether or not they would be prepared to take over the undisposed of Motor Vehicles on a commission basis and, if that is done, the question of protecting the Custodian for letting the Motor Vehicles out of his control should be considered.

It might be desirable to transfer the Motor Vehicles at that time into the names of the dealers taking possession of same, but this is a matter that can only be settled after a conference is held with the members of the Association.

In closing it should not be necessary to state that the Custodian will not sell Motor Vehicles, either directly or indirectly to any agent of the Custodian, any employee of the Custodian's Office, or any near relative, such as a wife, son or daughter, and this applies to all property being administered by this office. Any infraction of this policy will result in the immediate dismissal of the person concerned.

At the present time this section of the work is under the control of Mr. Bell, and Miss Sullivan, who has had considerable experience in handling the Motor Vehicles, is to remain as his assistant until such time as the matter is finally disposed of. She is then to return to Mr. Read, as his secretary. In the meantime, she is to be given such stenographic help as she may require, in order to put the records inshape and bring everything up-to-date as quickly as possible.

2. Cameras, Radio Transmitters and Radio Receiving Sets.

Persons of the Japanese race, as stated above, were required to surrender the above articles to authorized persons, under the same Order as applied to Motor Vehicles, and, generally speaking, the Order seems to have been complied with and enforced in a more satisfactory manner than was done with the Motor Vehicles. A large number of these articles delivered to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have been stored in a building at the Police Barracks, and, in view of the policy of the Custodian as to the future disposition of these articles, they should remain there.

Inventory.

The same procedure should be followed as with the Motor Vehicles, namely, the making of an inventory, and I understand this has been done; the appraising of the articles for insurance purposes, and this again will be under the control of Mr. Gibson, and the necessary coverage obtained; the investigation of title and the necessary coverage obtained; the investigation of title and the ascertaining as to whether or not there are any liens against the articles. If there are, then the lien-holders should be contacted and full particulars concerning their claim obtained and placed on file.

The inventory should, of course, be in the form of a card index in the names of the individual owners, indicating their Police

Registration Number, and their file number in the Evacuee Section or the Enemy Section, if they now happen to be internees.

As in the case of the Motor Vehicles, it will be found that there are certain white people holding Radios on behalf of persons of the Japanese race, or who have purchased same from them - either prior to the enforcement of the Order, or subsequently.

Since the same Order as applied to Motor Vehicles applies to Cameras and Radio Equipment, the policy will be the same, namely, that the Custodian will not recognize any transfer or other disposition of this equipment, if made after the date of the Police Order, namely, March 9th, but any bona fide transactions made before that date will be recognized and the equipment released, if applied for by the new owner. I do not think this problem will arise insofar as the articles surrendered are concerned, but you may find that individuals or companies are holding equipment belonging to persons of the Japanese race and are really only trustees for same on behalf of those persons. Such persons should be advised that they cannot release the equipment to the Japanese while they are in the Protected Area, and as soon as the Japanese are outside the Protected Area the equipment vests in the Custodian and will be administered as are other personal chattels.

As stated in the case of Motor Vehicles, this equipment only

vests in the Custodian if surrendered to the authorized persons. Otherwise, there is no vesting until the Japanese owner either registers or is evacuated.

Release.

At the present time none of this equipment is to be released, nor is any person of the Japanese race to be permitted to deal with same. Any inquiries should be replied to simply by stating that the equipment has vested in the Custodian and his policy has not yet been determined.

For your information, the future policy of the Custodian has been set out in a letter written by myself to the Under Secretary of State under date of August 18th, 1942, to which policy the Under Secretary of State gave his approval in a letter dated August 20th, 1942. My letter of August 18th states as follows:-

"Colonel Hill and myself discussed the entire evacuation and he expressed the opinion, which I agreed with, that in view of the uncertainty as to where any particular Japanese is today or will be tomorrow, and considering the fact that the Camera might be released to the individual Japanese in, shall we say Lethbridge, and he arrives back in Vancouver, they should all be held until the Security Commission announces that the evacuation has been completed. The latest statement made indicates that

it will be completed on or about November 1st and, while I know that it is the Minister's policy to return these articles, it would seem reasonable to delay taking action until the individual owner is finally located and his Radio or Camera can be shipped to him at a definite point outside this area."

The intention, therefore, is that the equipment will be returned to the Japanese after they are outside the protected area. Considerable correspondence and discussions have taken place relating to the ultimate disposition. Commissioner Wood of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in a letter dated July 21st, 1942, stated as follows:-

"In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., I would advise that from my understanding of existing Orders-in-Council and Ministerial Orders, regardless of my opinion, there is no recourse but to return to persons of the Japanese race, Cameras and Receiving Sets that have been surrendered by them while in the protected area, providing that they have subsequently left such area."

This indicates that the Radios can be returned, but it is considered desirable to remove the Short Wave Equipment. This is a rather difficult thing to do without destroying the radio itself and immediate arrangements should be made to obtain the views of a competent Radio Expert, as to the effect of removing

the Short Wave Equipment and the cost of doing so, since most of the Radios under the Custodian's control are, I believe, equipped with Short Wave.

There is no question of releasing Radio Transmitters, and these will have to be held indefinitely under the control of the Custodian. The Cameras, of course, do not present any major problem.

As soon as the evacuation is completed, I think it would be desirable to publish a notice in the Japanese newspaper "New Canadian", advising that the Japanese can have their Radio Equipment and Cameras forwarded to them upon application to this office, provided they pay the shipping charges. It may be found desirable, if a large number are to go to one district, to hold them and ship in a carload lot, and then sort the equipment at some central point near the Japanese, who could come and take physical delivery of same.

At the time of delivery to the Japanese they should be required to deliver up the receipt given to them by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Liens.

One point to keep in mind is that before shipping any equipment to a Japanese outside this area, it should be definitely ascertained that there are no liens against same. If there are, then he should be asked to pay the amount of the lien

before the goods are shipped.

After the evacuation is completed, there would appear to be no reason why the Japanese should not be allowed to dispose of their equipment by sale, if they so desire, the proceeds of the sale to go through this office and then to the Japanese, but the question of liens is to be considered before any specific sale is approved, for in all cases the lien-holders must be protected.

It does not appear that any inquiries have been made of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the British Columbia Provincial Police to ascertain whether or not they are holding additional equipment in other points. This should be done immediately and if any such equipment is located the necessary steps to inventory and protect same should be taken.

In all cases where equipment is released to a Japanese a receipt should be signed by him and the receipt should release the Custodian from responsibility.

3. Fire Arms, Ammunition and Explosives.

The above articles have also vested in the Custodian, where they were surrendered to the authorized persons, as required by the Minister of Justice Order, but it does not appear that the Custodian has received any record of such articles being surrendered, either to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or

to the Provincial Police. Immediate arrangements should be made to obtain full information concerning these articles and the policy of the Custodian will depend upon the situation indicated by the information when obtained.

In the meantime the articles, if located, should be centralized and protected with insurance, this matter to be under Mr. Gibson's control.

I cannot outline the policy as to their ultimate disposition until I know what the situation is and have taken the matter up with the Deputy Custodian. I do not think, however, that there is any possibility that they will be returned to the Japanese, but it is more likely that arrangements will have to be made to return the Ammunition and Explosives to dealers and possibly sell the Fire Arms, in the same manner in which the Motor Vehicles were handled - that is, the Government War Departments given the first opportunity and then a public sale, calling for tenders.

As soon as full information concerning these specified articles has been obtained, I would appreciate having a report on the entire matter.

In closing, to briefly summarize the situation, the Motor Vehicles are to be disposed of as quickly as possible; the Cameras and the Radio Equipment should be held under control until the evacuation is completed and information is to be obtained about the Fire Arms, Ammunition and Explosives.

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File Japanese file

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501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.
July 24th, 1942.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

Re: Cameras and T. Yamamoto

I have your letter of July 22nd, with enclosure, and the contents have considerably disturbed me, in view of the probable results.

The entire problem involving the Japanese in this restricted area is becoming more involved and complicated every day, and instead of the various departments concerned carrying out their own jobs they are branching out and continually conflicting with one another, both in correspondence with the public and in direct action. The case you refer to is a good example and gives me a chance to explain to you the complete picture, since I feel in view of the last paragraph of your letter that Commissioner Wood has failed to appreciate same.

I know that you dislike long letters but I am afraid of possible public reaction here, if Commissioner Wood's expression of opinion is correct, and, therefore, feel it is time somebody reviewed the developments, in the hope that all the departments concerned can be put right in this matter.

The Department of Justice Notice, published in the Canada Gazette, February 7th, stated "That no enemy alien shall have in his possession or use, while in such protected area, any Camera, Radio Transmitter, Short-Wave Receiving Set, Fire Arm, Ammunition or Explosive". Under this notice enemy aliens, while they could not have the articles referred to, could apparently dispose of them and it is to be noted that it applies to enemy aliens.

By Department of Justice Notice, published in the Canada Gazette, February 27th,"no person of the Japanese Race shall have in his possession or use in such protected area any Motor Vehicle, Camera, Radio Transmitter, Radio Receiving Set, Fire Arm, Ammunition or Explosive". Another paragraph provided that "it shall be the duty of every person of the Japanese Race, having in his possession or upon his premises any article mentioned in the next preceding paragraph, forthwith to cause such article to be delivered up to ....." - see certain specified persons where named include the R.C.M. Police.

It is to be noted that under this order Cars are included in the same category as Cameras and Radios.

Order-In-Council P.C. 1665, as amended, dated March 4th, which set up the British Columbia Security Commission, placed all Japanese property under the protective custody of the Custodian and the order expressly includes property "delivered up to any person by the owner pursuant to an Order of the Minister of Justice". Therefore, it appears that the Cars, Radios, Cameras, etc. have vested in the Custodian and are not under the control of the R.C.M. Police.

At an early date it became apparent that the R.C.M. Police had not enforced the Order of the Minister of Justice and that criticism was likely to arise from the Japanese, because they felt that those who had obeyed the law and surrendered their Cars, Radios, Cameras, etc., were being penalized, while those who ignored the law were allowed to take the cash received from the sale of such articles.

Following up the Discussion with Major Taylor and Colonel Hill, I wrote Colonel Hill on April 2nd and a copy of my letter is attached, marked "Exhibit 1". Subsequently Colonel Hill wrote the Commissioner of the R.C.M. Police, Ottawa, on April 24th, and a copy of his letter is attached and is marked "Exhibit 2". Colonel Hill subsequently gave me a copy of a memorandum, which he received from the Assistant Commissioner, dated April 22nd. A copy of this memorandum is attached and is marked "Exhibit 3". I think that these three exhibits indicate that the Police did not enforce the order immediately and that the Custodian was justified in taking no action to upset the transactions illegally entered into. The Radios and Cameras were physically delivered to the R.C.M. Police and are stored at their barracks, there being approximately one thousand (1,000) Radios and two thousand (2,000) Cameras. These are now, theoretically, under the control of the Custodian and he is responsible for same.

The question of the Cars, Radios and Cameras was specifically discussed by me with Colonel Hill and Major Taylor in the early days of the evacuation. At that time I suggested that it might be a good idea to have the Japanese drive their cars out of the area, with all of their families and personal belongings. Major Taylor felt this was inadvisable and Colonel Hill agreed with him, because since it was intended to evacuate these people right out of the province they would be scattered all over Western Canada in Automobiles and would be seen by the local populace driving cars, using up gas and wearing out essential rubber.

