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NO. 50011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Mr. Mathieu's files V-86, V-143

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THIS FILE IS TO BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS ANYONE OTHER THAN MR. MERVYN BALL TO BE MENTIONED AS THE PURCHASER OF THE RECORDINGS. SEE MR. MATHIEU'S LETTER OF NOVEMBER 18, 1944, TO MR. SHEARS.

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Ownership Mr. Ingstrom's files J- 86, J-143

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

J-143

December 1, 1944.

Attention: G. Glazebrook, Esq.

Dear Mr. Glazebrook:

Re: Japanese Recordings

With reference to your letter of November 14th, I may now say that a final report has been received from Vancouver indicating that only 962 recordings were shipped, the invoice value being $481.00 as per the agreed price.

I, therefore, enclose a cheque in favour of Mr. Ball as a refund on the payment received which will complete the transaction insofar as this office is concerned.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

No. 5001 NAME Japanese Prisoners of War Recordings
Formerly Br. Prisoners of War, J-143

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

J-143

December 1, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Your letter of November 29th, enclosing a cheque for $19.00 payable to Mr. Mervyn L. Ball, has been received.

We are forwarding the cheque to the Department of External Affairs for settlement.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th November, 1944.

A.H. Mathieu Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

Re: Japanese Recordings

I am enclosing herein cheque for $19.00 payable to Mr. Mervyn L. Ball which was omitted from our letter of even date in connection with the above matter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

PMH

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NO. 5001 | NAME Japanese Victor Recordings.
Formerly Br. Properties file J-86, J-143

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29th November, 1944.

A.H. Mathieu Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

Re: Japanese Recordings.

We have received a corrected statement from the Bowmans Storage Ltd., in connection with the packing and shipping of Japanese recordings. The amount previously charged was $87.33 whereas it should have been $79.52. In view of the fact that we have received a cheque for $87.33 from Mr. Mathews, representing the Australian authorities, we are today forwarding him our cheque for the difference, namely, $7.81.

In regard to the payment for the records for which we have received Mr. Ball's cheque for $500.00, in view of the fact that only 962 records were shipped, the invoice value of which would be $481.00, we are enclosing our cheque for the difference, namely $19.00 in favour of Mr. Ball.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Mr. Mathieu's files J-86, J-143

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Correspondence Mr. Mathieu's files J-96, J-143

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

J-143

November 27, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Referring to your letters of November 17th and 21st, it would appear that my letter of November 16th crossed yours of the 17th wherein you state that the total number of records shipped was 962 instead of 1000, as referred to in previous correspondence.

The $500.00 already received through External Affairs will, therefore, be short of the total amount required to pay for the records as well as express and packing and storage charges.

As it is possible that Mr. Mathews would be prepared to settle the balance owing to you on this transaction, I will not request a further payment from External Affairs until I hear from you.

If Mr. Mathews is not prepared to take care of all of this extra charge, please render a new invoice covering the outstanding balance to be paid through the Department of External Affairs which we will submit in due course.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

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21st November, 1944.

A.H. Mathieu Esq.,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

Re: Japanese Recordings.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant in which you enclose Mr. Mervyn L. Ball's cheque for $500.00.

The handling of the sale of these records will be dealt with as you advise and our file will indicate a sale of these records as having been made to Mr. Mervyn L. Ball.

Yours truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.

Formerly Br. Inst. Films J-86, J-143

NO. 5011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Mr. Mathieu's file J-86, J-143

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE
PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 10-B (Int.)
5090 (Evacuee)

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

17th November, 1944.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

Re: Japanese Recordings

With reference to your letter of the 9th instant, a shipment has now been made of the Japanese recordings in accordance with shipping instructions supplied by Mr. D.P. Mathews, Commonwealth of Australia War Supplies Procurement at Vancouver. These goods have been expressed to Mr. S.F. Tomlinson, Room 501, 127 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

The following is the list of case numbers with records enclosed therein:

Case No. 1 - - -	72	records
2 - - -	78	"
3 - - -	108	"
4 - - -	85	"
5 - - -	80	"
6 - - -	127	"
7 - - -	107	"
8 - - -	112	"
9 - - -	111	"
10 - - -	82	"
	962	"

These records were packed and shipped under our supervision by Bowman Storage Limited.

