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December 31st, 1942.

A. MacNamara, Esq.,
Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
O T T A W A, Ontario.

Re: Proposed Advisory Committee.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I have not written to you relative to the suggested personnel of the Commission due to the fact that Mr. Shirras was on official business in the northern part of the Province and has just recently returned.

Mr. Taylor, Mr. Shirras and Doctor Hodgins have discussed all the various phases of the Japanese problem with me and I am personally convinced that they have a personal interest in the future of this program and are prepared to give freely of their time and advice with the one exception, namely, that they think it is unwise to have two Japanese Canadians sitting in the body of the Commission when matters of policy etc., are being discussed. Apparently in the Commission, as formerly constituted, each of these men felt free to criticise or disagree with the opinions of the other members. I think it is true that after due consideration, they each fell into line with the advice of the majority of the members. They do not feel that this is possible with two Japanese representatives sitting in when matters of policy, etc., are being considered.

However, these gentlemen are prepared to have the Japanese elect two and possibly the Government appoint one or two Japanese who will be looked upon as the official spokesmen for all Japanese. These men would be

given freedom to come to the City with their expenses paid at prearranged intervals and make presentations on behalf of all the Japanese to the Commission. Any decisions of the Commission would, in turn, be related to the Japanese through this group. From what little I have learned of the Japanese, I am inclined to concur in these views.

In regard to the appointment of Mr. Mead or Colonel Hill, they feel that Mr. Mead should be a member of the Commission and represented at these discussions by Colonel Hill with sufficient authority to represent him.

With reference to the nominee of the British Columbia Government, it has been suggested that Mr. R.L. Maitland, present Attorney-General, who is responsible for law enforcement for the Province of British Columbia, would be a logical choice. This is further substantiated by the fact that Commissioner Shirras is directly responsible to him and if, for any reason, Mr. Maitland was unable to attend a meeting of the Commission, it would be assumed that Mr. Shirras was entirely free to relay any or all of the discussion and evidence which would lead up to any decisions of the Commission.

It is also presumed that the nominee of the Labour Department refers to your Department rather than the Provincial Department of Labour.

Mr. Taylor has again brought up the question as to when the Advisory Board consisting of some twenty members is to be dissolved and a letter of appreciation from the Honourable Prime Minister forwarded to them.

The above is submitted to you for your consideration and further advice.

Yours very truly,

George Collins,
General Supervisor.

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MEMORANDUM OF RECOMMENDATIONS INTRODUCED

by the

B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION ADVISORY BOARD.

The B.C. Security Commission Advisory Board met in the office of the Vice-Chairman, 360 Homer Street, Vancouver, B.C., at 11.00 a.m. Friday, November 5th, 1943.

In attendance:

Mr. C.C. Collins, Vice-Chairman.
Mr. A.C. Taylor
Colonel F.J. Mead
Colonel C.H. Hill
Assistant Commissioner J. Shirras
Doctor Lyall Hodgins
Mr. W.A. Eastwood.

1. It was decided that there would be no verbatim minutes kept of the meeting, but that there should be a record of suggestions and recommendations made. This record to be referred back to the members of the Advisory Board for correction and approval before being certified and set up in the files of the Commission.

2. It was recommended that a report be completed at the earliest possible moment of the net per capita cost to the Government of Japanese in each of the projects, such record to give full credit for recoverable items, including sale of Commission products and store profits, but excluding transportation and affiliated costs of "East of Rockies" placements.

3. It was recommended that the existing regulations, under Order-in-Council P.C. 946, be reviewed and those that are not applicable to the situation as we see it today be removed. This programme to be handled by Commissioner Collins, in collaboration with Colonel Hill.

4. It was decided that the Commission would not question decisions made by the R.C.M.P. in the East in respect to the release of certain Japanese individuals from Internment Camp at Angler, Ontario. For example, if it had been recommended that a certain Japanese, because of physical deficiencies, should be admitted to our interior housings for hospitalization, we should arrange to have that Japanese brought back to B.C. and send him into the housing where his particular condition could best be taken care of. If that Japanese should be cured, he would be permitted to join his family, wherever they might be, and there would be no question of his returning to Angler, the thought being that any cost to us of hospitalizing a Japanese in any of our interior towns would be far exceeded by the cost to the Government if he were hospitalized in the Internment Camp or any other of the large military hospitals in the East. The R.C.M.P. would accept the responsibility for making a thorough investigation before any recommendation was made.

5. It was recommended that a very close and careful study be made of a segregation programme policy to remove to one camp those Japanese who represent potential repatriates, which would include any Japanese who, it was felt, could not be assimilated into the Canadian democracy after the war, and who could well be removed from the country. Colonel Mead pointed out that a programme of this nature was being developed in the East between Ottawa and Washington, D.C., in order that there would be a co-ordination of programme and policy as between Canada and the United States.

