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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

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FILE No. .....

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

May 31st, 1957.

F. G. Shears, Esquire,
4615 West 9th Avenue,
VANCOUVER 8, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Destruction of Japanese Records
in Vancouver, B.C.

Reference is made to your communication of October 1, 1956 recommending that authority be obtained to destroy records in the hands of Frederick Field and Company.

The matter was taken up with the Public Records Committee following receipt of your recommendation and for your information we attach copy of their letter dated February 6, 1957. Following receipt of Mr. Halliday's letter, we wrote to the Treasury Board and attach EXTRACT from the minutes of a meeting of the Honourable the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on May 15, 1957.

I have been asked by the Administration Board to request you to arrange for destruction of the records at the City Incinerator in Vancouver and to attend when same are destroyed and send us your official report when the task is completed. You may submit your account for services at the same time.

I think it would be advisable for you to have a representative from Mr. Field's office present when the records are destroyed and he should also submit a certificate as to the destruction of same.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

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PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE
CANADA

OTTAWA, February 6th, 1957.

E. Aprin, Esq.,
Vice Chairman of the Administration
Board and Comptroller,
Victoria Building,
7 O'Connor Street,
O t t a w a.

Dear Mr. Arpin:

The Public Records Committee has now considered your letter of October 18th, 1956, and the attached letter copy from F. G. Shears, Esq., concerning the disposition of records on the evacuation of Japanese residents of the west coast during World War II.

The Committee agreed,-

(a) that the records held by Frederick Field and Co. in Vancouver relating to the evacuation of Japanese residents of the west coast during World War II were of no further interest and could be destroyed immediately; and,

(b) that destruction at the City incinerator in Vancouver, as recommended, was suitable.

I assume you will now make the necessary submission to Treasury Board for authority to destroy these records.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed - W. E. D. Halliday)

W. E. D. Halliday,
Secretary,
Public Records Committee.

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EXTRACT FROM THE Minutes of a meeting of the Honourable Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on May 15, 1957.

T.B. 512910

SECRETARY OF STATE

(Custodian of Enemy Property)

The Board with the concurrence of the Public Records Committee, authorized the immediate distruction of records held by Frederick Field and Company, Vancouver, British Columbia, relating to the evacuation of Japanese residents of the West Coast during World War II.

"D. M. WATERS"

Secretary.

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October 11th. 1956.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
4615 West 9th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Destruction of Japanese records in Vancouver.

Your letter of 1st instant relative to destruction of records in the hands of Frederick Field & Company was submitted to the members of the Administration Board yesterday and we agreed that in view of your representations a recommendation to destroy the records should go forward to the Public Archives Committee.

The regulations provide that the above named Committee must approve destruction of records and I have no doubt that in due time they will approve our recommendation.

You might let Mr. Field know that the matter may be delayed a short time, as the Committee does not meet very often.

Their decision will be made known to you in due course.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

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Victoria Building
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January 10, 1958

F. G. Shears, Esquire
4615 West 9th Avenue
VANCOUVER 9, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Destruction of Japanese Records
in Vancouver, British Columbia

I attach copy of a letter addressed to you under date of May 31st, 1957, together with a copy of an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Honourable the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on May 15, 1957.

I was under the impression that you advised me later that due to Mrs. Shears' illness it would not be possible for you to attend to this matter; also that I wrote to you stating that it would be in order for you to request Mr. Field to give the matter his attention and forward a certificate relative to destruction of the records in due course. The file is before me and I do not find a copy of my letter to you or any report from Mr. Field.

Will you kindly let me hear from you at your early convenience and if I am mistaken about the earlier instructions, please arrange for the destruction of the records.

Yours very truly,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

F.G.Shears.

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Victoria Building,
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May 31st, 1957.

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SECRETARY OF STATE
(Custodian of Enemy Property)

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"D. M. Watters"
Secretary.

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Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears.

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

4615 West 9th Avenue
Vancouver , B.C.
January 20th. 1958

K.W.Wright Esq ,
Chairman Administration Board
Office of the Custodian
Ottawa

re Destruction of Japanese Records

Dear Mr Wright,

I have received your letter of the 10th instant re the above and copy of your letter of May 31st 1957 and extract from the Treasury Board minutes of May 15th.