Enclosed herein is our invoice covering the records on the basis of 50¢ a piece. In regard to the express and packing charges Mr. Mathews has requested that we supply him with an invoice covering these items and he will approve of same and forward them to his Head Office. For your information we enclose copy of this invoice.

NO. 5011 NAME Japanese, Gibbons v. Records etc.
Remarks re Protests filed J-86, J-143

VIA AIR MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 10-B (Int.)

5090 (Evacuee)

A.H. Mathieu Esq.

We are taking care of the Bowman Storage account from our office and it will be appreciated if you will arrange for us to be re-imbursed for this amount and also for payment for the records as per enclosed invoice.

Yours truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 6131
PLEASE REFER TO
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506 ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

INVOICE

Covering Shipment of Japanese Records to:

Mr. S.F. TOMLINSON

Case No.1	-	72	records
2	-	78	"
3	-	108	"
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6	-	127	"
7	-	107	"
8	-	112	"
9	-	111	"
10	-	82	"
		962	"

962 Records @ 50¢ - $481.00

NO. 5001 | NAME Japanese Disloyal Recordings. Formerly Br. Protectorate files J-86, J-143

NO. 59011 NAME Advance Bibma v Recordings.
Formerly Mr. Brotherson's folder V-86, V-143

BOWMAN STORAGE LIMITED.

Nov. 15	To measuring boxes for records, making reinforced boxes for same, lined with cardboard, cartage from 992 Powell Street to warehouse, Packing same, marking and stencilling, foreign exchange control papers and certified invoices.	$30.50
	To express charges prepaid to San Francisco	56.83
		$ 87.33

Shipped to Mr. F.S. Tomlinson
Room 501
127 Montgomery St.,
San Francisco,
California.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Dr. Brotherson's files J-86, J-143

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

November 16, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

I enclose herewith a cheque in the amount of $500.00 received through the Department of External Affairs from Mervyn L. Ball in payment of the Japanese recordings which by this time, no doubt, you have arranged to ship as per directions received from Mr. Anderson.

For security reasons it has been found advisable not to show on our records of this sale or any submission which may have to be made to the Protecting Power or to the enemy government after the war, that these recordings were purchased for or on behalf of the Australian Government or the Australian High Commissioner.

Would you, therefore, please arrange to show on your records that this sale is made to Mervyn L. Ball rather than to the other parties mentioned heretofore, and treat the records and the file as strictly confidential, leaving a note thereon that anyone referring to this matter, particularly if it is necessary to make a submission to the Protecting Power, should use only the name of Mr. Ball. I am doing likewise with the file we have here and nothing will be entered on our books at this end.

Yours truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Dr. Trotter's files V-86, V-143

DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

Ottawa, November 14, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

With reference to the correspondence concerning the Japanese recordings held by your Office in Vancouver, we are enclosing a cheque for $500 made out in favour of the Custodian of Enemy Property, in payment for the 1,000 recordings selected by Mr. Tomlinson.

You will note that the enclosed cheque is signed by Mr. Mervyn L. Ball, and we should be very glad if all your records of the sale of these recordings, together with any submission which you may make to the Protecting Power, will list Mr. Mervyn L. Ball as the purchaser of this material.

Yours sincerely,

Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Ottawa.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoners of War Records

Formerly Dr. Brotherson's files J-86, J-143

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY CUSTODIAN VICTORIA BUILDING OTTAWA ONT

REQUEST JUST RECEIVED FROM LOCAL AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONERS OFFICE ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF JAPANESE RECORDS STOP PLEASE LET US HAVE REPLY BY WIRE

F G SHEARS

Airmail letter of Nov. 9/44 should be received today.
Mrs. Shears
Nov. 10/44 Ltr.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings
Formerly Dr. Brotherston's files J-86, J-143

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

J-143

November 9, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Following our exchange of telegrams yesterday, I have now received a firm offer from the Australian authorities, through External Affairs, to pay $500.00 net for the thousand recordings which were examined at your office.

Should there be any additional charges for packing and shipping these records the Australian High Commissioner's office here will be glad to re-imburse the Custodian for such charges.

The shipping instructions are that you should contact Mr. J. Anderson, Australian War Supplies Procurement, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, since the Australian High Commissioner's Office in Ottawa has telegraphed instructions to him for shipping the records. Will you please, therefore, arrange to ship these as quickly as possible as the matter seems very urgent.