The Commission members requested that they be given the opportunity to study any such recommendation which might be presented to the Federal Government.

GEORGE COLLINS,
Vice-Chairman.

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MEMORANDUM

Dear George:

I hope you had a good trip and saw all the people enroute, including Pipher at Schreiber.

I enclose copy of proposed set-up of the new Advisory Commission, for your consideration and suggestions.

The former B.C.Security Commission Advisory Board of about 20 persons is being dissolved shortly, and thanked for their services by the Minister.

Send us official word when you have had a chance to look around at the Marine Building.

H. H. Pammett.

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10. Nominee of Labour Department (Educational Committee?)

11.) Two Japanese-Canadians elected
) by vote of all Japanese under
12.) control of B.C. Sec. Commission.

(Quorum of 5 members suggested)

H. T. Pammett.

Mrs Percy Scurrah

19 King George Terrace,
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(George W. Nickerson, Prince Rupert, B.C., - Resigned)

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PROPOSED ADVISORY COMMISSION ON JAPANESE EVACUATION AND REALLOCATION.

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Vice-Chairman: 2. Mr. George Collins, General Supervisor.

Members
3. Mr. Austin C. Taylor.
4. Asst. Comm. Mead or Hill (Security Committee)
5. Comm. J. Shirras of B. C. Police ?
6. Dr. Lyall Hodgins (Maintenance Committee)
7. Nominee of Sec'y of State (Alien Property Committee)
8. Nominee of External Affairs (Alien Affairs Committee)
9. Nominee of B.C. Government. R.L. Maitland Lt. Gov.
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CANADA

Ottawa, February 4, 1943.

Mr. Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman,
British Columbia Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Taylor,-

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters of January 26 and 28 and would say that I cordially agree with you that letters of appreciation should be written to the persons who assisted the British Columbia Security Commission in Japanese evacuation since last March.

I am deferring these letter, however, until the new Order in Council concerning the organization of the British Columbia Security Commission has been dealt with, which should be within the next week. Certain of the individuals mentioned in your list may be asked to serve on the new Advisory Board and I would like to mentioned this when writing to them.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

A. MacNamara,
Deputy Minister.

Revelstoke, B. C.

Mrs Percy Scurrah — 19 King George Terrace, Victoria, B. C.

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(George W. Nickerson, Prince Rupert, B.C., - Resigned)

December 10th, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Associate Deputy Minister,
Department of Labour,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

I am enclosing a list of the members of our Advisory Board with their addresses.

I think it is time now that this Board be dissolved, and a complimentary letter sent to each person. I do not believe Mr. Collins should be handicapped with this responsibility, therefore a letter from you or the Minister should be forwarded to them advising them that their services are no longer required.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor
Chairman.

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November 18th, 1942.

Memorandum to:-
Mr.Austin C.Taylor,
Mr. A. Eastwood,
Miss Amy Leigh.

The following resolutions were passed at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting held Friday, November 13th, 1942.

"Whereas many of these Japanese families will be unable to pay anything for dentistry, hospitalization and medical and surgical fees, it is recommended that whenever they are working they be charged a nominal sum per month which would roughly cover the cost, would not impair the Japanese morale, and would make the bookkeeping and administration much simpler."

"It is recommended that the Commission Hospitals be open to any white person in the area, at Workmen's Compensation rates, i.e. the rate as established by Commission contracts with other general hospitals, $3.00 per day."

It is suggested that you consider these two propositions and that they be not implemented until they are discussed further with the undersigned.

Lyall Hodgins, M.D.
Chairman,
Medical Advisory Committee.

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basic rate for the Japanese than that given [illegible]
civilians or Ex-service men. He would suggest that the Committee accept these basic rates on the understanding that in administering them they would use them as a basis

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Ottawa, October 19, 1942.

Dr. C. L. Hodgins, Chairman
Maintenance Advisory Committee
British Columbia Security Commission
710 Seymour Street
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Dr. Hodgins:-

I have read carefully your letter of the 15th instant enclosing minutes of the first two meetings of the Maintenance Advisory Committee, and I think your committee has got off to a flying start.

I agree with most of your resolutions, especially the sensible suggestion that old age pensions and other Government allowances for the Japanese be distributed through the Treasury Department of the British Columbia Security Commission, and proportionate reductions in Maintenance made. I am forwarding this proposal through the Chief Treasury Officer to the departments concerned.

I have come to the conclusion, however, after consultation, that we should give more consideration to the idea of examining and confiscating bank accounts of Japanese for Maintenance purposes. Such a step might have serious international repercussions upon Canadian investments in Japanese-occupied territory. Then, too, most of the Canadian-born and naturalized Japanese have been evacuated due to the war emergency, not through any inherent fault of their own, and it does not seem quite British justice to penalize them by seizing their life savings, which they may need to rehabilitate themselves after the war, wherever they may be.