The Commission did not wish to take the chance of having public criticism arise, nor did they like the idea of the Japs being able to move around too freely in the new localities to which they hoped to transfer them.

As far as the Cameras and Radios were concerned this was, shall we say, verbal as regards Colonel Hill, but we tentatively agreed that after the entire evacuation was completed the Government might decide to let the Japs have their Radios. I made the suggestion at one of the many meetings I attended that since the Japs could not have Japanese language newspapers and since they would be scattered across Canada or in large Camps, it might be a good idea to let them have Radios, the Short Wave Attachments being removed, so that official news and, shall we say propaganda, could be conveyed to them. Major Taylor requested that this matter be held in abeyance.

The situation in the last few weeks has changed considerably. The Japanese are not being evacuated to any extent out of the Province of British Columbia, but are being evacuated into the interior. As you know, the road camps are being closed, because it is now realized that they are in strategic places. The Japs from these road camps are coming back into the city of Vancouver and will, eventually, be sent out, apparently to Slocan Valley where a huge camp is being constructed.

Only a few days ago I discussed the Radio problem with Colonel Hill in his office, the point having arisen because of the following incident. A Japanese in the interior, who had not been allowed to take his radio with him but who was a radio expert or builder on Vancouver Island, requested that all of his equipment and instruments be shipped to him. The R.C.M. Police ruled that parts and instruments, etc., not being assembled in the form of a Radio, did not come within the Order-In-Council and could, therefore, be shipped, this office taking no action by inference approved, and needless to say I was absent at the time. Otherwise I think as a matter of precaution I would have held the equipment as property left in this area which vested in the Custodian, and then discussed the matter with Colonel Hill along these lines. Colonel Hill was quite frank in admitting that they were worried about allowing the Japs to have their radios, since apparently any radio can be converted into a short wave receiving or broadcasting set. I did not think that the R.C.M. Police would be willing to let the Japs have their radios and cameras in the interior of British Columbia and was, therefore, very surprised when I received Inspector Saul's letter, about which I wrote you on July 13th. I have received

a further letter from Inspector Saul and enclose a copy of same, marked "Exhibit 4".

The Security Commission, Colonel Hill and myself have always appreciated the fact that the Japanese could, as soon as they left this country, buy a car, radio, camera, etc., if they had the money, but we did not assume that the Custodian would be releasing these articles. To do so now may be disastrous insofar as public criticism is concerned.

I forwarded to you a few days ago a copy of the advertisement and the list of cars on which the Custodian has called for tenders. Tenders will close tomorrow. In the neighborhood of seventy-five (75) cars have already been sold to various Government Departments and if Commissioner Wood's opinion is to be considered as a ruling under which the Custodian must act, it appears that cars, being in the same position as radios and cameras and covered by the same Orders of the Minister of Justice, would have to be released, and many of them cannot be as they have already been disposed of. The Japanese in this city appear to be well informed and advised by their lawyers. Within the last few days we have had several in who have requested they be given their cameras, radios or cars to take same out of the protected area. Up to the time of receiving your letter the staff of this office have been instructed to flatly refuse the release of any of these articles. Some of the Japs are becoming insistant.

I apologize for the length of this letter, but I feel that the Custodian is legally responsible for the articles and that if the ruling is that they can have their cars, cameras and radios out of this area then the Custodian has spent considerable money storing the cars and advertising them for sale and will now have to reject all tenders, which will have an immediate repercussion on the white population, who have taken a great interest in the sale. I felt you would desire to be fully informed on this matter.

I have tried to contact Colonel Hill but find he is absent from the city, so I cannot state what his views at the moment are.

Since the tenders close tomorrow, you will see that it is essential to know what the Custodian's policy will be just as soon as possible, since there will be inquiries starting Monday or Tuesday of next week as to whether or not any tenders have been accepted. As far as this branch office is concerned, we would be pleased to be rid of all cars, radios and cameras, but I feel that the Custodian will be in a rather ridiculous

Dr. Coleman. July 24th, 1942.

position, having advertised the cars, and also in view of the fact that he has sold many of them and cannot return them.

I have just discussed the matter with Mr. Eastwood, who is now active head of the Security Commission, the Commissioners more or less having returned to their regular business. Mr. Eastwood confirms my opinion as to policy of the Commission, but in view of your letter I feel it essential that your office here have a definite rule of policy as to the Custodian's position in this entire matter.

In view of the fact that we will have to open the tenders on Monday or Tuesday of next week to keep the public satisfied, a decision will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very sincerely,

G.W.McP:HW.

P.S. - I am also enclosing a copy of a recent letter received from Colonel Hill.

COPY EXHIBIT 1.

501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
April 2, 1942.

Colonel Hill,
Officer Commanding,
R.C.M.P.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir: Re: Japanese Cars

As arranged at the meeting on Tuesday, I am enclosing a list of cars reported to have been transferred by Japanese just prior to and after the passing of the order by the Minister of Justice. This list was handed to me by Mr. Austin Taylor and was received by him from the Underwriters Finance Corp. Ltd., 675 West Hastings Street. This list covers only transfers throug the Vancouver office of the Provincial Police and no doubt there are many more recorded in other offices.

As I advised the meeting Tuesday night, the Custodian is not anxious to add to his troubles by taking delivery of additional cars from your force but it does appear that in addition to criticism by creditors, if these transfers are permitted, a blessing will be placed on the law breaker and the Japanese who obeyed the law by delivery his car will be penalized. The situation, therefore, does not seem fair and, in addition, since funds will be necessary to maintain the evacuated Japanese, it does not appear economically sound that they should be allowed to dispose of their cars at a sacrifice.

It is my understanding that you intend to take steps to have some of these transfers upset and to seize the cars. I know there was some discussion as to the effective date of the order of the Minister of Justice, but on looking up the Canada Gazette, I find that the order was dated 26th February and was published in the Canada Gazette on 27th February. It would appear that the publication of the order in the Canada Gazette is public notice and that transfers made after that date are contrary to the order. The question of setting the fatal date as March 9th was mentioned at the meeting but I am of the opinion that the order was effective at the latest on February 27th and, in any event, it should not be later than March 4th, which is the day upon which the Order In Council P.C. 1665 was passed, giving the Custodian title to the automobiles which were required at that time to be delivered to the authorized parties referred to in the Minister's Order.

Many of the transfers may be Bona Fide and for reasonable prices. If the cars are delivered to your force and then taken control of by the Custodian, I can assure you that the Custodian will review all transfers and might even approve of many of them if he considers the sale fair.

If any action is to be taken to upset these and the other transfers and additional cars are to be delivered

Colonel Hill. EXHIBIT 1.

to Hastings Park and other centres, I would request that you advise me of the date and place of delivery so that the Custodian can take steps to protect same. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

(G.W. McPherson)

Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/ or the Custodian.

GWMcP:FC.

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EXHIBIT 2.

Vancouver, B.C. April 4th,
1 9 4 2

The Commissioner,
R.C.M. Police,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

Re: Japanese Cars and Trucks

1. Attached hereto letter which I received from Mr. G.W. McPherson, who has been appointed Custodian in connection withJapanese property.

2. Order-in-Council P.C. 1486 was passed on the 26th February, and one paragraph dealt with Japanese cars. On March 6th notices were put in the Vancouver papers, copy of which I attach for your information, that all cars and trucks in the possession of Japanese were to be turned in to the R.C.M. Police at Hastings Park on March 9th. The reason for this delay was that suitable arrangements had to be made for a place to house this property, which, of course, took several days, and I considered that these people should be given a reasonable warning regarding the destination of their property.

3. During the interval - that is from February 26th up to and including March 9th, a number of cars and trucks, a list of which we have secured from the B.C. Police, were turned in and sold to various people, and in my opinion no official action should be taken of any transfers which occurred up to and including March 8th. It is, therefore, requested that we may receive a ruling as to whether it is thought advisable to now have all cars and trucks seized that were sold by the Japanese after March 9th, or from the date the Order-in--Council was promulgated.

4. For your information we had numberous enquiries in this office, and we informed the Japanese that they were quite at liberty to dispose of any articles on the prohibited list until they received direct orders to turn them in, as from correspondence received I took it that this was your desire. If we now go to work and order all transactions which took place after March 9th void, it is going to entail a tremendous amount of work, as, undoubtedly, these cars and trucks were sold to other people by the Companies which received them.

(Sgd.)
(C.H. Hill)
Asst. Commissioner,
Commanding "E" Division.

CHH*M.
Encl.

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EXHIBIT 3.

MEMORANDUM TO:

The Officer Commanding,
R.C.M. Police,
"E" Division,
Vancouver, B.C.

Re: Japanese Cars and Trucks

1. In response to the request contained in the last sentence of paragraph three of your letter of the 4th instant, the following ruling has been obtained from the Department of Justice, quoted for your information:

> "Referring to your letter of April 8th in which you request my opinion as to whether a motor vehicle disposed of by its owner, a person of the Japanese race, after publication in the Canada Gazette of the Order of the Minister of Justice of February 26th, may legally be seized from the new owner, I am of the opinion that, although such person of the Japanese race may have committed an offence, such offence does not invalidate the sale and good title is vested in the purchaser. The motor vehicle cannot, therefore, legally be seized from the new owner."
>
> (Sgd.) Deputy Minister of Justice.

2. It is noted from paragraph four of your letter of the 4th instat that you informed the Japanese that they were quite at liberty to dispose of any articles on the prohibited list until they received direct orders to turn them in; this is very unfortunate as actually, besides infringing upon the Custodian's prerogatives in respect to articles which became vested in him, any sale of such articles made by Japanese subsequent to the publication of the Minister's Order in the Canada Gazette of February 27th, constitutdd an offence, prosecution for which becomes morally precluded by the assurance given by you.

R.R. Tait, Asst. Comm'r.
Director, Criminal Investigation.

DCS*GM.

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EXHIBIT 4.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Headquarters.

Ottawa, July 17th, 1942.

File No. 42 D 269-3J-305.

PERSONAL

G.M. McPherson, Esq.,
Deputy Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. McPherson;

Re: T. Yamamoto

1. In reply to your air mail letter of the 14th inst. in which you refer to a letter that I wrote to the above named indicating that he could re-acquire his camera upon application to the Officer Commanding this Force in Vancouver, I must confess with regret that at the time I wrote this letter I overlooked the fact that by Order in Council, P.C. 1665, all property delivered up by Japanese is vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian, otherwise, of course, I would have referred him to you.

2. When reading his letter which indicated that he had turned his camer into the Mounted Police in Vancouver, and knowing no restrictions against persons of the Japanese race having cameras in their possession outside the Protected Area, I took it as a matter of course that his camera could be returned to him. I take it that you have advised YAMAMOTO concerning your policy with regard to Japanese property and, therefore, it is not necessary for this office to write and advise him that this is out of our hands.

3. With kind regards,

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) D.C. Saul, Insp.

For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

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"E" Division

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
C.I.B.

Div. File No. 42E.1190*2-28

Vancouver, B.C.
July 8th, 1942.