I am instructing External Affairs to obtain the cheque in favour of the Custodian and I will forward it on to you as soon as received here.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings.
Formerly Dr. Brotherton's files V-86, V-143

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

November 9, 1944.

Attention: G. Glazebrook, Esq.

Dear Mr. Glazebrook:

Re: Japanese Recordings

As requested in your letter of November 8th, I have advised Mr. Shears, Director of our Vancouver Office, to contact Mr. Anderson in Vancouver and arrange for the immediate shipment of the thousand Japanese recordings which were found satisfactory.

Should there be any additional charges incurred by our office in Vancouver I will advise you in due course. In the meantime you might give instructions that the cheque for $500.00 be made in favour of the Custodian and sent here. I will then arrange to transmit it to our Vancouver Office to close the deal.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
formerly Dept. Registration files J-86, J-143

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REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

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Ottawa, November 8, 1944

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

With reference to the correspondence concerning the Japanese recordings held by your office in Vancouver, we wish on behalf of the Australian High Commissioner's Office here to make an offer of $500. for the one thousand records selected by Mr. F.S. Tomlinson of San Francisco. Should your office in Vancouver incur any additional expense for packing and shipping these records, the Australian High Commissioner's Office would be glad to reimburse the Custodian for these additional charges.

Concerning the shipment of this material, we have learned that your Mr. F.G. Shears in Vancouver should get in touch with Mr. J. Anderson, Australian War Supplies Procurement, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, since the Australian High Commissioner's Office in Ottawa has telegraphed instructions to Mr. Anderson for the shipping of these records. We should be very glad if you would inform us to whom the cheque for $500. should be made out. Your cooperation and also that of your director in Vancouver in facilitating the selection and expropriation of these records is very much appreciated by this Department and by the Australian High Commissioner's Office in Ottawa.

Yours sincerely,

S. Laurent

for Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Ottawa.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Pro. Protection files J-86, J-143

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ASST DEPUTY CUSTODIAN OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN,VICTORIA BLDG, OTTAWA ONT.

RETEL MY LETTER TWENTY SEVENTH OCTOBER INDICATES LAIDDOWN COST APPROXIMATELY FIFTY CENTS PER RECORD STOP COST WAS NOT ESTABLISHED WHEN WE TOOK OVER BUT BY RECENT INQUIRIES FROM CUSTOMS APPRAISER STOP NO PREVIOUS OFFERS RECEIVED AND NO PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO DISPOSE AS RECORDS UNSALABLE EXCEPT TO JAPANESE STOP CONSIDER FIFTY CENTS PER RECORD SATISFACTORY OFFER AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVE OF THIS SALE FOR PURPOSES REQUIRED.

F. G. SHEARS,
DIRECTOR

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Formerly Pr. Rights Records J-86 J-143

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

OTTAWA ONTARIO
NOVEMBER 8 1944

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

AUSTRALIANS OFFER FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THOUSAND RECORDINGS CHOSEN OFFER APPEARS OUT OF PROPORTION TO COST STOP WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OPINION BEFORE SUBMITTING TO CUSTODIAN INFORMATION HERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO ESTABLISH LAIDDOWN COST PLEASE REPORT WHETHER LAIDDOWN COST INVESTIGATED WHEN PROPERTY TAKEN OVER WHETHER OFFERS RECEIVED FOR PURCHASE WHETHER ATTEMPTS MADE TO DISPOSE BY SALE WITH OTHER GOODS TAKEN FROM OWNER URGENT WIRE REPLY

A H MATHIEU
ASSISTANT DEPUTY CUSTODIAN

Charge to Custodian's Office.

AHM/FC. Charge to file J-143

NO. 59011 NAME Advance Films v Recordings.

Formerly Dr. Trotter's files J-86, J-143

Miss Ireland (of External Affairs) will telephone Monday as soon as she hears from Australian High Commissioner

A.A.M.

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Br. Propaganda files J-86, J-143

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

November 3, 1944.

TO: G. B. URQUHART, Esq.,
Chief Dominion Customs Appraiser.

SUBJECT: Japanese Recordings in Vancouver.

Confirming our telephone conversation I quote below an extract from a letter received from our Vancouver Office indicating the information received from the Customs Appraiser in Vancouver relative to the above Japanese recordings -

"We have interviewed the Customs' Appraiser at Vancouver and it would appear that when the records were originally imported the prices listed below were used for invoice purposes.