As regards the international situation upon Maintenance relief, I shall endeavor to find out from the Department of External Affairs and let you know later. Meanwhile, if we adhere to the two general principles enunciated toward the end of your letter, and use common sense in their application, we will not go far astray.

Yours very truly,

"A. MacNamara"

Associate Deputy Minister
(A. MacNamara)

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Relief Department,
October 6th, 1942.

J. A. Tyrwhitt, Esq.,
Executive Assistant,
British Columbia Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Tyrwhitt:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd inst., I wish to advise that the minutes of the second meeting of the Maintenance Advisory Committee of the B. C. Security Commission attached thereto appear to be in order and in conformity with the wishes of the Committee.

I would at this time reiterate my suggestions made verbally at both meetings held by the Advisory Committee, that, in the matter of supplementation, the field supervisors be instructed to exercise great care in supplementing the basic Provincial Unemployable relief scale, and then, only after investigation and where extenuating circumstances prevail.

Yours truly,

E. L. Rimmer,
Relief Officer.
(Rural Representative.)

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basic rate for the Japanese than that given [illegible]
civilians or Ex-service men. He would suggest that the Committee accept these basic rates on the understanding that in administering them they would use them as a basis

The second Meeting of the Maintenance Advisory Committee to the B.C. Security Commission, was held Tuesday, 29th September, 1942, at 1021 Marine Building, at 10.30 a.m.

Present:	Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins -	Chairman
	Mr. C.W. Lundy	Provincial Representative, Unemployment Relief Branch.
	Mr. E.L. Rimmer	Rural Municipalities Representative, Unemployment Relief Branch.
	Mr. George Derby	District Administrator, Department of Pensions.
	Miss Amy Leigh	Supervisor, Welfare Department, B.C. Security Commission.
	Miss Martha Moscrop	Field Supervisor, Welfare Department, B.C.S.C.
	Mr. J.A. Tyrwhitt	Executive Assistant, B.C.S.C.
Also:	Colonel Endicott	Unemployment Relief Branch, Vancouver. Present at the request of Mr. Griffiths.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were adopted as read, with the following reservation:

> "That it is the opinion of the Department of External Affairs, and this Committee agrees with them, that the Japanese have no legal right to ask for internment."

The Chairman explained that if a Japanese refused to go to the point to which he had been ordered by the Commission, then he would be interned, and in this way he was able to obtain internment if he wished it. From the Commission's viewpoint he had to be interned because he had refused to obey the order of the Commission.

MAINTENANCE RATES.

Mr. Derby said that certain basic Maintenance rates had been laid down by the Province, and it would be very dangerous to accept as a policy any higher basic rate for the Japanese than that given to any other civilians or Ex-service men. He would suggest that the Committee accept these basic rates on the understanding that in administering them they would use them as a basis

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to be supplemented or taken from as the need arose in any particular case. The public could then be told that the Committee had accepted the same rates as the Province.

> AGREED that the prevailing British Columbia Provincial Public Assistance rates for food be accepted as the basic rate for the Japanese. This will be supplemented or taken from after due investigation of the individual case.

The Chairman asked Mr. Derby to define what he meant by 'supplementation.'

Mr. Derby replied that it was difficult to give an explicit definition, as the degree of supplementation necessary would be based on the community and the cost of living.

> AGREED that after full investigation to prove the need for supplementation, the Commission will have power to grant an increase in accordance with figures obtained from the Bureau of Economics and Statistics of the Provincial Department of Trade and Industry, showing the variation in food costs in the towns affected, using Vancouver food costs as a base.

The Committee then discussed the following questions:

1. Some of the Japanese are in receipt of Public Assistance, i.e., Old Age Pensions, Military Pensions, Workmen's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance and Mothers' Allowances. Should these be discontinued in favour of straight maintenance?

The Chairman explained that the method of handling of these payments should be through the Dominion Treasury Department Office of the B.C. Security Commission. In other words, any cheques from the above-mentioned departments should be sent to the Commission Treasury Department for distribution to the Japanese. Arrangements were at present being completed to have the Custodian's Department

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send all cheques (covering rentals, income, sales etc.,) to the Treasury Department of the Commission for distribution. In this way the Commission would be conversant with the amount of monies the Japanese would be receiving, and would therefore be able to refrain from giving any Maintenance allowance until such funds were exhausted, on the basis of expenditure as controlled by the Commission Maintenance schedule. It was recommended that if possible all monies as covered by the above, be passed on through the Treasury Department of the Commission. The intention of the above recommendation was simply to have the different departments issue their cheques in the name of the Japanese, but instead of being sent directly, these cheques would be distributed by the Commission.