H.Q. File No. -

Geo. E. McCrossan, K.C.,
Barrister & Solicitor,
203-6 Rogers Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Rinkichi Tagashira

Replying to your enquiry of July 7th, 1942, this will advise that under the present regulations there is nothing to stop a person of Japanese racial origin owning an automobile if he resides outside the Restricted Area. All motor vehicles in possession or use of persons of Japanese racial origin were required to be turned in, providing they lived within the Restricted area, and these vehicles are now controlled by the Custodian.

Thus, a Japanese who may have turned in a motor vehicle while living the Protected Area but is now being evacuated is not able to take with him his car. A Japanese being evacuated would not be able to purchase a car for instance in Vancouver and drive outside the Protected Area, but it would appear to me that he could purchase one outside the Protected Area, if its operation will be confined to territory outside the Restricted Area.

Yours truly,

Sgd. C.H. HILL

A/Comm'r.
Commanding "E" Division.

JKB:ES

ATM

Ottawa, July 22, 1942.

Dear Mr. McPherson, re Cameras and T. Yamamoto

I refer to your letter of July 14th. I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter received this morning from the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In view of the Commissioner's letter I think we are relieved from any responsibility dealing with the return of cameras to evacuated Japanese.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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against the Japanese.

Your sincerely,

S.T. Wood Comm'r.
(S. T. Wood)

Dr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER
R.C.M. POLICE
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

OTTAWA

1942 JUL 22 AM 9:26

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

REF. Nº 42 D 269-3J-305.

July 21, 1942.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Re: Possession of Cameras etc. by persons of the Japanese race.

1. In reply to your letter of the 16th instant, I would advise you that from my understanding of existing Orders in Council and Ministerial Orders, regardless of my opinion, there is no recourse but to return to persons of the Japanese race, cameras and receiving sets that have been surrendered by them while in a protected area, provided they have subsequently left such area.

2. As to the desirability of such surrendered articles being returned to Japanese who have been evacuated, I would point out that, as there is no legislation to prevent a person of the Japanese race from buying and using any such article outside the protected Area, no good purpose appears to be served by not returning them.

3. If the Government considered it desirable to prohibit the possession or use of radios and cameras by persons of the Japanese race resident outside the protected Area, it would appear necessary to prohibit the sale additionally of all appurtenances necessary for the construction of, particularly radios.

4. If such restrictions should be considered necessary for persons of the Japanese race, many of whom are British Subjects by birth or naturalization, and unless the same restrictions be placed on persons of enemy origin other than Japanese, it is suggested that the Government could be accused of discriminatory treatment against the Japanese.

Your sincerely,

S.T.Wood Comm'r.

(S. T. Wood)

Dr. E. H. Coleman,
Under-Secretary of State,
O T T A W A.

AT.

Ottawa, July 16, 1942.

Dear Commissioner Wood,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. G. W. McPherson, the Custodian's representative in Vancouver, covering correspondence relating to a camera owned by T. Yamamoto who appears presently to be residing at Sandon, British Columbia.

I have not before me the Order in Council relating to the possession of cameras by persons of the Japanese race but I know you will consider the point raised by Mr. McPherson.

I need hardly to say, however, that if in your opinion it is desirable to return the cameras and radios to persons of the Japanese race who have been removed or have moved from the Defence Area, steps will be taken to do so.

Will you kindly favour me with an expression of your opinion for the guidance of the Custodian.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN.
Under Secretary of State.

Brigadier S. T. Wood,
Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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FILE No.....

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
July 14, 1942.

Dr. E. W. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Re: Cameras and T. Yamamoto.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter received from the above party, together with the copy referred to in his letter, and a copy of my letter to Inspector Saul.

The Custodian's office here has in the neighborhood of 2000 cameras and 1000 radios stored in the R. C. M. P. barracks. We receive requests from time to time to forward radios and cameras to Japanese Evacuees, and in spite of Inspector Saul's letter I am not sure that the Government would approve of such a policy, since I do not believe that at the time the Evacuation started it was intended that the majority of the Japanese should remain in the interior of British Columbia.

The security of the Province is I understand not a concern of the Custodian, nor of this office, but it is such a vital matter that I did not like to take the responsibility of releasing cameras and radios without your specific instructions. I would point out that in many places the Japanese are living in the neighborhood of vital communication systems and power reservoirs. Many of the radios held here have short and long wave lengths, and we know that there is at least one Japanese radio expert in the interior, he having already been allowed with the approval of the R. C. M. P. to have all his equipment shipped to him. Such an expert with the equipment he obtained, could build a short wave broadcasting or receiving set with little difficulty and could certainly make use of any radios which the

Custodian might release to Japanese in his district. Possibly I am shooting at shadows, but I believe that an ounce of prevention is better than an invasion.

Your consideration to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

G. W. McPherson.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

GWMcP:VJ

copy.

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
July 14, 1942.

The Commissioner,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: Insp. D. C. Saul.

Dear Sir:

Re: T. Yamamoto

A copy of your letter of June 24th to the above party has been forwarded to me by him.

The question of Cameras and Radios is one to which I have given considerable thought since the said articles are legally vested in the Custodian, Order in Council P.C. 1665 as amended. The title of these articles being with the Custodian they are therefore, not the property of the Japanese, and I do not feel that I can agree to release cameras to Japanese living in the interior of British Columbia without specific instructions from the Secretary of State and the Custodian in this regard. I am therefore forwarding a copy of Mr. Yamamoto's letter, together with a copy of the letter which he enclosed, and expect to obtain a ruling in the near future.

Yours truly,

G. W. McPherson.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

GWMcP:VJ

Sandon Hotel,
Sandon, B.C.,
July 8, 1942.

Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Regarding the release of cameras belonging to Japanese I have been advised by Ottawa that it is quite in order fo me to repossess it, now that I am outside the protected area. I have also been notified that the R. C. M. P. at Vancouver has been instructed to return the same by Ottawa. However, the R. C. M. P. at Vancouver will not do so pending decision by your department, I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Ottawa and for full information regarding my application to Vancouver please refer to R. C. M. P. file No. E 269-G-13-2-1. I believe you will find my application quite in order. May I ask that you give this matter your earliest consideration.

Yours truly,

T. Yamamoto.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE.

Ottawa, June 24, 1942.

Mr. T. YamamotO,
Sandon Hotel,
Sandon, B.C.

Dear Sir:

1. I have for acknowledgement your letter of the 17th instant in which you request permission for the return of your camera which was turned over to the R. C. M. P. at Vancouver, B.C.

2. In reply thereto, I wish to advise you that it will be in order for you to keep your camera so long as you reside outside the Protected Area of British Columbia. You sh uld make application direct to the Officer Commanding R. C. M. P., Vancouver, B.C., for the return of same.

3. The Officer Commanding, R. C. M. P., Vancouver, has been advised by concurrent mail.

Yours truly,

Insp. D. C. Saul.

For the Registrar General of Enemy Aliens.

OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
CANADA

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Ottawa.

August 3, 1942.

The Honourable Norman A. McLarty,
Secretary of State and
Custodian of Enemy Property,
O T T A W A.

My dear Colleague:

1. With reference to the memorandum submitted by Dr. Coleman dated Ottawa, July 30th, having regard to the disposition of cars, radios and cameras owned by persons of the Japanese race from within the Protected Area of British Columbia which have been surrendered in accordance with the Order of the Minister of Justice dated Ottawa, February 26th, 1942, and which are now "as a protective measure only,-------vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian------" in accordance with Order in Council P.C. 1665 dated Ottawa, March 4th, 1942.

2. With regard to the statement that the R. C. M. Police indicated to an evacuated Japanese that he might have his camera and radio; as this property is vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian it appears that the latter only is authorized to speak in this respect. It is true, nevertheless, that there is no restriction against a person of the Japanese race acquiring or possessing a radio or camera, provided he is not in possession of same within the Protected Area nor has such discriminatory restriction been contemplated up to the present, consequently no good purpose appears to be served by refusing the return of such articles.

3. With regard to the disposal of motor vehicles seized from or surrendered by persons of the Japanese race within the Protected Area, it is recommended that they be not returned to their original owners in any event but that they be appraised and sold for use in the Government service, either Federal, Provincial or Municipal or otherwise disposed of as salvage; if they are sold to private individuals or firms there appears nothing to prevent an evacuated Japanese from re-acquiring even his

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own car, through an intermediary, from the Custodian and having it delivered to him outside the Protected Area. This situation would be eminently undesirable, having in mind the needs of the country to conserve on rubber and gasoline, not to mention the disturbing factor on other white residents.

4. With regard to the statement that in some instances supposedly evacuated Japanese have returned to the Protected Area from whence they came, and that "to a large extent the evacuation scheme has broken down" I am informed by B. C. Security Commissioner Mead through the Commissioner, R. C. M. Police that the Security Commission is aware of the return to the Protected Area of the Japanese referred to; these are the more elderly males who have been re-united with their families subsequent to the closing of some of the road camps and are remaining in their present abodes pending arrangements being completed to remove them elsewhere. The evacuation scheme has, since its inception, had to be adjusted to meet the needs of internal security and defence, elsewhere than in the Protected Area of British Columbia, which were not anticipated by the Security Commission, this has tended to disrupt and slow up the evacuation but cannot be considered to have caused a break-down.

Yours sincerely,

Louis St. Laurent

Minister of Justice.

OTTAWA, 3-8-42.

MEMORANDUM

FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE :

re Japanese property
Pacific Defence Area

The Order in Council vesting in the Custodian the property of Japanese evacuated from the Defence Area provided that the property so vested would include property delivered up to any person by the owner pursuant to an Order of the Minister of Justice. This meant that the motor cars, radios and cameras turned in by the Japanese vested in the Custodian. Mr. McPherson, our representative at Vancouver, called my attention some time ago to the fact that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police had told one of the evacuated Japanese that he might have his camera and radio. I took the matter up with the Commissioner, who stated that since there were no regulations preventing a person of the Japanese race from buying or using any of the articles outside the protected area, he did not think any good purpose appeared to be served by not returning to Japanese outside the area the articles they had turned in.

The Custodian has in his charge some 800 motor vehicles, upon which we have had to spend several thousand dollars for maintenance and care. With your authority we recently advertised these cars for sale and tenders are now in.

In the meantime, however, McPherson tells me over the telephone today, a considerable number of the so-called evacuated Japanese have been writing and wiring for their cars, cameras and radios. He tells me something which is

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still more startling, that a number of these people, who are listed as having been evacuated, have returned to Vancouver and have in person called and demanded the return of their cars, cameras and radios, stating that the Police have indicated that they may drive the cars out of the area.

Although it is, strictly speaking, not our business, McPherson is of the opinion that to return these articles to Japanese will have a very disturbing effect on the white population in Vancouver. He is of the opinion, to use his own words, that "to a large extent the evacuation scheme has broken down".

He desires directions, therefore, as to whether he will proceed to deal with the tenders for the cars submitted or call the whole thing off.

I am of the opinion, judging by the debate in the House of Commons yesterday, that you should take up the matter with your colleagues the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Justice, putting the difficulty of the Custodian's position before them.

You may remember that at the end of June an Order in Council was passed requiring the Soldier Settlement to conduct a survey of the Japanese property and, in co-operation with the Custodian, to deal with proposed sales or leases of farm property. McPherson tells me on the telephone today that in more than one instance the inspectors of the Soldier Settlement have gone to the farms of supposedly evacuated Japanese to find that the Japanese owner has returned and is calmly resting in possession.