On the basis of an exchange rate of 26¢ per Yen and the addition of customs etc., the average cost of these records would appear to be around 50¢ each.

The undermentioned prices were extracted from several invoices:

"Columbia"	81 sen to 93 sen	Average yen	0.87
"King"			1.11
"Teihei"			0.95
"Polydor"	85 sen to yen 1.00	average	0.93
"Teihoku"	76 sen to 86 sen	"	0.81
		Yen	4.67

Yen 4.67 5 = average about 93 sen per record.

Converted into Canadian currency at say exchange 26 = 35.77¢ per record.

Plus 27½% customs duty)		
" 10% war exchange)	44.73%	
" 8% Sales tax)		15.99
		51.76¢.

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings
Formerly Pr. Properties files J-86, J-143

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

November 1, 1944.

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Attention: O. Glazebrook, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Further to your letters of October 17th and 20th, I have now received a letter from the Vancouver Office advising that they had received a visit from Mr. F. S. Tomlinson of San Francisco and he was permitted to examine some of the records out of the two thousand unused records under the Custodian's control in Vancouver.

A selection of one thousand records has been made by Mr. Tomlinson and he feels that these are quite desirable for the purposes intended. Mr. Tomlinson had no suggestions as to the arrangements which would need to be made for the delivery of these records but stated that he or his department will be contacting the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa and that instructions would follow in due course. Mr. Tomlinson, however, left a shipping address with the Vancouver Office and as soon as shipping instructions are available, the records can be dispatched.

On the question of the cost of these records, I am informed by Vancouver that the value set on them by the owner was $1.00 each but they state that this would likely be the sales price.

The Customs' Appraiser was approached on this matter and records on hand show that the value put on these records for duty purposes, plus taxes, would be roughly 51.76¢ each. This value, of course, would not indicate the true cost value but the Custodian will consider any reasonable offer made for the records that were set aside for the purposes intended.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

27th October, 1944.

A.H. Mathieu Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Office of the Custodian,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

Re: Japanese Recordings.

In line with the advice which you gave me in your letter of September 20th we received a visit from Mr. F.S. Tomlinson who asked for the privilege of examining the Japanese recordings which we have on hand here in Vancouver.

Mr. Tomlinson came from San Francisco, his address in that City being 127 Montgomery Street, and he advised us that he was representing the British Political Warfare Committee.

We made it convenient for him to examine and play some of the records and out of the 2,000 unused Japanese records belonging to Kanjiro Kitamura he has selected approximately 1,000 records which he feels are quite desirable for the purpose intended. This, I believe, is something in the way of front line propaganda.

Mr. Tomlinson had no suggestion as to the arrangements which would need to be made for the delivery of these records. He has left with us a shipping address and I understand that he or his department will be contacting the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa and I presume that you will then let me have your instructions.

As previously mentioned, Mr. Kitamura has listed these records at a value of $1.- each which would likely be the sale price. The following may be of some interest to you in arriving at a possible cost price of these records.

We have interviewed the Customs' Appraiser at Vancouver and it would appear that when the records were originally imported the prices listed below were used for invoice purposes.

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A.H. Mathieu, Esq.

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		Yen	4.67

Yen 4.67÷5 = average about 93 sen per record

Converted into Canadian currency at say exchange 26 = 35.77¢ per record.

Plus 27½ customs duty)		
" 10% war exchange)	44.73%	
" 8% Sales tax)		15.99
		51.76¢

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

NO. 5011 NAME Japanese Films v. Recordings.
Formerly Mr. Mathieu's files J-86, J-143

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DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CANADA

REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

Ottawa, October 20, 1944.

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

With reference to the correspondence concerning the two thousand Japanese records held by your Office in Vancouver, we have just learned that the Japanese expert from San Franciso left for Vancouver yesterday by plane. You may want to send on this information to your representative in Vancouver, though we think it is quite likely that the Japanese expert will have had an interview with your Mr. Shears by this time.

Yours very truly,

S. Laps Glazebrook

Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Ottawa.