2. Are the Custodian's Records to be consulted, and the findings used?

AGREED that the Commission reserve the right to consult the Custodian's records in all cases applying for Maintenance.

3. Are Savings exempt regardless of amount?

Mr. Derby said that in his opinion all savings should be taken into account when arriving at the amount to be paid, and action taken at the discretion of the Commission.

The Chairman said that this was a very important point. Many of these people were Canadian citizens, and the question was whether it was right that they should spend all their savings, accumulated through the years, before being granted Maintenance.

Mr. Derby replied that he could see no reason why these people should be treated any differently to any other indigents. They should be definitely indigent before being given Maintenance. It was therefore . . .

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AGREED that Maintenance be granted only in cases where indigence can be proved.

The Chairman said that the Americans are treating their Japanese much better than the Canadians are, which will involve the Commission with the Spanish Consul-General if care is not taken.

Mr. Derby stated that his impression, after his visit to Ottawa, was that the Commission would give no Maintenance until the people were completely indigent.

The Chairman said that so far not many of the Japanese were on Maintenance, but with the coming winter many more of them would require relief, and this was the problem facing the Commission. It was very important to find out more from Washington as to how these people are being treated in the States, as they must be treated no differently in Canada.

Miss Leigh mentioned the difficulties experienced by the Welfare Department in dealing with individuals requiring special consideration, as in the case of a T.B. patient who needed extra milk. These problems could not be solved until a definite policy had been laid down by the Committee.

The Chairman replied that it was taken for granted that cases of this nature received what they needed.

AGREED that the method of applying a Means Test to all applicants for Maintenance be inaugurated and the results of this reported to the Committee at a later date. This will be brought into effect at the earliest possible moment, when staff is available.

In closing the Meeting the Chairman said that all recommendations of the Committee covered one

important point - that notwithstanding the many phases of administration, the Japanese people must have sufficient to eat.

It was moved by Mr. Tyrwhitt and seconded by Mr. Derby:

> "That a resolution be sent to Mr. MacNamara that the present Committee continue to function."

There being no further business, the Meeting adjourned at 12.15 p.m.

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The first meeting of the Maintenance Advisory Committee to the B.C. Security Commission, was held Monday, September 14th, 1942, at 725 Marine Building, at 10.00 a.m.

Present:	Dr. G. Lyall Hodgins	- Chairman
	Mr. C.W. Lundy	Provincial representative, Unemployment Relief Branch.
	Mr. E.L. Rimmer	Rural Municiaplities representative.
	Miss Amy Leigh	Supervisor, Welfare Dept., B.C. Security Commission.
	Mr. J.A. Tyrwhitt	Executive Assistant, B.C.S.C.

The Chairman opened the meeting with general remarks designed to give Mr. Lundy and Mr. Rimmer an idea of the position of the Commission with regard to Maintenance, and the work done in this connection so far. It was agreed to await the return of Mr. Derby from Ottawa before deciding on any course of action with regard to the Maintenance of Japanese evacuees.

The Chairman explained that the Commission had to be extremely careful in its treatment of Japanese, for fear of reprisals against our own nationals in the Far East. The problem must be regarded from an international viewpoint, instead of from the usual relief viewpoint. The Japanese should be considered as civilian internees, and therefore wards of the Government, rather than relief recipients. Mr. Pedro Swartz, the Spanish Consul-General, after his tour of the Interior settlements, had made the criticism that the scale of Maintenance was slightly too low. Criticisms of this nature must be avoided, as their repercussions in the Far East would be out of all proportion.

Mr. Tyrwhitt said that an important point that should be borne in mind was that the Commission had no power to compel the Japanese to work and support themselves, and that the Japanese had the right to ask to

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be interned. The cost of internment to the Dominion Government was $500.00 per head, per year. This could become a very expensive proposition, besides a serious problem, if many Japanese applied for internment, and it was therefore imperative that the Maintenance allowance be adequate. Mr. Tyrwhitt pointed out that the Maintenance rate would decrease as time went on, as most of the Japanese would be growing their own vegetables, the surplus of which the Commission would buy from them, thereby doubly reducing their cost of living and their Maintenance allowance.

Mr. Lundy enquired at which points the Japanese are growing their own vegetables and was informed that this will eventually be the case in all the settlements.

The Chairman suggested that the discussion should be divided into two parts, (a) Maintenance, and (b) Policy in view of the International Situation, and that the Committee should endeavour to obtain information and reach an agreement on both points. He thought that they should find out how the Americans are treating their problem, and enquire of the Department of External Affairs at Ottawa how Germany and Japan are treating, and have treated, people in similar circumstances.