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

Ottawa, July 30, 1942.

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EIGHT HUNDRED CAR BIDS STOP JAPS WANT CARS AND TENDERERS

WANT DECISION ON BIDS STOP SITUATION EMBARRASSING STOP APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS

TO PROCEED OR REJECT CONSIDERING MY AIR MAIL LETTER

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VIA AIR MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE No._____

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
July 17, 1942.

Dr. E. W. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor Coleman:

Re: Custodian Matters.

I am enclosing a mimeographed copy of the list of motor vehicles which have just been advertised for sale. I did not publish the list since this would have been too expensive but published a general notice, a copy of which is enclosed for your information.

I am advised that all applications by various government departments, both provincial and federal were dealt with prior to the publication of the notice and as far as the office knows here the government departments do not require any more of these motor vehicles.

There has been considerable expense involved in the administration of these cars and I assume that Mr. Drewry has discussed this matter with you. Arrangements were made by Colonel Hill, of the R. C. M. P. and approved in Ottawa by his Department that rent for the space used at the Exhibition Grounds at Hastings Park where the cars were first stored would be at the rate of $400.00 a month. Subsequently the Custodian settled at the rate of $250.00 per month. I have paid this amount, totalling $1,000.00 out of the Custodian's funds and I consider it a reasonable settlement in view of the original agreement made by Colonel Hill.

The cars are now stored at the various localities shown in the statement enclosed, and it is my intention after bids are received and dealt with to take the balance of the cars and distribute them among the used car dealers for sale on a commission basis. I believe that you and I discussed this matter previously

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Prince Rupert — Long Motors.

Victoria — Empress Garage and Service Station,
615 Government Street.

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and that you approved of such a policy. In any event this step will not be taken for some time, and I will no doubt be discussing it with you in Ottawa in the near future.

Yours truly,

G. W. McPherson.
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

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FOR SALE
MOTOR VEHICLES

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned, at his office, up to Noon (Daylight Saving Time), Saturday, the 25th day of July, 1942, for Motor Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles under the control of the Custodian.

TENDERS will be received on the following terms and conditions:

1.—All motor vehicles will be offered for sale as individual units.

2.—All motor vehicles are offered for sale without any warranty whatsoever on the part of the Custodian as to condition or state of repair.

3.—Neither the highest or any tender will necessarily be accepted.

4.—A certified cheque to the order of "The Custodian" for ten per cent. (10%) of the offered price must be enclosed; the balance to be paid on acceptance of the tender by the Custodian, subject to the condition that should the tenderer not fulfill the terms of his offer and the conditions of the Notice calling for tenders, his tender will be cancelled and the amount deposited by him forfeited to the Custodian as liquidated damages; cheques in respect to unaccepted offers will be returned in due course.

A copy of the detailed inventory of all motor vehicles on which tenders are being called, together with information as to the location thereof and permission to inspect, may be obtained by communicating with one of the following, as to motor vehicles in their respective districts:

G. W. McPherson, Esq.—Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State and/or Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B.C.
Mr. George Rorie—Prince Rupert, B.C.
City Service Garage—Duncan, B.C.
Dezall's Garage Co. Ltd.—Cranbrook, B.C.
Mr. Gavin C. Mouat—Ganges, B.C.
Mr. Harold G. Hinton—Bank of Toronto Bldg., Victoria, B.C.
Provincial Police—Port Moody, B.C.

The Envelopes Enclosing Offers Should Be Sealed, Marked "Tender" and Mailed Direct to the Undersigned.

G. W. McPHERSON,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State,
and/or Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Office of the Custodian

Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B.C.

Telephone PA 6131 July 10, 1942

---------- LIST OF MOTOR VEHICLES ----------

Vehicles are stored in the following places:

Vancouver

- Symbol-	- Location -
A	1. 929 Main Street.
B	2. 1147 Georgia Street.
C	3. McDermott Motors Limited, 1200 Georgia St.
D	4. Consolidated Motor Co. Ltd., 1230 Georgia St.
E	5. Johnston Motor Co. Ltd., 2290 Main St.
F	6. Fred Deeley Limited, 1396 Granville St.
H	7. Curtis Motors Limited, 1396 Granville St.
K	8. Madill Garage Company, 660 Howe St.
M	9. Dueck-Nicoll Motors Ltd., 1305 W. Broadway.

Cloverdale	John H. Newman, R.R. #4, New Westminster, B.C.
Cranbrook	Dezall's Garage Company Limited.
Duncan	City Service Station.
Mayne Island	c/o Mr. Gavin C. Mouat, Ganges, B.C.
Port Moody	Provincial Police.
Prince Rupert	Long Motors.
Victoria	Empress Garage and Service Station, 615 Government Street.

CARS

VICTORIA

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Buick	44-19 1938	Sedan	5	Radio, heater	36,024	V14
	44-19 1936	Sedan	5	Radio, clock, heater.	24,626	V4
Chevrolet	12-11 1937	Coach	5		39,752	V22
	10-01 1935	Coach	5	Heater.	33,058	V11
Dodge	D21/1941	Sedan	5		10,687	V16
	D19S/1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio.	7,469	V2
	1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio.	24,502	V5
	D13/1939	Sedan	5	Heater.	19,800	V23
	1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	33,294	V13
Essex	113/1931	Sedan	5		71,015	V18
	1929	Sedan	5		62,921	V6
Ford	81-A 1938	Sedan	5	Radio.	38,986	V24
	1937	Coach	5	Heater.	46,668	V7
	A 1928	Tudor	5	Radio.	51,813	V20
	A 1928	Tudor	5		77,299	V26
Mercury	1941	Sedan	5	Heater, radio, clock.	5,884	V12
Morris	8 1937	Coach	5		24,941	V17
Oldsmobile	3609 1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	500,594	V25
Packard	1940	Sedan	5	Heater, radio.	26,559	V8
	1925	Sedan	5			V9
Plymouth	P-8 1939	Sedan	5	Radio, heater.	18,866	V15
	P-84 1938	Sedan	5	Radio.	32,469	V1
	P-3 1937	Sedan	6		39,703	V19
Pontiac	28-29 1935	Sedan	5	Heater, clock.	21,863	V3

TRUCKS

Austin	10-4 1937	$\frac{1}{4}$ ton van	5	Fog-light	55,331	VT2
Ford	28 A 1928	$\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ ton	4		7,655	VT1
Plymouth	1928	$\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ ton, panel.	5		45,670	VT3

MOTORCYCLE

FR.-Barnett		Single	2		13,482	VM1

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MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Plymouth	P-12 1941	Sedan	4	Radio, heater, electric de-froster, two ventilator fans, fog-light.	28,000	

CLOVERDALE

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Studebaker	1939	Sedan			03,819	

CRANBROOK

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Dodge	D-15 1940	Sedan	5	Radio, heater.	13,977	
Ford	A 1929	Tudor	4			
Nash	420 1929	Sedan	6		30,494	

VANCOUVER

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Austin	F	1940	Coach	5	Fog-light	16,298	
Auburn	C	8.77 1928	Sedan	5		86,618	5
Buick	A	44-11 1937	Coach	5	Heater, de-froster, fog-light.	67,867	126
	A	44998 1936	Sedan	6	Radio, heater, two fog-lights.	43,214	21
	A	57 1934	Sedan	5		52,385	115
Chandler	A	1929	Sedan	5		74,845	105
	C	27 1927	Sedan	5		62,812	148
Chrysler	C	6/1931	Sedan	4		10,494	78
	C	Imp 1929	Sedan	6	Heater.	53,929	64
	C	1928	Sedan	5		89,730	85
	C	1928	Coupe	5	Fog-light	70,172	79
Chevrolet	M	1941	Sedan	4	Heater, fog-lights.	12,957	
	A	12-19 1937	Sedan	4		24,380	87
	D	12-17 1937	Coupe	5	Light	48,531	A20
	A	12-19 1937	Sedan	5	Spot-light, heater.	47,229	32
	A	10-19 1937	Sedan	5	Heater, two fog-lamps, lighter.	34,953	121
	A	12-19 1937	Sedan	4	Heater.	66,794	70
	D	12-01 1936	Coach	5	Heater.	73,957	A19
	A	1099 1936	Sedan	5	Heater, fan, lighter, clock, two seat-covers.	43,100	82

VANCOUVER

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
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Chevrolet	A	1001 1935	Coach	5		37,104	95
	C	60 1935	Coupe	4		62,134	15
	A	Mast. 1935	Coach	5		46,248	90
	C	Ind. 1931	Coach	5	Heater.		141
	A	Ind. 1931	Sedan	6	Heater, spec. horn.	41,448	71
	C	Univ. 1930	Sedan	5		61,861	30
	C	Univ. 1930	Coach	5	Heater.	34,990	112
	C	Univ. 1930	Coach	5		61,579	18
	C	Univ. 1930	Coach	5	Trunk.	55,081	91
	C	Int. 1929	Coupe	4		63,074	12
	C	Int. 1929	Sedan	5		66,742	65
	C	Int. 1929	Sedan	5		43,974	4
	K	1929	Sedan	5			4
	C	Nat. 1928	Coach	4		47,269	22
	C	Cap. 1927	Coach	4		42,701	9
Dodge	H	1941	Sedan	5	Seat-covers	12,656	
	A	D-15 1939	Sedan	5	Heater.	33,257	81
	A	D-20 1941	Coupe	5		1,553	84
	A	D-11 1939	Sedan	5	Heater.	29,780	42
	A	D-7 1937	Sedan	5	Heater.	50,298	97
	A	D-7 1937	Sedan	5	Heater.	69,122	119
	A	D-5 1936	Sedan	5	Heater, fog-light.	66,039	117
	A	D-3 1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	29,492	50
	A	D-4 1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	51,085	137
	D	D-4 1936	Sedan	5	Heater, lights.	39,468	A7
	A	D-4 1935	Tour. Sedan	5	Heater, radio, lighter.	64,032	76
	A	DP 1934	Sedan	5	Metal tire-cover, two seat-covers, dual horns.	33,264	62
	A	DK 1932	Sedan	6	Tire covers.	29,124	120
DeSoto	K	1938	Sedan	5	Heater, two fog-lights, seat-cover, bumper-guard.	39,330	2
	A	SE 1934	Sedan	5	Fender-guards.	51,390	127
Essex	C	26 1926	Coach	5		52,634	149
Falcon	B	27 1928	Brougham	5		91,983	66
Ford	A	01A/1939	Coupe	5		8,910	93
	A	91A/1939	Sedan	4	Heater, radio, lighter, clock.	26,661	28
	A	91A/1939	Sedan	5	Heater, lighter, fog-light.	41,589	29
	A	91A/1939	Coach	5	Heater, lighter.	16,438	45
	A	81A/1938	Sedan	5	Radio, heater, fan.	35,987	123
	A	4/1938	Sedan	5		36,507	94
	E	1938	Sedan	4		18,985	
	A	78/1936	Tudor	4	Seat-covers.	30,370	100
	A	1936	Sedan	4	Heater.	25,954	36
	A	C 1936	Coach			12,689	3
	A	1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	51,894	140
	A	68/1936	Sedan	5	Heater.	56,162	31
	A	68/1936	Tudor	5		43,145	129
	A	V8/1935	Sedan	5		36,702	46
	A	48/1935	Sedan	5	Heater.	9,108	99
	A	48/1935	Std. tudor	5		49,660	2
	A	V8/1935	Coach	5		23,979	130
	D	48/1935	Tudor	5	Heater.	64,978	A11
	A	V8/1934	Coach	4	Seat-covers.	50,404	11