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Ottawa, October 17, 1944

Dear Mr. Mathieu,

We wish to refer to the correspondence concerning the 2000 Japanese records held by your office in Vancouver. It is anticipated that the Japanese expert from San Francisco will very soon be travelling to Vancouver to make the selection of records, and of course we will inform you as soon as we know who is going, and when.

Should your Office be able to take any further preliminary steps in the matter of releasing the material, so that when the final selection has been made, the administrative details concerning valuation and release of the records would not be a delaying factor, we should be very pleased indeed. It is possible that these details will have to await the actual selection of the material. However, if you think that any steps in the expropriation proceedings can be taken beforehand, we should be glad to be informed of anything that this Department should do in this waiting period before the Japanese expert arrives in Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A.H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street, Ottawa.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings.
Japanese Prisoners of War - 86, J-143

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

September 20, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Further to my letter of August 30th, I have now received a letter from the Department of External Affairs advising that the Australian authorities are very anxious to take the fullest advantage of the Vancouver stock of unused Japanese recordings, and the department here is making arrangements for a Japanese expert to call on you to make a selection.

The date of this party's arrival in Vancouver is, as yet, uncertain, but you will be advised as soon as we hear again from the Department of External Affairs. In the meantime you could possibly make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the examination of the recordings in question.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC.

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings
Transcripts Re: Japanese Prisoners of War, J-86, J-143

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

September 20, 1944.

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Recordings

I have your letter of September 16th advising that a Japanese expert is being detailed to study the recordings in question and requesting the name of our representative in Vancouver.

Upon arrival in Vancouver your representative should contact Mr. F. C. Shears, Director, Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver. I am today advising Mr. Shears to make the necessary arrangements to facilitate this examination and that I will advise him further as soon as I receive information concerning the time of your representative's arrival in Vancouver.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings
Formerly Mr. Brotherson's files J-86, J-143

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CANADA

REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

CONFIDENTIAL

Ottawa, September 16, 1944

Dear Mr. Mathieu:-

After receiving your letter of August 30th concerning the two thousand Japanese recordings held in Vancouver, we immediately telegraphed the Australian authorities to find out if they wished us to make arrangements for evaluating and sorting this material. We have just received their reply and they are very anxious to take the fullest advantage of the Vancouver stocks of unused Japanese recordings since securing such recordings is regarded as a very urgent matter. A Japanese expert is being detailed to study these recordings and we believe that he will very soon be able to go to Vancouver to make a selection for the Australian authorities.

We should be very glad if you would let us know the name and address of the representative of the Custodian's office in Vancouver whom this expert should see when he reaches that City. We should be very glad too if you would inform your Vancouver Office of this matter and any preliminary arrangements which can be made will be much appreciated. As soon as we are certain of the time when this expert will be in Vancouver, we shall let you know.

Yours very truly,

for ~~Acting~~ Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

A. H. Mathieu, Esq.,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
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No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings
Japanese Pris. of War Recordings file V-86, V-143

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

August 30, 1944.

The Under Secretary of State
for External Affairs,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Recordings

With reference to your letter of August 2nd, relative to Japanese recordings seized in Vancouver, I may say that I have now received a report from Vancouver advising that they have under their control 2000 unused Japanese records, the property of Kanjiro Kitamura who was formerly in business in Vancouver.

While this man has been evacuated from the Protected Area, the property is still held in the jurisdiction of our Vancouver Office and if the Australian authorities are interested, I believe the records could be disposed of to them at a fair valuation to be established. You will understand, of course, that the records are all in the Japanese language, and there will, therefore, be no demand for them in Vancouver. However, rather than destroy them, the Custodian could return them to the former owner at his present address unless steps are taken either by your Department or the R.C.M. Police to expropriate the property.

Furthermore, it will be necessary for you to arrange for an interpreter to check the stock on hand and see if any fit into the classifications contained in your letter. If the Australian authorities are still interested in this matter, arrangements could be made for representatives of their Government or your Department to contact our office in Vancouver to arrange for the disposal of these records.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings
Japanese Prisoners of War Recordings
Jan 1944 - Dec 1944

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

August 30, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

I wish to thank you for your letter of August 24th advising that you have 2000 unused Japanese records, the property of Kanjiro Kitamura, who, I presume, has now been evacuated from the Protected Area.

If the property in question is still situated in your jurisdiction there would be nothing to prevent you selling the records should the Department of External Affairs decide to purchase. I agree with you, however, that should this not materialize there would be very little hope of disposing of them in Vancouver and it might then be advisable to return the property to the owner.