Mr. Rimmer enquired if the situation caused by the inadequate scale of Maintenance was general amongst the Japanese, and was informed by the Chairman that this was by no means the case as many of these people were employed on the Commission construction programme etc., and only a small minority were unable to assist themselves. Later the number employed would be considerably reduced.

Miss Leigh stated that she intended to go to Greenwood, using that point as a basis for her report, and make a thorough investigation of the situation, and to determine if the present scale of Maintenance was high

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enough. Japanese psychology had to be considered in this connection.

The Chairman stressed the point that the Japanese evacuees would be able to put any amount of pressure to bear, through the Neutral Powers, if they felt that they were being unfairly treated.

It was moved by Mr. Lundy and seconded by Mr. Tyrwhitt:-

> "That the Committee immediately write to Mr. MacNamara to obtain a full and authoritative report on all conditions, especially from an international viewpoint." CARRIED.

To save time it was agreed that Mr. Derby be contacted by telephone in Ottawa and asked to see Mr. MacNamara and present the problem to him.

It was the opinion of the Chairman that an investigation into the means of a Japanese be made through the Custodian of Alien Property, before Maintenance is authorised. He stated that the Commission intends to make the Japanese supplement their incomes in every possible way.

It was agreed that some policy should be decided on as soon as possible, to give the Japanese some feeling of security, as this winter would be the most difficult time. The Chairman said that all information would be obtained from Ottawa and a policy settled before the next meeting.

Mr. Lundy thought that the decision of a policy with regard to Maintenance rested with the Dominion Government.

It was agreed that the Chairman should contact the Committee after information had been received from Ottawa, and on Miss Leigh's return from Greenwood.

The Meeting then adjourned at twelve o'clock noon.

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Ottawa,
August 24, 1942.

AIR MAIL:

Mr. Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B.C. Security Commission,
Marine Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

In connection with your letter of August 20th in regard to meeting the Advisory Board, I would say your judgement as to this would be much more valuable than mine because you are closer to the problem.

It does seem to me that the Advisory Board should not be overlooked and that you can best keep them from a critical attitude by meeting them as frequently as possible.

As to the placement chart, there is the possibility that presentation of these details to the Advisory Board and later publication in the Press may bring about public criticism from those interested in certain localities. Some of the Dominion Officials, for example, are not too sure in regard to the "14 Mile Ranch".

My judgement, for what it is worth, is that the Board should be brought together but that details which might react against you should be avoided; further if I were you I would ask our friend Mead to be on hand.

Yours very truly,

A. MacNamara

Associate Deputy Minister
(A. MacNamara)

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AIR MAIL

August 20, 1942.

Mr. A. MacNamara,
Assoc. Deputy Minister of Labour,
OTTAWA, CANADA.

Dear Mr. MacNamara:

As we have not held an Advisory Board meeting for some time I am of the opinion we should do so in the near future more especially that our plans are now concrete, and we can give the members satisfactory answers to our problems.

I also believe this will have a very good effect on the public at large as the information could be made available to the Press afterwards, which will help to put a stop to further criticism.

At this meeting I would like to present them with the placement chart I sent you, dated August 18th.

Yours sincerely,

Austin C. Taylor,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission.

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c. c. Commissioner Mead:

Would appreciate your having MacNamara approve the above or authorize you to advise us to proceed accordingly.

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August 12, 1942.

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,
Marine Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Mrs. Scurrah, one of the Committee, was in to see me yesterday, and she seemed to think that the Committee should be called together again.

She feels that there are one hundred and seventy-five Japanese still around Vancouver, and this causes an uneasy feeling.

I advised her that I was not prepared to suggest the calling of the Committee, but that I thought your Commission would have no objection to issuing a report to the Committee members, giving them the situation to date.

I can see no good object in calling the Committee together if this information can be given in this form.

Yours very truly,

Attorney-General.

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To The Chairman

Subject: ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The following members of the Advisory Board have indicated that they will attend the Meeting:-

Hon. R.L. Maitland
Hon. George Pearson
Mr. Winch
Captain Robinson
General J.A. Clark
Mr. R.H.B. Ker
Mr. J.J. McKinnon
Mr. R.G. Rutherford
Captain T.M. Harnett
Mr. A.D. Darlington
Mr. Birt Showler
Mrs. Percy Scurrah
Mr. G.W. Nickerson

Mr. G.W. MacPherson will also attend.

Mrs. Sutherland begs to be excused on account of pressure of business.

Grant MacNeil.

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April 9th 1942.

Mr. Fred Howlett,
City Clerk,
City Hall, Vancouver.

Dear Mr. Howlett:

Your letter April 8th. I note the resolution passed by the City Council suggesting that this Council be represented on our Commission. As far as the Commission is concerned we would be very happy to have a nominee from the City of Vancouver on our Advisory Board but in this connection I have to advise that by Order in Council the Commission is limited to three and the Advisory Board limited to twenty.