I did receive the May correspondence at the time it was sent and accepted it as your final official instructions. Possibly the reason you do not find any reply from me in your files is due to the fact that I referred to this matter in a somewhat personal letter, included in which I wrote the following,-

> "In regard to the destruction of Japanese Records in the hands of Frederick Field I have arranged with Mr C.S.Nicholl of his office, that any time they are ready to dispose of these records at the City Incinerator, that if I am not readily available, Mr Pat Good will go with them as a representative of the Custodian. I am sure that this would will be satisfactory to you and the Administration Board. I would suggest therefore that you need not consider the matter further as the next move will be up to Frederick Field to arrange a time convenient to them"

I have just 'phoned Mr Good and he says thatso far nothing has been done but that he was speaking to Mr Nicholl again less than a week ago.

The Records are still in the custody of Frederick Field and I would consider that we have no particular reason for pressing for their destruction while they are prepared tp keep them and that it would be satisfactory to await their convenience. You can be assured that when Mr Field is ready the matter will be closed out and a Certificate sent to you relative to the final disposition of the Records. I have asked Mr Good to keep in touch with Mr Field's office and also keep me advised.

Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears.

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FILE No. PA 9148

Victoria Building,
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Ottawa 4, Ontario.

October 28th, 1955.

F. G. Shears, Esq.,
4615 West 9th Avenue,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears:

Re: Work by Frederick Field & Co.
in connection with Japanese Assets.

I enclose herewith copy of a minute of meeting of the Administration Board Wednesday, October 26th, 1955, together with copy of letter dated 19th october from Guy Hoult of P. S. Ross & Sons, Montreal, and copy of letter dated 17th October, 1955, from Fred Field.

Will you kindly interview Mr. Field and let us have a report and recommendation as to the appropriate action to be taken.

Will try to get a personal letter away to you sometime next week. Due to pressure of work personal matters are sadly neglected.

Sincerely yours,

K. W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board,
and Chief Counsel.

KWW/G
Encls.

"Guy Hoult"

(G. E. Hoult)

Encl.

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"Guy Hoult"

(G. E. Hoult)

Encl.

Copy for Mr. Shears.

Ottawa, October 26th, 1955.

MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. WRIGHT & ARPIN

Re: Work by Frederick Field & Co.
in connection with Japanese Assets.

The following is an excerpt from the Minutes of Meeting of the Administration Board Wednesday, October 26th, 1955.

PRESENT: Messrs. Wright, Arpin and Robitaille.

A copy of a communication dated October 19th, 1955, from P. S. Ross & Sons relative to destruction of material in the hands of Frederick Field & Co., Vancouver, covering their work in connection with Japanese assets, also copy of communication from Frederick Field and Co. dated October 17th, 1955, to Guy S. H oult of P. S. Ross & Sons, Montreal, were read.

The Board decided that as Mr. Shears is familiar with the subject matter, he should be asked to attend Mr. Field's office and submit a report with recommendation as to the appropriate action to be taken. The Chairman was requested to write Mr. Shears accordingly, and the Comptroller was advised to reply to Mr. Hoult and inform him that we are asking Mr. Shears to make a report, also that upon receipt of same instructions would be issued.

K. W. Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

KWW/G

"Guy Hoult"

(G. E. Hoult)

Encl.

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P. S. ROSS & SONS
Chartered Accountants

360 St. James Street West
MONTREAL 1.

19th October, 1955

Custodian of Enemy Property,
Victoria Building,
Ottawa, Ont.

should be Arpin

Attention Mr. ~~Ardouin~~

Dear Mr. Ardouin:

You will undoubtedly recall that our firm was responsible for a lot of work for the Custodian in Vancouver during the last war. All of the work to a very large extent was handled for us by Mr. Frederick Field, senior partner of Frederick Field & Co., Chartered Accountants, Vancouver. I received to-day a letter from Mr. Field, as per copy enclosed, from which you will note that he is asking if it would be in order to destroy a great number of records that he has in his possession in connection with the Custodian matters.

I have replied to Mr. Field saying that I have referred the matter to the Custodian's Office for instruction inasmuch as we do not have the authority to authorize the destruction of any records. It occurs to me that possibly you might want to have Mr. Field send all the records to you in Ottawa or as an alternative have them stored in Vancouver, if suitable space can be found at the Custodian's expense.

I would appreciate very much to have your direction in this regard, or preferably that you write direct to Mr. Field, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, sending me a copy of your letter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

"Guy Hoult"

(G. E. Hoult)

Encl.

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FREDERICK FIELD & CO.

Chartered Accountants

Royal Bank Building

Vancouver 2, Canada

17th October, 1955

Guy S. Hoult, Esq.,
c/o P. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
Montreal, Que.

Dear Guy:

We are having a house cleaning here amongst our working papers,etc., and do not see much point in carrying on with the pile of things we have in respect of the Japanese work. There is quite a supply of this sort of material, most of which is pretty useless. In view of the fact that final reports have been made and that there has since been a Royal Commission, who have made all the necessary awards, and further that it is now over ten years since the end of the war, it would seem to us that there is no need to maintain this information any longer. Unless you see any need otherwise, we propose to destroy the records.