In the meantime I am submitting the matter to the Department of External Affairs; pointing out that if they are interested in the records in question they will have to arrange their own examination and then make an offer to you for the value concerned. I will communicate again with you when I have received their reply.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian.

AHM/FC.

NO. 5901 | NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Seized Mr. Mogiyama's files V-86, V-143

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

August 24th, 1944

Mr. A. H. Mathieu,
Assistant Deputy Custodian,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Japanese Recordings

Dear Sir:

With reference to yours of the 14th instant. Further investigation shows that we have under our control over 2000 unused Japanese records, the property of Kanjiro KITAMURA, who was formerly in business at 301 Powell Street.

This included recordings made by the:

Victor Record Co.
Columbia Record Co.
Orient Record Co.
Taihee Record Co.
Godo Record Co.
Tokyo Record Co.

They have been declared by the owner at $1.00 each.

There is, of course, no point in our including these in our regular auctions as there would be no Japanese demand for same here in Vancouver. I am not aware of any regulation which would not permit the shipment of these and other records to the owners and neither has Superintendent C. K. Gray of the R.C.M.P., to whom I referred this matter.

In order to classify these records into such categories as:

a) Classical and Folk Lore pieces
b) Marches - provided they are not patriotic marches
c) Military bands
d) Koto and Shakuhachi pieces
e) Renderings of European opera and songs by vocalists such as Fukiwara (tenor) and Sekiya (Soprano).

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NO. 5901 | NAME Japanese Prisoner of War Recordings.

Transcript Nos. Progressive Nos. J-86, J-143

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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we would require to employ a Japanese to interpret the titles on these records. We gather that the inquiry which you have was made for the purpose of radio transmission from Australia to Japan. It is our understanding that short wave receiving sets are prohibited for use in Japan.

We thought that you might wish to pass on the information so far given you to the Department of External Affairs, but in any case, we will await your reaction to this matter and then act upon any definite advice you give us as to how we should further proceed.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/MHG

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Seized Jap. Properties files J-86, J-143

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

August 14, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Your letter of August 11th in reply to Miss Carroll's message of August 5th, relative to Japanese recordings on hand in Vancouver, has been received.

Unless the Department of External Affairs expropriates the recordings we have on hand for the war effort, I believe it will be necessary to follow the usual practice established at your office for the disposal of same.

There would appear to be no use in going ahead with this matter at the present time until we have a complete list of the classes of music contained on the records on hand and if possible have the appraised value covering the lot you have. As soon as you can supply this information we will take the matter up further with the Department of External Affairs and advise you further.

Yours very truly,

A. H. Mathieu
Assistant Deputy Custodian

AHM/FC.

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

August 11th, 1944

Miss F. Carroll,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Re: Japanese Recordings

Dear Miss Carroll:

Referring to your letter of the 5th instant I find that we have a number of Japanese records in our storage, possibly about one hundred. I will have these located and see what type of record they consist of.

Your remark that Mr. McPherson was under the impression that if there were such records they would be taken over by the R.C.M.P. would indicate that records were among prohibited articles. Radios of course were but I was not aware that gramophones and records would be so classed.

Your advice as to where and how you would wish these records shipped would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

F G Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/MHG

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Dr. McPherson's files V-86, V-143

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings. Formerly Pro. Protection files J-86, J-143

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

August 5, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Japanese Recordings

Would you please let me know if you have any information concerning the matter mentioned in the attached copy of a letter from External Affairs. Mr. McPherson was of the impression that if there were any such records they would have been taken over by the R.C.M. Police.

Yours very truly,

FC. Miss F. Carroll

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films + Recordings.
Formerly Pro. Protections files J-86, J-143

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CANADA

REPLY TO BE ADDRESSED TO:
THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
OTTAWA

Ottawa, August 2, 1944

TO: The Custodian of Enemy Property, Victoria Building,
O'Connor Street, Ottawa.