Until such time as there is a vacancy or the Honorable Mr. Humphrey Mitchell cares to create one very little can be done regarding your request.

I am forwarding copy of this letter to Mr. MacNamara, Associate Deputy Minister of Labor.

Youre very truly,

Austin C. Taylor
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission

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Copy to:
Mr. A. MacNamara,
Associate Deputy Minister of Labor,
Ottawa, Ontario.

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TELEPHONE FAIRMONT 2711

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Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman, British Columbia
Security Commission,
1130 Marine Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to notify you of the following resolution adopted by the City Council on the 8th instant:

"That the Vancouver City Council offers its co-operation to the British Columbia Security Commission in expediting the removal of all Japanese from the designated protected area, with the suggestion that the Council would appreciate representation on the Commission if, in the opinion of the Commission, such representation would be of assistance."

Yours faithfully,

Fred Howlett

CITY CLERK.

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ADVISORY BOARD

Name	Address for Mail	Bus. Phone	Home Phone
Hon. R.L. Maitland K.C.	626 West Pender	Pac. 7474	Bay. 4692
Hon. George Pearson	Parliament Bldgs., Victoria		
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Capt. M.C. Robinson	1101 West Broadway	BA 8841	KE 1171
Major James Hamilton	768 Seymour	MA 9171	KE 0200
Dr. Lyall Hodgins	710 Seymour	MA 0335	BA 1414
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J.G. Rutherford	Kelowna, B. C.		
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A.D. Darlington	179 West Pender	MA 3633	BA 2161-L
Birt Showler	529 Beatty	PA 4740	HI 5327
A.R. Morton	1329 East 15th Avenue		FA 2043-R
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March 11th, 1942

To: Austin C. Taylor, Esq., Chairman,
Ass't. Com'r. J.N. Mead, R.C.M. Police,
and Ass't. Com'r. Jno. Shirras, B.C. Police,
and Fellow Members of the Advisory Committee.
B.C. Security Commission,

Gentlemen:

Since my consultation with the Commission on Sunday, March 1st, 1942, I have been constantly engaged in study of the problems arising out of the order for removal of all Japanese from the Coastal area, particularly as ~~it~~ they affect the Okanagan Valley, and in efforts which might assist in the solution of those problems. I have also followed as carefully as possible the development of public opinion in the Valley. In these connections I have attended meetings at Kelowna, Summerland and Okanagan Mission and made personal investigations at Vernon.

The major factors involved are those of national defence, the economic aspect of migration of Japanese to the Okanagan Valley and the military security of the Valley.

I should like to make it very clear, in the first instance, that I have found no disposition in any part of the Valley to evade a proper share of responsibility for the national problem involved in the stupendous task of removing 23,000 Japanese from the Coast area for military reasons. The proud record of the Okanagan Valley in the matter of enlistment in the various armed services of the Crown and the magnificent response in the victory loan campaigns by an area which has not benefitted by the establishment therein of war industries, attest a loyalty and readiness to do their share which is unsurpassed elsewhere in Canada. The people of the Okanagan are not lacking, either, in appreciation of the difficulties with which the Commission is confronted. The readiness of the people to co-operate in this task is illustrated by the following telegram which was forwarded to Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Department of External Affairs at Ottawa, as a result of a meeting of the

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Kelowna Board of Trade held on January 14th, 1942, at which representatives were present from the Vegetable, Fruit Growing and Cannery interests:

> "It is the opinion of this meeting that all Japanese who may be removed from the Coast area should be placed in concentration camps on any government road project such as the Hope-Princeton road and let out under military guard to employers as required for work on orchards and farms, and that the authorities shall undertake to see that all these Japanese shall not be permitted to settle in the Okanagan Valley either during or after the war. Should government be considering move as indicated regarding camps, suggest representative of Labour Department be sent in here to investigate whole situation. Important that Japanese be not allowed to travel from Coast to Interior except under supervision. Please advise action government proposes to take on latter point. Same meeting also on record as being opposed to permitting Japanese to buy or lease land and provincial government is being so advised. These matters are of sufficient importance that we feel we should be advised on government action promptly. Understand that Interior Vegetable Board and B.C.F.G.A. will wire their endorsation of above."

But it should be clearly recognized that this is a national military problem and that, unless military necessity so demands, no part of Canada should be required to bear an undue share of the burden involved. Attached hereto is a schedule showing the distribution of Japanese in the Okanagan Valley at the time the special registration of Japanese was taken by the R.C.M.P. a few months ago. The total number then in the Valley was 750. It may be stated without fear of contradiction that, apart from certain coastal areas, no section of Canada has a Japanese population comparable to that which was already in the Okanagan Valley before December 7th last. It is submitted that on that state of facts any objections by the people of the Okanagan to further additions to its Japanese population merit very serious and understanding consideration.