VANCOUVER

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
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Ford	A	V 1934	Tudor	5	Heater, three seat-covers.	50,393	108
	A	40 1934	De L. tudor	5	Fog-light.	59,082	6
	E	1933	Roadster	4		37,773	
	D	V 1932	Tudor	5		65,987	A6
	A	A 1931	Sedan	5	Heater.	84,084	116
	A	A 1930	Tudor	5		71,940	33
	A	A 1930	Tudor	5	Front seat-cover.	62,040	72
	A	A 1930	Tudor	5		30,605	74
	B	A 1930	Sedan	5		53,617	47
	C	A 1930	Sedan	4	Fog-light.	42,844	1
	B	A 1930	Sedan	4		62,608	110
	A	A 1930	Tudor	5		80,285	19
	C	A 1930	Tudor	5		66,817	34
	C	A 1930	Sedan	5	Trunk.	59,821	37
	C	A 1928	Coach	4		35,154	10
	C	A 1928	Sedan	4		14,806	13
Graham	A	1937	Sedan	4			125
	A	110-1936	Sedan	5	Fog-light, seat-covers.		128
	C	1932	Sedan	5	Heater.	64,508	27
	C	Std.6-1930	Sedan	5	Heater, fan.	35,873	111
	C	Std.6-1930	Coupe	6	Luggage rack.	76,404	104
	C	Std.6-1930	Sedan	4		66,069	133
	C	612 1929	Sedan	6		1,988	103
	C	645 1927	Sedan	5	Spot-light, heater.	73,789	26
McLaughlin	C	30-47 1929	Sedan	4		83,745	8
	A	29-27 1929	Sedan	4		61,732	14
Nash	A	13-18 1937	Sedan	5		31,021	68
	A	37-12 1937	Coupe	4	Radio & aerial.	35,746	60
	A	8 1937	Sedan	4	Heater.	38,560	152
	A	3520 1935	Sedan	4	Radio, heater.	8,621	86
	A	3520 1935	Sedan	4	Radio, heater.	97,613	61
	B	420 1929	Sedan	6		93,132	44
	C	433 1929	Sedan	5		46,212	102
	C	420 1929	Sedan	5		49,637	63
	A	Adv. 1926	Sedan	5		65,812	96
Oldsmobile	A	36-19/1940	Sedan	5	Heater, clock, seat-covers.	16,159	17
	A	35-27/1939	Coupe	5	Heater.	6,773	75
	D	35-27/1939	Coupe	5	Seat-cover.	13,140	A4
	C	1929	Sedan	5	Clock.	53,831	88
	C	F 1928	Coach	5		60,005	20
Packard	H	120 1936	Sedan	6	Seat-covers.	17,747	
	A	640 1929	Sedan	6	Heater, fog-light	86,897	124
Pearless	C	61 1929	Sedan	5		45,104	67
Plymouth	A	P3 1937	Sedan	5	Seat-covers, heater.	85,895	132
	E	1936	Sedan	4		34,038	
	A	PE 1934	De L. Sedan	5	Heater, seat-covers.	54,464	92
	B	1929	Sedan	4		58,857	53
	B	1929	Sedan	5		89,066	48
	A	1930	Sedan	5		98,050	114

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AKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
ontiac	A	26-19 1936	Sedan	5	Heater, two fog-lights, two seat-covers.	43,908	43
	A	26-11 1937	Coach	5	Heater.	30,482	25
	A	402 1932	Sedan	4	Heater.	64,046	24
	C	6-29 1929	Coach	4		58,939	38
	K	1926	Coach	5			5
Studebaker	A	1933	Sedan	5	Radio, heater, & clock.	20,617	16
	A	Comm. 1931	Sedan	6		83,968	35
	C	FC 1929	Coach	5		71,573	80
Terraplane	A	71 1937	Sedan	5	Heater, bumper-guard.	54,486	51
	E	1935	Sedan	4		51,976	
Willys	A	77 1936	Spec. sedan	4		49,194	52

TRUCKS

CRANBROOK

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Fargo	1936	Panel Del.	5	Heater.	25,709	

MAYNE ISLAND

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Ford	V8 1935		4		31,259	
	1932		6	Chains.	37,699	
	BB 1932		6		46,364	
	1921		4			
Buick	1924	Lt. Del.	4			
	1923	Lt. Del.	4			
Chevrolet	1934		6		15,265	
	Ind. 1929		4			
Dodge	DB6 1929		4		65,944	

PRINCE RUPERT

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Ford	A 1931	Lt. Del.	5		22,912	
G.M.C.	1941	Panel Del.	5		7,440	

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TRUCKS

AKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
ustin	A	7 h.p. 1937	Del. Van ¼ T.	5		33,203	T79
Chevrolet	A	13-15 1939	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	4		48,303	T243
	A	13-14 1939	Pickup ½-¾ T.	5		33,369	T18
	A	13-14 1939	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		38,362	T26
	A	15-03 1937	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5	Box.	49,663	T75
	A	16-04 1937	Panel Del. ½-¾ T.	5		61,781	T74
	A	16-04 1937	Panel Del. ½-¾ T.	5		42,187	T58
	A	16-04 1937	Panel Del. ½-¾ T.	5		53,904	T132
	A	16-22 1937	Panel 1 T.	4		39,848	T60
	A	15-03 1937	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		44,231	T233
	A	15-03 1937	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		39,597	T80
	A	15-03 1937	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		18,687	T109
	A	15-03 1937	Pickup ½-¾ T.	4		41,181	T244
	D	15-03 1937	Pickup ½-¾ T.	5		64,695	A15
	A	16-21 1936	Del. Plat. 1 T.	4		17,076	T93
	A	15-03 1936	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		25,018	T59
	A	15-03 1936	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5	Fog-light.	2,053	T53
	A	15-03 1936	Pickup Del. Plat. 1 T.	4		25,999	T29
	A	16-04 1936	Panel ¾-1T.	4		22,302	T125
	A	155 1936	Del. ½-¾ T.	5		62,424	T33
	A	155 1936	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		39,645	T242
	A	15-04 1935	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	5		76,603	T69
	A	15-03 1935	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	5		35,385	T140
	A	16-45 1935	Express 1 T.	4		44,644	T112
	A	16-40 1935	Express ¾-1 T.	4	Box.	71,216	T113
	A	156 1935	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	5		63,209	T32
	A	112 1934	Panel 1 T.	5		28,789	T37
	B	Conf. 1932	Plat. 1½ T.	6		74,693	T144
	B	Conf. 1932	Del. ½-¾ T.	6		60,203	T156
	B	Conf. 1931	Del. ½-¾ T.	4		63,878	T25
	B	131 1930	Plat. 1½ T.	6		54,276	T21
	A	Ind. 1930	Plat. 1½ T.	6		12,976	T149

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TRUCKS -- (Cont'd.)

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Chevrolet	C	1930	Lt. Del. ½ T.	4		57,789	T148
	B	Int. 1930	Express 1 T.	5		83,355	T67
	B	Int. 1930	Express 1 T.	4	Signal arm.	81,750	T11
	B	Univ.1929	Express Plat. 1 T.	4		89,619	T78
	A	1928	Plat. ½-¾ T.	4			T182
	B	1928	Panel ½-¾ T.	4		94,584	T52
	B	1927	Express ¾-1 T.	4		34,768	T72
	B	C.A.P. 1926	Lt. Del.	5		67,997	T30
	B	1927	Panel, ½-¾T.	4		51,058	T41
	A	1927	Plat. ¾-1 T.	4			T154
	B	C.A.P. 1926	Plat. 1 T.	4			T143
			Express 1 T.	5		24,345	
Dodge	A	DB116 1940	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	5	Heater.	20,187	T111
	A	DC116 1940	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	4	Heater.	23,528	T83
	D	TC 1939	Panel ½-¾ T.	5		26,395	A9
	A	RD21 1938	Express ¾-1 T.	4	Signal arm.	8,803	T2
	D	1936	Panel ½-¾ T.	4		48,116	A27
	A	LC 1936	Pickup ½-¾ T.	4		57,696	T36
Fargo	A	F-1 1937	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		37,055	T91
	A	FD16 1936	Express ½-¾ T.	5		67,340	T227
Federal	A	18 1936	Plat. 2½-3 T.	6		72,672	T90
	D	15 1934	Van 2 T.	7		53,607	A5
	B	1926	Express ¾-1 T.	6		63,825	T99
	B	F.W. 1925	Plat. ¾-1 T.	4		26,597	T89
Ford	A	01C 1941	Del. Pickup ½-¾ T.	5	Dual horns.	16,282	T139
	A	1940	Sed. Del. ½-¾ T.	5	Heater, extra seat.	11,522	T141
	D	1941	Panel 1 T.	5	Light.	9,979	A16
	A	01C 1940	Panel Del. ½-¾ T.	5		50,188	T128
	A	01C 1940	Panel Del. ¾-1 T.	5	Spot-light.	36,114	T95

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TRUCKS -- (Cont'd.)

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR		STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Ford	A	01C83	1940	Pickup ½-¾ T.	4		14,347	T4
	A	01T	1940	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	4		20,257	T9
	A	01C	1940	Pickup Del. ½-¾ T.	4	Tarpaulin covering.	15,421	T110
	A	91C	1938	Panel Del. ½-¾ T.	5		49,104	T5
	A	91Y81	1938	Plat. 1 T.	4		29,095	T27
	A	81C	1938	Lt. Del. pickup. ½-¾ T.	5		31,662	T92
	A	81C	1938	Lt. Del. pickup. ½-¾ T.	4		36,726	T7
	A	85	1938	Lt. Del. pickup. ½-¾ T.	5		34,301	T1
	A	81C	1938	Panel pickup. ½-¾ T.	5		46,396	T138
	D	81C	1938	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		23,257	A3
	A	77	1938	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		42,061	T42
	A	V8	1938	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	4		27,866	T8
	A	77	1938	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	4		28,097	T77
	E		1937	Pickup ½ T.	4			
	A	67	1936	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		62,293	T50
	A	67	1936	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		51,492	T23
	A	V8	1936	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	4		32,094	T14
	A		1936	Plat. 2 T.	5	Hydraulic hoist.	95,832	T68
	A		1935	Del. ½-¾ T.	5		38,336	T230
	A	V8	1935	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		41,710	T100
	E		1935	Pickup ½ T.	4		43,644	
	A		1935	De L. Panel ¾-1 T.	4		70,529	T85
	A	46	1934	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		31,383	T51
	A	40	1934	De L. Panel ¾-1 T.	5		51,583	T117
	A		1934	Sed. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		73,607	T70
	A	BB	1933	Panel Del. 1 T.	5		17,907	T46
	A	B	1933	Plat. 1½ T.	6		45,760	T71
	A		1931	Express ¾-1 T.	4		50,893	T152
	B	A	1930	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	4		48,751	T126
	B	A	1930	Lt. Del. ½-¾ T.	5		62,240	T24
	B	A	1930	Plat. ½-¾ T.	4	Hydraulic hoist.	41,326	T134

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TRUCKS -- (Cont'd.)

MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL	& YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Ford	A	A	1930	Lt. Del. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		53,180	T12
	D	AA	1930	Panel			18,640	A21
	B		1929	1 T. Plat.	7		69,467	T114
	C		1929	1 T.			77,783	T40
	B	A	1928	Lt. Del. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		80,825	T47
	B	A	1928	Plat. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	4		90,746	T31
	B	A	1928	Lt. Del. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		32,995	T45
	B	A	1928	Lt. Del. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		33,716	T49
	B	A	1928	Panel $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		62,404	T157
	A		1920	Express $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	4		98,505	T150
	B	A	1928	Express	4			T81
				Lt. Del.	5			T105
G.M.C.	A	93-14	1940	Panel $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.				
				Pickup $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	4	Heater, rear spot-light.	14,825	T104
Graham	B	615	1930	Express $\frac{3}{4}$-1 T.	5		60,736	T122
	B		1928	Express $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	4		6,908	T39
International	A	K2	1941	Express $\frac{3}{4}$-1 T.	4	Box.	3,782	T61
	A	K2	1941	Panel 1 T.	4		06,986	T131
	D	D35	1939	Van 2-2$\frac{1}{2}$ T.	7	Two lights.	49,070	A17
	D	D2	1939	Panel $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5	Light.	34,032	A18
	A	D2	1938	Pickup Del. $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	4	Box.	73,067	T84
	A	D2	1938	Panel $\frac{3}{4}$-1 T.	5	Heater, fan.	22,143	T76
	E		1938	Panel	5		45,376	
	D	C-15	1937	Express 1 T.	5		27,948	A2
	K		1937	Plat. 1$\frac{1}{2}$-2 T.	7		88,538	T1
	A	C-1	1936	Panel $\frac{3}{4}$-1 T.	5	Heater.	21,346	T64
	A	C-40	1936	Plat. 2-2$\frac{1}{2}$ T.	6		33,208	T87
	A	C-30	1936	Plat. 2 T.	6	Spot-light.	73,397	T48
	A	C-1	1936	Panel Del. $\frac{3}{4}$-1 T.	4		44,564	T65
	A	C-1	1936	Pickup $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		90,651	T82
	A	C-1	1935	Panel $\frac{1}{2}$-$\frac{3}{4}$ T.	5		52,650	T133
	A	A-2	1935	Plat. 1$\frac{1}{2}$ T.	6		63,994	T121
	A	CA-1	1934	Plat. 1 T.	4	Spot-light.	37,596	T66

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MAKE	LOCATION	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
International.	A	B-3 1934	Plat. 2 T.	6		74,831	T123
	A	AW1 1933	Panel ¾-1 T.	4		29,745	T153
	A	AL3 1933	Plat. 1½ T.	6		65,454	T38
	B	.267 1933	Plat. 1 T.	6	Dump box.	50,546	T86
	B	5-26 1933	¾-1 T.	4		32,950	T243
	A	X 1932	Panel 1 T.	4		83,578	T56
	B	X 1931	Plat. 1-1½ T.	6	Box.	73,493	T96
	A	AW1 1930	Express 1 T.	4		13,586	T22
Maple Leaf	D	16-48 1936	Plat. 2-2½ T.	6		42,954	A22
Rugby	B	616-B 1933	Plat. 1-1½ T.	6	Heater.	74,968	T54
Stewart	A	21-X 1929	Panel 1 T.	4		36,275	T97
	A	21-X 1929	Panel ¾ T.	4			T107
	A	21-X 1929	Express ¾-1 T.	4		72,819	T151
Studebaker	A	Big 6 1930	Wrecker Car conv.		Crane, two spot-lights.	56,206	T136
Willys	A	77 1936	Panel ½-¾ T.	5		26,941	T35

P O R T M O O D Y

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
Chevrolet (Truck)	1937	Sed. Del.				

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MOTORCYCLES

MAKE	MODEL & YEAR	STYLE	TIRES	EXTRA EQUIP.	SPEEDOMETER	CUSTODIAN NO.
H. Davison	1934		3	Sidecar, w/s screen.		M1
Indian Twin	1936	Solo	2	w/shield, leg-guards.		M2
Francis-Barnett	1939		2			M3
Indian	1930	DeLuxe	2			M4

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FILE NO.....

CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
May 20th, 1942.

1942 MAY 25 AM 7

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

I have your Air Mail letter of May 15th, with enclosures relating to the purchase by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of the automobiles held here.

Mr. Read is making arrangements to complete the sale of these cars at the appraised value but there have been some changes in the list owing to the delay of the Mounted Police in coming to a decision. For example, one car was sold to the Provincial Civilian Protection Association another was released, under the ruling, to the Minister of Justice, a third has been sold to the B.C. Penitentiaries. The balance of the cars listed, will be made available to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police immediately.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP/DG

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ATM

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, May 15, 1942.

Dear Mr. McPherson,-

I am enclosing copy of a letter from the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, dated May 13th, together with a copy of my reply. I am, of course, assuming that you have agreed to the prices as stated in paragraph 3 of the Commissioner's letter. If the information is not correct, please wire me immediately.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

sary to deduct fifteen per cent. from the ap
car. On the other hand, the Custodian appointed his own valuator, whose appraisals are shown in red type opposite each car. Where only one price is shown for cars, an agreement on the prices set by the valuators acting on our behalf and on behalf of the Custodian was reached.

3. Consequently our Officer Commanding at Vancouver was instructed to notify your Custodian in Vancouver that we are pre-

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER
R.C.M. POLICE
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

OTTAWA

REF. Nº C.112-19-1-
S.1250-655-

May 13th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

1. In reference to your letter of the 25th of March last, on the subject of the purchase by the R.C.M.Police of Motor Cars seized from members of the Japanese race on the Pacific Coast, I would advise that a survey has been made by this Department of the various motor cars held by the Enemy Alien Custodian in Vancouver and we find that we can utilize to good advantage the undermentioned cars at the appraised value shown opposite each one:

Identification No.	Make of Car	Serial No.	Appraised Value	
23	1940 Mercury Sedan	1D5930	$ 785.00.	$ 800.00.
39	1940 Dodge Sedan	9499380D16	$ 800.00.	
40	1941 Dodge Sedan	9675183	$ 902.00.	
41	1940 Ford Del. Sedan	1A1164	$ 625.00.	$ 700.00.
49	1941 Dodge Sp. Sedan	9508777D21S	$ 950.00.	
57	1941 Chevrolet Sedan	1121983204	$ 875.00.	
73	1941 Dodge Sedan	9504254D21S	$ 950.00.	$1000.00.
77	1940 Dodge Sp. Sedan	9496654D16	$ 800.00.	
89	1941 Pontiac Sedan	1221900631	$ 900.00.	
106	1941 Chevrolet Sedan	1121982255	$ 900.00.	$1000.00.
107	1941 Ford Del. Coach	2A2024	$ 725.00.	
113	1941 Chevrolet Sedan	1-101981861	$ 900.00.	$1000.00.
118	1942 Pontiac Sedan	2-221900899	$1025.00.	$1200.00.
122	1941 Ford Coach	2A10475	$ 695.00.	$ 800.00.
135	1940 Plymouth Sedan	9825437	$ 780.00.	$1000.00.
143	1940 Pontiac Sedan	0221980145	$ 735.00.	$ 850.00.
145	1941 Dodge Sp. Sedan	9508742D21	$ 950.00.	$1000.00.
147	1941 Chevrolet Sedan	1121917339	$ 900.00.	$ 950.00.
Madill Garage	1940 Plymouth Sedan	9608692P10	$ 800.00.	
Madill Garage	1940 Dodge Sedan	9500057	$ 800.00.	
Madill Garage	1942 Dodge Sedan	9683910	$1048.00.	$1300.00.

2. For your information it is advised that these cars were appraised by a valuator employed by the Department, who fixed the valuation on the basis of cash prices being paid for similar cars on the 1st of March last under normal market conditions. They have advised that since that time there has been a steady decline in the price of cars for resale purposes and that in the event of their submission of bids on these cars, they would find it necessary to deduct fifteen per cent. from the appraised value of each car. On the other hand, the Custodian appointed his own valuator, whose appraisals are shown in red type opposite each car. Where only one price is shown for cars, an agreement on the prices set by the valuators acting on our behalf and on behalf of the Custodian was reached.

3. Consequently our Officer Commanding at Vancouver was instructed to notify your Custodian in Vancouver that we are prepared to purchase the above mentioned cars on the appraisals set by our valuator, namely McDermott Motors, Limited, Vancouver, and

May 13th, 1942.

we received a telegram from our Officer Commanding that the Custodian will accept our offer on the basis of appraisals made by McDermott Motors, Limited.

4. Would you kindly advise as to whether this is acceptable to you and the necessary memorandum will be prepared for submission to the Treasury Board recommending the purchase of the cars specified at the prices shown in black type.

Yours very truly,

S. T. Wood

(S. T. Wood.)
Commissioner.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
Dept. of the Secretary of
State of Canada,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

1942 APR 24 AM 9:21
SECRETARY OF STATE

22nd April, 1942.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

Re: R.C.M.P. Japanese Enemy Alien Radios, Cameras, Firearms, Ammunition & Explosives

Thank you for your letter of the 21st inst. with enclosures.

The Order of the Acting Minister of Justice dated February 5th last relates to enemy aliens and does not appear to require the surrender of these articles to the Police. The Order of the Minister of Justice dated February 26th does require persons of the Japanese race to surrender these articles to the persons named in the Order, which include the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

If Commissioner Wood is referring to the cameras and other articles delivered to the Police under the Order of February 26th then it appears to me that these have already vested in the Custodian by reason of the language of Section 12 of P.C. 1665 as amended. However Mr. McPherson and I will discuss this whole question with Col. Hill and I shall write you further after that has been done.

Yours faithfully,

C. L. Drewry
Manager

CLD:LF

AIR MAIL

ATM

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, April 21, 1942.

Dear Mr. Drewry,-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have received from the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, together with a copy of my reply.

Will you kindly advise me by air mail if you and Mr. McPherson are agreeable to the Minister of Justice making the order suggested by Commissioner Wood.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN

C. L. Drewry, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

ATM

Ottawa, April 21, 1942.

Dear Commissioner Wood,- Your No. C 112-19-1

I received today your letter of the 20th. I am forwarding a copy of your letter by air mail to the Custodian's representative in Vancouver, in order that I may be sure he can make suitable arrangements along the lines of your suggestion. I will advise you when I have heard from him.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State.

Commissioner S. T. Wood,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
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ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED
THE COMMISSIONER
R.C.M. POLICE
OTTAWA

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA

1942 APR 21 AM 9:24

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

REF. Nº C 112-19-1.

April 20, 1942.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K. C.,
Under Secretary of State,
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

1. The Officer Commanding this Force at Vancouver reports that cameras, radio transmitters, radio receivers, etc. surrendered by enemy aliens in the Protected Area of British Columbia, pursuant to the Order of the Minister of Justice, dated February 5th, last, "have now reached the volume which would justify their being turned over to the Custodian of Enemy Property".