Attention: Miss F.C. Carroll

For purposes of radio transmission from Australia to Japan, the Australian authorities would like to procure as many recordings as possible of Japanese music. It is thought that a number of records might have been confiscated at the time of the removal of the Japanese from the Canadian West Coast, and it would be much appreciated if you could ascertain from your Vancouver office whether any of the following types of records would be available:

(a) Classical and Folk Lore pieces

(b) Marches - provided they are not patriotic marches

(c) Military bands

(d) Koto and Shakuhachi pieces

(e) Renderings of European opera and songs by vocalists such as Fukiwara (tenor) and Sekiya (soprano)

This list is not intended to be precise and a few pieces outside its range would also be welcomed.

Under-Secretary of State
for External Affairs.

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Pro. Protection files J-86, J-143

Your Reference -
H.Q.S. 6265-85 F.D. 4
(M.I. 3 (a)1)

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

March 31, 1945.

H. DesRosiers, Esq.,
Deputy Minister (Army),
Department of National Defence,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: K. Nagao and Japanese Films

I have your letter of March 15th and have now been advised by the Custodian's Vancouver office that these films were left in the Nagao house and were turned over to the R.C.M. Police by Mr. Roper, the present tenant, as stated in your letter.

There, therefore, appears to be no doubt that the films vested in the Custodian as property left in the Protected Area by an evacuee, and the Custodian, as the vested owner of the films, is pleased to authorize the use of same by your Department in the interests of Canada's war effort.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

VIA AIR MAIL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

29th March, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Mrs. K. Nagao

Referring to your letter of March 20th in which you make enquiries regarding some 16 mm. motion picture films now in the possession of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Our files indicate that Mrs. Nagao declared ownership to their house on 27th Road, near 14th Avenue, Haney, and a brief list of furniture and farming equipment was declared.

Mrs. Nagao was evacuated as was also her husband in September 1942 and the premises were first inspected by our field men on September 29th. The keys of the house had been left with a neighbour. A complete inventory was taken but no films appear on our list.

The premises were leased to Mr. Roper on November 1st, 1942. It appears that Mr. Roper in changing the interior of the premises had taken down a petition boarded up under the stairs and had found the films and turned them over to the R.C.M.P. As a consequence of this, about a month ago some Army Intelligence Officers called upon him asking for details in regard to these Japanese and he in turn referred them to this office.

From the above facts it would appear that these films vested in the Custodian as they were actually left in the protected area by the Japanese.

We trust this is the information you require.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Dr. Inspector's files J-86, J-143

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings. Formerly Pro. Properties files V-86, J-143

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

March 20, 1945.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: K. Nagao & Mr. Roper

I am advised that Mr. Roper occupies a house rented from the Custodian on 27th Road, near 14th Avenue, Haney, B.C., formerly the home of K. Nagao.

When Mr. Roper took over the house he found ten 16mm motion picture films which were Japanese propaganda, and apparently he turned them over to the R.C.M.P. In any event they are now in the possession of the Department of National Defence, Army, and the Army wishes to use them but wants the Custodian to state that he will protect them against all liability.

The only thing I want to determine is that the films were actually left in the Protected Area by the Japanese and have, therefore, vested in the Custodian, so that he will have the legal right to give the Department of National Defence authority to use the films.

Will you please advise me of what information you can obtain in this regard.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant

GWMcP/FC.

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Quote No. H.Q.S. 6265-85 F.D. 4
(M.I. 3 (a)1)

CANADA

Department of National Defence

Ottawa, Canada.

15th March, 1945.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Department of the Secretary of State,
7 O'Connor Street,
O T T A W A.

Attention: Mr. G. W. McPherson

Dear Sir:

Reference telephone conversation of recent date, Mr. G. W. McPherson - Lieut. C. Thomas, Directorate of Military Intelligence, re Japanese Films.

This Directorate is now in possession of ten (10) 16mm motion picture films which appear to have been produced in Japan, and depict Japanese military propaganda subjects of the China Incident 1937 to 1939.

The films in question, were reported to have been found by Mr. Roper, 27th Road, near 14th Avenue, Haney, B.C., in a house rented from the Custodian of Enemy Property, and said to have been formerly occupied by a Japanese named K. Nagao.

R.C.M.P. have been advised of this matter for any action they may deem necessary.

The Japanese Language School of the Canadian Army have requested that these films be released to them for training purposes. Before consideration of this request, authority for such use is requested. The Department of National Defence does not wish to assume any liability, or become subject to any claim on the part of the former owner of the films.

May we have your advise on this matter, please.