The history of Japanese economic penetration is too well known to require expounding, particularly among those who have had bitter experience of it at the Coast. The Okanagan is determined that the experiences of the Coast shall not be repeated there. I am not exaggerating when I say that that determination has become stronger and has been expressed with increasing vigor due to the events of the past few weeks. The

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record of registration of Japanese Nationals at the Kelowna Postoffice showed the registration of 45 adult male Japanese during the month of February. The number of such registrations increased materially following the passing of the Order-in-Council requiring all Japanese to be removed from the Coastal area. During the six days March 2nd to 7th inclusive, they numbered 74 at Kelowna and during the five days, March 2nd to March 6th inclusive, they numbered 53 at Vernon. This figure does not include women, children, naturalized Japanese or Canadian Japanese, none of whom have been required to register. From this it will be seen that the actual increase in Japanese population has been considerable and the increase, should the wives and families, many of whom are still at the Coast, be permitted to follow them, would be very material and, in the view of the Okanagan, very serious, representing much more than a doubling of the Japanese population.

The action of the Commission taken last week-end in checking the flow of Japanese to the Okanagan Valley, following the extension of its powers under the Order-in-Council of March 4th, has brought a certain degree of relief to the Valley, but re-assurance is lacking that the infiltration is permanently checked. It would be definitely helpful could such re-assurance be given promptly. However, the problem of the existing influx of Japanese remains. I cannot too strongly emphasize that it is a serious one from the stand point of the Valley. There is clear recognition that such an addition of Japanese families as the influx would represent would in time result in a gradual elimination of the white man from the Okanagan. The action of the government in forbidding the purchase or lease of land or of interests in crops by Japanese, without permit, affords a much-needed protection, but the purpose of the restriction would be defeated in large measure if any latitude were allowed in the matter of permits. After consultation with the interests most directly involved it may be stated that there is a desire that permits be issued to permit of the continuance of crop sharing

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arrangements which have heretofore existed with local Japanese, but that no permits should be given which would extent such privileges to others. The suggestions which will be presented by me will indicate the view as to providing for needed temporary farm labour.

The economic aspect of the matter appeared to be very much to the fore at the representative public meeting which was held in Kelowna on March 5th last, attended by representatives from Enderby to Oliver, at which the following resolutions were passed:

1. "RESOLVED that all Japanese who have infiltrated into the Okanagan Valley since December 7th, 1941, be evacuated immediately."

2. "WHEREAS infiltration of Japanese nationals and Canadian born Japanese into the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, is assuming alarming proportions and, if not forthwith stopped, will create serious defence and economic problems in the Valley.

"AND WHEREAS representations have been made without success to the appropriate authorities by various groups and organizations with a view to remedying the situation referred to.

"NOW THEREFORE this meeting, representative of urban and agricultural interests throughout the Okanagan Valley, and expressing the united determination of all sections and interests in the Valley that its safety and our standard and way of living must be maintained, resolves that strong representations be made to the Government of Canada and the British Columbia Security Commission, deploring and protesting against the apathy of such authorities toward the dangers which confront this Valley and urging that the Okanagan Valley be forthwith declared to be a protected area and that it be provided that no further persons of the Japanese race be permitted to enter the Okanagan Valley."

3. "RESOLVED that this meeting approve the setting up of a permanent Okanagan Valley Security Committee to deal with all matters relating to Japanese and other enemy aliens in the Okanagan Valley and in particular to make such further representations and suggest such measures as may be deemed necessary or expedient, should such authorities fail to forthwith stop the entry of people of the Japanese race into this Valley. Such Committee to be initially composed of a member from the Board of Trade, the Municipal Council, the B.C.F.G.A., and the Veterans' Organization in each district in the Valley, and a representative of the Vegetable Growers' interests, such Committee to have power to add to its numbers, and the Kelowna Board of Trade be given authority to call a meeting of this body immediately."

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Following such meeting a body was formed by delegates of City and Municipal Councils, Boards of Trade, Canadian Legions, Vegetable Growers and B.C. Fruit Growers from Kamloops to Oliver, at a meeting held at Kelowna on Monday last, and at such meeting the following resolution was adopted:

> "WHEREAS all Japanese in whatever country and whether naturalized or not are considered by the Japanese Government as potential military forces,
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> WHEREAS this consideration renders all Japanese potentially dangerous,
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> WHEREAS the people of the Interior are now exercised at the uncontrolled migration of the Japanese from the Coast area, and if this continues public disorder is likely to follow,
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> NOW THEREFORE this meeting of delegates from Oliver, B. C., north to Kamloops, B. C. demands as follows:
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> That any further movement of Japanese into the Interior of B. C. cease unless under military guard, and all those who have migrated to the Interior since December 7th, be placed under military guard."

