September 26, 1951.

Mr. P. T. Baldwin, Chief,
Admission Division, Immigration Branch,
Department of Citizenship and Immigration,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Re Miss Ayako Kubodera, in Japan.

This is further to my letter of July 26th in which I requested information regarding Miss Kubodera and her father, Yeasaku Kubodera. In your reply of August 3rd you advised that there was insufficient information for you to verify the record of their entries. You also asked to be advised as to the purpose of the information, as it was considered confidential.

Since receiving your reply I have written to Miss Kubodera in Japan who informs me that she left Yokohama, Japan, on March 27, 1926, aboard Canadian Pacific S.S. Empress of Canada, and reached Vancouver, B.C., on April 3, 1926. At that time she was 17 years of age. It is likely that the ship's manifests will list her with her mother, Chikaye Kubodera, and a foster brother, Fujio Amemiya.

I am endeavouring to determine whether or not Miss Kubodera was considered a British subject and whether in this instance she travelled on a British passport. I wish to have this information in connection with the release of funds now held by the Custodian as "enemy funds" which were bequeathed to Miss Kubodera by her parents.

Yours very truly,

Kunio Hidaka.

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