Yours very truly,

H. DesRosiers

(H. DesRosiers),
Deputy Minister (Army)

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NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Pro. Properties files J- 86, J-143

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

15th March, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Re: Taira YASUNAKA.

On the 14th January you asked for information in regard to any films concerning Japan, Pacific countries or islands. We advised you that we had no record of any such films.

It has since been drawn to my attention that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were holding six films belonging to the above and as a result of my enquiry the enclosed is a copy of a reply received from them.

I presume that you will not be interested further.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

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Formerly Mr. McPherson's files J-86, J-143

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Formerly Mr. Professor's files V-86, V-143

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

"E" Division

Vancouver, B.C.
March 14th, 1944.

Div. File No.935-653

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
Director, Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Taira YASUNAKA
Vancouver, B.C.

Reference is made to your communication of March 13th, 1944, in connection with the above named. This man is JR/06055 and was manager of Pacific Importers, 175 Water Street, Vancouver, B.C., prior to the evacuation of Orientals from this Protected Area. He is at present residing at 5780 Arlington Street, Montreal, P.Q., and before leaving here, as was required by regulation, surrendered his camera and photographic equipment, which, according to our records, were turned over to your Mr. Spain in 1944. At the same time as he surrendered this photographic equipment, he also surrendered six rolls of 8 mm. film. This film was surrendered to our Cst. Miles and turned into the Intelligence Office for investigation. We have checked the films at Joint Service Headquarters in company with Intelligence Officers of the R.C.A.F and Canadian Army and find they are scenes as follows:

Seattle.
Mt. Baker.
Victoria.
Views from Mayne Island.
Portland.
Sacramento.
Portions of the Pacific Highway.
Fresno.
The Oil Fields at Long Beach.
Friffith Park.
Treasure Island in San Francisco.
Subject's home in Vancouver.
Stanley Park.
University of British Columbia.
Pier "D" - C.P.R. Fire.
Portions of the King and Queen's Visit to this city.
Boys Scout Camp.
Boys Scout sports.

NO. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Formerly Dr. Mayrand's files V-86, V-143

Felix the cat.
Trip to the Orient.
Vancouver Harbour.
Scenes of Korea.
Scenes in Manchuria.
Scenes in China.
Pottery Making in Tajima.
Beppu.
Mt. Aso.
Koshiyen.
Tokyo.
Port of Yokohama.
Osaka.
Kyoto.
Biwako Meguri.
Hokkaido.
Tatsushima.

2. The films showing the Pacific Highway and scenes of cities on the west coast are of no value. The film showing scenes in the Orient is very mediocre. It is dull and there is nothing shown of military importance according to the Army and other Intelligence Officers who viewed this film with us.

3. The films in question are being held at this office and although they are apparently of no value, if your Headquarters at Ottawa is interested in them, I shall be pleased to hand them over to you.

Yours truly,

(signed) C.K. Gray.

(C.K. Gray) Supt.
O.C. "E" Division.

JKB/JW

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

18th January, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. McPherson:

Replying to yours of the 14th instant I have enquired from Mr. Green and others in the office and the only knowledge we have of Japanese films coming into our possession is in connection with Kichiro NARUISHI.

He described himself on his declaration as an Itinerant Movie Operator. The only items he declared were:

1 Suit case
1 Movie Projector (16 mm)
1 Carton containing 16 m.m. films
1 Package containing 16 m.m. films
1 Metal box containing about 5 empty reels.

On October 23rd he requested that these items, which were stored at the Japanese Catholic Mission at 385 East Cordova Street, be shipped to Mrs. Matsu Handa at Greenwood.

On December 28th the British Columbia Security Commission requested the release and shipment of these goods to Mrs. Matsu Handa P.O. Box 562, Greenwood, B.C. and they have been forwarded.

We have no knowledge of the subject matter of these films.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings. Property Mr. Naruishi's files V-86, V-143

No. 59011 NAME Japanese Films & Recordings.
Summary Prs. Projections files 1- 86, 1-143

Victoria Building, 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, January 14th, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Shears:-

Will you please advise me as to whether or not you have any record of any Japanese film ever having been seized in Vancouver? I would be particularly interested in films of Japan, Pacific countries or islands.

Yours very truly,

G. W. McPherson
Executive Assistant.

GWMcP/AF

P.S. We are particularly anxious to hear about Mr. Russell.