2. Would the Custodian be agreeable that the Minister of Justice, by virtue of Regulation 4 (2) (ddd) Defence of Canada Regulations, order that articles delivered up by aliens in accordance with his order of February 5th, last, be held under the direction of the Custodian?

3. In view of the reported quantity of such articles it would appear desirable that such action be taken.

Yours truly,

S. T. Wood Comm'r.
(S. T. Wood)

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MEMORANDUM

FOR MR. McPHERSON :

Please read the attached correspondence from Commander C. P. Edwards, Deputy Minister of Transport.

Will you please let me know if you think you have available a second-hand motor truck which might be purchased by the Department of Transport.

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

Ottawa, April 16, 1942.

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Ottawa, April 16, 1942.

Dear Sir,-

Your file 7513-42-1

I received this morning your letter of April 14th concerning the possibility of purchasing a truck from the Japanese property in Vancouver.

I notice your letter of March 12th was addressed to me by name at Vancouver. I left Vancouver on the 11th March and therefore personally never saw your letter. It is quite possible that it never reached my officers in Vancouver. I am therefore sending your present letter to G.W. McPherson, Esq., who is acting for the Custodian in British Columbia. I will advise you when I have heard from him.

Yours sincerely,

E.H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State

Lt. Commander C.P. Edwards, O.B.E.,
Deputy Minister of Transport,
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DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
Ottawa, Canada.

File: 7513-42-1

April 14th, 1942.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is copy of a letter dated March 12th directed to your Vancouver office at 1409 Royal Bank Building, to which there is no record of a reply having been received.

I would appreciate if you would have this matter looked into and arrange to let me have a reply in the matter, at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) C.P. EDWARDS,
Deputy Minister of Transport.

Dr. E.H. Coleman, K.C.
Under Secretary of State,
Secretary of State Department,
West Block,
OTTAWA, Ont.

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FILE NO.....

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
April 2, 1942.

1942 APR 6 AM 9:30

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

Re: Japanese Cars

I have your letter of March 30th and wish to thank you for the decisions given as to policy. The question of disposing of the cars is now being pursued and negotiations are being conducted with interested parties here.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP/FC.

ATM

AIR MAIL

Ottawa, March 30, 1942.

Dear Mr. McPherson,- re Japanese cars.

I have discussed your letters of the 26th and 27th March with the Custodian.

The Custodian is of the opinion that we would be justified in charging disbursements, although we are precluded from making a commission charge in connection with the disposal of the cars.

I think after the various Government departments interested have made their selections, the Custodian will be prepared to approve a public advertisement, provided we have reserve bids. If we cannot dispose of the cars at satisfactory prices by advertisement, we can consider the other suggestion of having them catalogued and sold by used car dealers.

In connection with the fishing boats, I have wired you as follows :

"Your letter twentyseventh re fishing boats. Custodian agreeable to accepting offers where sale price approved by Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee."

I also approve the course you are following in connection with property in outlying and remote districts, as set out in the last paragraph of your letter.

Yours sincerely,

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

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OTTAWA MARCH 30 1942

G W McPHERSON
501 ROYAL BANK BLDG
VANCOUVER

YOUR LETTER TWENTYSEVENTH RE FISHING BOATS CUSTODIAN AGREEABLE TO ACCEPTING OFFERS WHERE SALE PRICE APPROVED BY JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

E H COLEMAN

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his representative I will write you regarding the arrangements made.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

GWMcP/FC.

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FILE No.....

501 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.,
March 26, 1942.

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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

Re: Japanese Cars and Trucks

I have your letter of March 24th, with enclosure.

Mr. Gibson is here and I am endeavouring to make an appointment with him to discuss this matter. I expect to have a report on the car situation within the next day or two and I am placing this matter under Mr. Reed's control up to the point of completing negotiations.

After I have discussed the matter with Mr. Gibson or his representative I will write you regarding the arrangements made.

Yours truly,

(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian.

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March 27, 1942.

Dr. E. H. Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
West Block,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Doctor:

Re: Japanese Cars

I have your letter of March 23rd and have been in touch with Col. Hill.

Mr. Read is straightening out the difficulties that have arisen as far as the cars are concerned and I am hopeful of having a complete picture by tomorrow night. I will follow your suggestion of selecting an appraiser and feel sure that suitable arrangements can be made with the police and various Government departments interested.

The order of the Minister of Justice was not strictly enforced by the police insofar as forcing the Japanese to surrender their cars was concerned and many of them disposed of same at private sales. I have taken the position that this is no concern of the Custodian and that the Order in Council only vests in the Custodian such cars as are delivered to the authorized persons in accordance with the Order. Instead of receiving approximately 1200 cars, which we were informed Japanese owned in this protected area, 390 were delivered to Hastings Park and thirty odd cars to Victoria. There are a few other cars under control in outlying points.

It would appear desirable to sell as many cars as possible to Government agencies and then move the balance of the cars to some place where the public can inspect them since it is not desirable that the public be allowed in Hastings Park. If you desire to follow your general policy of advertising the cars for sale and calling for tenders, this can be done. The dealers have suggested that if a catalogue were prepared they would attempt to sell the cars on a commission basis. I am inclined to think that the dealers would press the sale of their own used cars in

priority to the sale of the Custodian's. We might follow their suggestion if a public advertisement is unsuccessful. The cars should, of course, be sold without warranting as to condition. Considerable expense has been incurred in handling these cars and I am not sure whether, under Section 12 (1) of the Order in Council, the Custodian can charge disbursements. As I read the section the Custodian cannot charge the usual commission. Your decision in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

As you know, the boats were advertised for sale but many of the offers were rejected. Do you consider it essential that they be advertised again or would you be agreeable to accepting offers where the sale price is approved by the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee. This latter arrangement would greatly speed up the disposal of the boats and I would appreciate it if you would wire me in this connection. I know the usual policy but would the Custodian not be justified in view of the fact that the public have been given an opportunity to bid.

On this question of policy I have authorized the sale of assets of a few enemy companies where the assets are in an out-of-the-way place such as Ucluelet on Vancouver Island and where there is likely only one potential purchaser of the particular type of goods. The goods I refer to are of small value and to bring them to a more inhabited section of the Island would cost more than appears to be justified under the circumstances. In all these cases I am, of course, considering creditors and, if possible, I am having the Japanese manager or owner approve of the price. The established policy of advertising is being followed where there are any realic assets and where any market is available. I am doing my best to avoid possible criticism in this respect.

Yours very sincerely,

GWMcP/FC.

ATM

Ottawa, March 25, 1942.

Dear Glenn,-

I am enclosing copy of a letter which I received today from Commissioner Wood, dated March 24th, together with copy of my reply.

I discussed the matter with Mr. McLarty this morning and our opinion is that you might select an appraiser from our point of view. No doubt you can, through Mr. Field, or some other person in Vancouver, ascertain the name of an experienced man in this line who could be trusted to set a fair value.

I would suggest that the same procedure might be followed in respect to any requests from the Defence Forces.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
1404 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Yours truly,

ATM

Ottawa, March 25, 1942.

Dear Commissioner Wood,-

I have received your letter of the 24th March and have discussed it with the Custodian.

You of course realize that in respect to this property the Custodian is somewhat in the position of a trustee and must endeavour to obtain a fair and reasonable price for any of the motor vehicles which he may think it proper to sell.

Naturally, in disposing of any of the trucks or cars, we desire to give preference to the Defence and Police Departments of the Government.

I have discussed with the Custodian, the Honourable Mr. McLarty, a fair and proper method of appraising any vehicles which the Defence Departments or your Force may desire to acquire, either by purchase or lease.

G. W. McPherson, Esq., 1404 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, is presently acting as the representative of the Custodian in British Columbia and I know he is in frequent

communication ---

Commissioner S. T. Wood,
Royal Canadian Mounted Police,
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Yours truly,

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:-
THE COMMISSIONER
R.C.M. POLICE
OTTAWA

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER
OTTAWA

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

REF. Nº C 112-19-1

March 24th,1942.

Dr. E.H.Coleman, K.C.,
Under Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Dr. Coleman:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of the Order of the Minister of Justice dated February 26th,1942, the Vancouver Division of this Force has received or seized over 300 motor vehicles, previously possessed by persons of the Japanese race residing on the Pacific coast.

2. By virtue of Order-in-Council P.C. 1665 dated March 4th, 1942, paragraph 12, this property is vested in and subject to the control and management of the Custodian.

3. I am informed that some of these vehicles will probably be turned over to the Army and Air Force.

4. If such action is contemplated, it is desired to draw to your attention the urgent need for replacement of the motor vehicles at present in the public service in use by this Force.

5. May I please be advised whether such action is contemplated, and if so, whether this Force can acquire some of the vehicles in question for the public service.

Yours truly,

S.T.Wood Comm'r.
(S.T.Wood)

ATM

Ottawa, March 24, 1942.

Dear Glenn,-

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from R. A. Gibson, Esq., Director, Lands, Parks and Forests Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, together with a copy of a letter received today from General L. R. LaFleche.

I have discussed Mr. Gibson's letter with the Custodian. He thinks we should do everything possible to provide the equipment from the Japanese cars, provided some arrangement can be made for equitable payment, either by way of purchase or, if you think proper, by rent. I am, therefore, notifying Mr. Gibson, suggesting that he have a representative see you in Vancouver, examine the trucks or cars available, and discuss with you the appropriate financial consideration.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN

G. W. McPherson, Esq.,
1404 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

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ATM

Ottawa, March 24, 1942.

Dear General LaFleche,-

I have received your letter of the 23rd March (your file 2-101-9-1, 2-101). I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which I have sent today to Mr. R. A. Gibson, Director, Lands, Parks and Forests Branch, Department of Mines and Resources.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
and Deputy Custodian.

Major-General L. R. LaFleche,
Associate Deputy Minister
of National War Services,
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ATM

Ottawa, March 24, 1942.

Dear Mr. Gibson,-

I received on the 23rd your letter of the 19th. I have discussed the matter with the Secretary of State, who is the Custodian, and we are disposed to facilitate the matter in so far as may be possible. You will understand, of course, that the Custodian is in the position of a trustee and that he cannot make the trucks and motors available without appropriate financial consideration, either by way of sale or by rent.

I have written G. W. McPherson, Esq., 1404 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, the representative of the Custodian at the Coast, sending him copies of your letter and the letter from General La Fleche, and suggesting that if your representative in Vancouver calls to see him every effort may be made to work out some satisfactory arrangement.

Will you kindly, therefore, ask whoever has charge of the matter in Vancouver to get in touch with Mr. McPherson.

Yours sincerely,

E. H. COLEMAN
Under Secretary of State
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MINES AND RESOURCES

LANDS, PARKS
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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR MAR 23 AM 9:24

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Ottawa, March 19, 1942.

Dear Dr. Coleman,

You were good enough to give me a few minutes on the telephone Monday morning for discussion of the possibility of securing for forest protection work in British Columbia some of the trucks taken over from the Japanese.

As you are aware, the forest resources of British Columbia are of vital importance in the war effort as well as in the national economy of the Dominion. These forests are subject to recurrent periods of high fire hazard during the summer months. Owing to the activities of Japan there is potential danger of the destruction of the most valuable of the British Columbia forests, that is those in the coastal districts, through enemy action or sabotage.