It may be observed that the resolution just quoted emphasizes particularly the aspect of defence and security. There can be no doubt that this phase of the matter is daily assuming graver importance in the minds of the people of the Okanagan Valley. The danger to lines of communication through the mountains, to power lines and to irrigation reservoirs is present in their minds. It is not so far from the sea that it might not readily be of only lesser direct concern to raiding or invading forces than the Coast itself. They feel that the Okanagan Valley is Canada's second line of western defence, and that as such the military factor is one in respect of which they are justified in urging consideration by those responsible for policy, and that it should be declared a protected area.

It is submitted that the viewpoint of the Okanagan Valley as outlined above is a reasonable one and one fully justified by the facts and that upon those facts they may justly urge that adequate remedial measures be promptly taken.

The need of prompt action is emphasized by one further factor in the situation. I have had increasingly clear and alarming indications of the manner in which public sentiment

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is being aroused and the heat of public sentiment is steadily rising. A mass meeting was held in Summerland on Wednesday night. A mass meeting is being held at East Kelowna this (Thursday) evening. Reliable advices have come to me of threats of arson. Anti-Japanese signs have been put up in many places. I am not an alarmist, but I say advisedly that unless the Okanagan situation is speedily remedied by assurance that no further Japanese will be permitted to enter and that those who have come into the Valley since Japan entered the war are removed, an explosion may be expected, and one which will involve also those Japanese who were previously in the Valley.

The revelations of Japanese atrocities, as made by Mr. Anthon y Eden, have only added to the public demand for definite action. As a solution to the problem -- a solution which I have every reason to believe would meet with almost universal approval -- I make the following proposals:

1. All Japanese who have come into the Okanagan-Kamloops area since the R.C.M.P. Japanese registration (when 750 in the Okanagan Valley) to be taken to camps outside the Okanagan-Kamloops area.

2. No Japanese to be allowed back into the Okanagan-Kamloops area unless need for temporary labour arises and then only on permit and under adequate control.

3. No permit to be given except after application for labour approved by Okanagan Valley and Main Line Security Committee, such permit to state number authorized and the place and period of employment.

4. No Japanese other than adult males to be allowed into the Okanagan-Kamloops area under any such permit, and all Japanese admitted to be returned to camps outside Okanagan-Kamloops area on expiration of time covered by the permit.

As the representative of the Okanagan Valley on the Advisory Board to the Commission, I recommend that the above proposals

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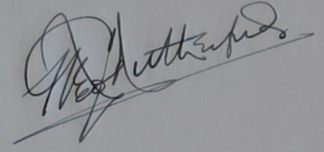
JAPANESE RESIDENTS IN KELOWNA AREA PRIOR TO DECEMBER 7th, 1941.

Place	Men	Women	Children	Total
Kelowna	181	95	149	425
Rutland	7	4	6	17
Westbank	11	4	7	22
Peachland	10	4	4	18
Summerland	31	30	25	76
Penticton	9	3	3	15
Okanagan Center	16	13	8	36
Vernon	56	32	53	141
	321	174	255	750

be adopted without delay. I would also recommend, both in the interests of security and as a safeguard against untoward incidents involving Japanese, that consideration be given to the imposition of appropriate restrictions such as curfew, limitation of use of cars and trucks and confiscation of radio receiving sets, on such Japanese as have been resident in the Valley and may be permitted to remain there.

This submission, based on careful study by myself and others of the Okanagan's problem and of public opinion there, is made with the sincere hope that it will contribute toward a solution of this important and extremely urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted.



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PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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June 4, 1942.

Austin C. Taylor, Esq.,
Chairman, B. C. Security Commission,
1130 Marine Bldg.,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

My dear Austin:

I have just returned from a trip to Kamloops where I heard all and sundry regarding the Japanese.

It seems to me that in the cities and towns they want them all put in camps of some kind, while in the unorganized districts there are a large number of farmers who want to use them. The situation, of course, is much aggravated by the Alaska raid, and it may lead to a general demand that they should all be under strict surveillance.

The difficulty which I see in places like Kamloops and other unorganized towns, is that they are afraid that after the War the Japanese are going to stay in these places. I don't know what could be said about this, but the Inspector at Kamloops thinks that if a general statement could be made to the effect that this is not so, it would have a very good effect upon various towns.

I spoke to the Kamloops Board of Trade last night, and told them that we must be patient, and that your Committee had the most difficult civilian task in Canada.

Yours faithfully,

Pat

Hon. R. L. Maitland, K.C.

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