The Honourable A. Wells Gray, Minister of Lands and Forests for the Province, has been in correspondence with our Minister and, with the co-operation of the minister of National War Services, it is expected that within the next day or so the arrangement will be made whereby up to 1,000 conscientious objectors from the prairie provinces will be placed in special camps on Vancouver Island and on the adjacent mainland coast for the purpose of preventing forest fires. The administration will be carried on jointly by this branch and the British Columbia forest service. The Provincial Forester and his Chief of Forest Protection are in the city conferring with the officials here as to the details of arrangement. At a conference held on the 18th

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instant in the office of General LaFleche, Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services, there was some discussion of the initial expenditures that would be necessary in order to get this enterprise underway. The British Columbia officials explained that much of the equipment upon which they were depending has been pre-empted for the work already underway in connection with the removal of Japanese from British Columbia to road construction and other government activities inland. Under the circumstances, General LaFleche undertook to write to you, supporting our request for sufficient of the automotive equipment being taken over from the Japanese to enable the forest fire protection work to get underway promptly. There is no time to spare for it will not be long before the natural fire hazard increases. You will appreciate the fact that in fire-fighting the quick transportation of men to the fire is the first consideration.

The British Columbia authorities are providing all the trucks they can spare but the supply is quite inadequate. It is estimated that we should have thirty-one 3-ton trucks, thirty-six 1-ton trucks (E), and five passenger cars. This matter is considered to be an urgent one, both by Dominion and Provincial officials. Irrespective of the financial outlay that would be involved in the purchase of new equipment, there is the difficulty of getting delivery of motor vehicles under present conditions. Under these circumstances, it would be appreciated very much indeed if the forest authorities who will be in charge of this co-operative effort could be allowed to make a selection of suitable vehicles from the Japanese equipment that is being turned over to the officers acting for the Custodian of Alien Enemy Property on the Pacific Coast. It is, of course, possible that the full thousand alternative service workers will not be available, and in that event our requisition for vehicles will be reduced accordingly.

Yours very truly,

R.A. Gibson,
Director.

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File Nos. 2-1019-1
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UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL WAR SERVICES

OTTAWA,
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As I understand the situation, a substantial saving in capital cost would be effected if you were in a position to make available to Mines and Resources a number of automotive vehicles.

This matter of economy is one which I have discussed with Mr. Gibson and representatives of the B.C. Department of Lands and Forests. If there is an economy to be effected, I would strongly support Mr. Gibson's request.

Sincerely yours,

L. Mackenzie

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Director.

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(signed) L. A. LaFleche.

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(signed) L. A. LaFleche.

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Under Secretary of State,
Department of the Secretary of State
Ottawa.

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MINISTER OF PENSIONS AND NATIONAL HEALTH

Ottawa, March 4, 1942.

By Hand

My dear Colleague:

I am enclosing for your information copy of a telegram which I have received from the Vancouver Motor Dealers Association.

I have suggested that they discuss this with Major Austin Taylor and it would be appreciated if you would bring their representations to the attention of the Custodian of Enemy Alien Property.

Yours very truly,

The Honourable Norman McLarty, M.P.,
Secretary of State,
OTTAWA.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL TELEGRAM

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HON IAN MACKENZIE
OTTAWA ONT

JAPANESE CARS AND TRUCKS ARE BEING THROWN ON THE LOCAL MARKET AT SLAUGHTER PRICES PRIOR TO EXPECTED SEIZURE BY GOVERNMENT STOP THIS SITUATION VERY DEMORALIZING TO BUSINESS STOP WE URGE IMMEDIATE FREEZING OF TITLES PROHIBITING TRANSFER IN ORDER THAT THESE VEHICLES MAY BE DISPOSED OF IN ORDERLY MANNER

(SGD.) VANCOUVER MOTOR DEALERS ASSOCIATION.

J. W. S. Thornton, Esq

Schedule of Motor Vehicles referred to in the attached Release and Indemnity.

LIST OF TRUCKS TRANSFERRED TO PACIFIC CO-OPERATIVE UNION

No.	Make	Model	Serial Number	Licence No.	Japanese Owner
T158	Ford (1939)	91C Truck		'42 CU876	Roy H. Senda
T159	1940 Ford	41 Express	2B98	'41 C-558	Ruiichi Hashimoto
T160	1941 Ford	18-11 Lt. Del.		'42 CU-754	K. Sugiyama
T161	1938 Internat.	D 2 Truck	D21689	'42 CU-701	Munetoshi Sameshima
T162	1939 Ford	Truck	1B226	'42 CU-843	Kosaku Yasumatsu
T163	1937 Ford	77 Lt. Del.		'42 CU-830	Toshio Shimomura
T164	1935 Ford	Lt. Del.		'41 CX-487	Ichijiro Uyemura
T165	1929 Ford	A Lt. Del.		'41 CX-685	Kiyoji Kato
T166	1936 Ford	67 Lt. Del.	C18Y7191	'42 CU-900	Sato Kadonaga
T167	1940 Internat.	Tuck		'41 CX-471	H. Nishi
T168	1937 Ford	77 Lt. Del.	A442	'41 CX-656	T. Tsuji
T169	1938 Internat.	D 2 Pickup		'42 CU-725	R. Nakano
T170	1939 Ford	91C 8-3 Delivery		'42 CU-891	Mitsu Nikaido
T171	1940 Ford	V8 Truck		'41 CX-573	Juro Tajiro
T172	1936 Ford	V8 Pickup Del.	C18Y2938	'41 CX-479	Shigeru Kinoshita
T173	1941 Ford	Pickup		'41 CX-765	T. Moriyama
T174	1939 Chev.	13-14 Pickup	195647	'41 C-4411	T. Shigehiro
T175	1941 GMC	93-14 Lt. Del.	1931480110	'41 CX-748	Isao Kimura

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T176	1937 Chev.	15-03 Lt. Del.	7150308138	'41 CX-537	Takehachi Mitsunaga
T177	1935 Chev.	Pickup Del.	6150300732	'41 CX-526	Kentaro Kamimura
T178	1939 Ford	91C Lt. Del.		'42 CU-744	Riichi Sasaki
T179	1939 Chev.	Truck	9143300904	'42 CU-739	Masao Matsui
T180	1937 Chev.	Lt. Del.	7150305983	'42 CU-765	Kenzo Ohno
T181	1936 Chev.	15-03 Lt. Del.	6150301584	'41 CX-482	Chosabura Nakamura
T183	1939 Ford	91C Lt. Del.		'42 CU-824	George Y. Shiiji
T184	1939 Internat.	D15 Lt. Del.	D151554	'41 CX-472	Denjiro Ito
T185	1937 Ford 85	85 Pickup Del.	D1578	'42 CU-840	Kichimatsu Mukaida
T186	1941 Ford	Lt. Del.	2B4959	'42 CU-908	Otsujiro Shigimi
T187	1941 Fargo	FK233 Truck	9567117	'42 CU-880	Robert Kiyoshi Yahiro
T188	1941 GMC	96-83 Truck	1968380498	'41 C-7364	Tatsuo Yanoshita
T189=	1941 Ford	Truck	2C16523	'42 CU-829	Katsube Fukami
T190	1936 Ford	67 Lt. Del.	C18B15291	'41 CX-588	Jimmatsu Matsushita
T192	1941 Internat.	K4 Platform	K4697	'42 CZ-958	Sidney Zentaroo Shin
T191	1937 Dodge	Pickup	8911964	'41-CX-719	T. Araki
T193	1941 Internat.	K42-14 Truck	K4589	'41 CX-760	Masanobu Inaba
T194	1935 Internat.	C1 Truck	1499K	'42 CU-718	K. Tatebe
T195	1941 Ford	Lt. Del.	2B4052	'41 CY-545	Sadaki Ogawa
T196	1940 Internat.	Truck	D15-2400	'41 CX-505	Eiji Tashiro
T197	1942 Dodge	Truck	8948902	'41 Cy-966	T. Yanoshita

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T198	1936 Internat.	C30 Truck	1185L	'41 CY-987	Iwasuke Tateyama
T199	1941 Maple Leaf	17-83 Plat.	1178381684	'41 CX-774	Hironori Shikaze
T200	1938 Ford	V8 Lt. Del.	1114	'41 CX-690	John Eiichi Hashizume
T201	1938 Chev.	14-33 Truck	9143380700	'42 CU-913	Kayemon Shikaze
T202	1938 Ford	A Lt. Del.	CA31764	'41 CX-453	Kyuichi Aoki
T203	1937 Chev.	16-21 Truck	7150808040	'41 CX-684	Mrs. K. Umetsu -File 9320 Sold by Owner
T204	1937 Chev.	16-21 Truck	7150808337	'41 CX-540	Miyoshi Shikaze
T205	1930 Chev.	INT Truck	337828	'41 CX-518	Keiji Yamanouchi
T206	1940 Dodge	T9 Truck	8915856	'42 C-3764	Ichisuki Kariatsumari
T207	1937 Ford	85 Lt. Del.	B4458	'42 CZ-852	Kaichi Kawano
T208	1937 Ford	V8 Truck	C6555	'41 CX-838	Minato Harage
T209	1934 Ford	BB Truck	C18BBK3237	'41 CT-965	Minati Haraga
T210	1940 Fargo	FK116 Pickup Del.	9566521	'41 CY-380	J. Ohashi
T211	1936 Chev.	15-03 Pickup Del.	6150300734	'42 CU-787	S. Kunimoto
T212	Chev.	155 Delivery	631693	'42 CU-813	Maruichi Tomomitsu
T213	1933 Chev.	155 Lt. Del.	617075	'41 CX-439	Y. Miki
T215	1935 GMC	T15 Truck	11812X	'42 CU-764	Nobuo Minemoto
T216	1937 Chev.	Pickup Del.	7150300201	'42-CU-797	Yonechiki Takeuchi
T217	1940 Ford	Truck	1C8210	'41 CX-535	Teizo Nakashima
T218	1941 Ford	Truck	2C8163	'41 CX-779	Fusato Nakashima

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T222	1937 Ford	77 Lt. Del.	B1368	'42 CU-841	Inosuke Nishikawa
T223	1930 Chev.=	INT. Truck	335819	'41 CX-678	Kumekichi Fujino
T224	1939 Ford	01 C Lt. Del.	1B943	'41 CX-448	Kesaguma Uchimara
T225	1940 Ford	01C Truck	1B4073	'42 CU-877	Asaji Oye
T226	1936 Ford	DB51 Truck	C18BBB10707	'41 C-5248	C. Hosaka
T228	1939 Ford	Truck	P4462	'41 CX-598	Miyoshi Kariatsumari
T229	International Truck				

List of Cars Transferred to Pacific Co-Operative Union

134	1938 Chev.	12-19 Sedan	9121901549	'41 58-166	Tokiyoshi Kariatsumari
136	1937 Chev.	Coach	7121104312	'42 59-929	Ken Hayashi
135	1941 Plymouth	P11 Sedan	9825437	'42 59-909	Ichirohe Hisaoka

Identified as correct - ~~Pacific Co-operative Union~~
"Schedule referred to in the
attached certificate dated
April 30th, 1942.
"G.W. McPherson"
(G. W. McPherson)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
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