With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

"Fred Field"

P.S. I hear that you have been out here once or twice but have not seen anything of you so I imagine it was rather hurried. If you should be coming this way again please give me a ring. I trust that you have been keeping in good health and wish you would give my regards to the partners.

"F.F."

Frederick Field

Note from enclosed that final disposito has now been made of the records which were in the hands of F F

This matter goes back to a minute f your M Board of Oct 26 1955 asking fr a report to be s ubmitted

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In due course the report was made to you and the matter taken up with the Public Records Com and you me then advised me of a M nute of a meeting of th Honourable the Tressury Board under date May 15 1957 as follows,

Delay has taken place in carriing this our in otder to find a entime suitable to F.F. for them to attend to this matter. In brief the records consisted of

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As stated in their letter to you of to-days date I attended with Mr Nicholl and ruc at the City Incin and saw the~~ir final destruction~~. Records destroyed during the above period and In co-op with Fields office in the ins ection ~~of these records~~ of destruction of these records by them since January 1st 1944 ~~as~~ my account for Services rendered.

Commencing Nov. 1st 1944 & finishing March 31st 1957

a number of the years

I am ~~postwoman~~ performing various Services since the time

~~I have been very careful~~

my connection wit the oyour Department has baaa has always been given me personal satisfacction and with this last matter disposed of perhaps we can say Finis coronat opus.

This last matter will truly write

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Victoria Building,
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Ottawa 4, Ontario.

December 2nd, 1958.

F. G.Shears, Esq.,
3880 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver 8, B.C.

Dear Mr.Shears:

Re: Destruction of Japanese Records.

I have for acknowledgment your communication of 24th ultimo.

This is to advise that a cheque has been forwarded to Frederick Field & Co. for $16.00.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,

K. W.Wright,
Chairman of the Administration Board
and Chief Counsel.

-Draft-

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

Dear Mr Wright,

re Destruction of Japanese Records

Acting under instructions received from Mr F.G.Shears the former Director of the Office of the Custodian in Vancouver, the destruction of records which accumulated during the period of our administration of property owned by Companies and persons of the Japanese Race, has now been carried out.

Mr Shears, together with our Mr were personally present to-day at the City Incinerator at the time these records were destroyed.

The records consisted of material which has fulfilled its purpose and which it has previously been agreed, could now be destroyed.

Our account in connection with the handling and destruction of theze records is enclosed herein.

4615 West 9tn Avenue
Vancouver B.C.
October 1st 1956

K.W.Wright Esq., Q.C.
Chief Counsel,
Office of the Custodian
Victoria Building
Ottawa.

Dear Mr Wright,

You will recall that nearly a year ago you sent me a copy of a minute of a meeting of your Administration Board of October 26th 1955, asking me to submit a report and recommendation in regard the destruction of records in the hands of Frederick Field & Co.

I was unable to make an immediate contact with them and early in the year I advised that Frederick Field preferred to delay the matter for several months. I have to-day spent some time in going over the material in question with Mr C.S.Nicholl of their office.

This material is now contained in sixteen boxes each approximately 15 x 12 x 30 inches and comprises the Files created by Field in t e administration of the Japanese accounts and assets which they handled. Generally speaking each file contains miscellaneous correspondence, bids received on property which was offered for sale, agreements made when some businesses were being operated under their control and cancelled cheques issued by Fred Field as liquidator.

Some of the correspondence is with the Vancouver office and as you know our complete enenmy files were sent to Ottawa so that much of what is on their files is reflected in the files you have. You also have the originals of all reports made by Field, dealing with investigation, control and liquidation. These would cover practically every matter,the original source of which came from material in Field's files. Tenders and bids received ,re all recorded in those reports. Then to,the financial transactions concerning these accounts were finalized by payments to the Custodian and such transactions show in the Cusdodian Ledgers sent to you. The actual books of the companies controlled by Field were also forwarded to Ottawa.

The Treaty of Peace was concluded nearly five years ago, the war itself has been over for eleven years and the majority of matters dealt with by Frederick Field transpired thirteen or fourteen years ago. Practically no reference has had to be made to these files ~~my~~ since Mr Field was discharged from control of the various companies and accounts he handled.

It is the opinion of Mr Field that no valid reason now exists to retain these files and it is my recommendation that they be given authority to destroy same. I would suggest that as in the case of of material destroyed by the Vancouver office, it should be sent to the city incinerator and that a representative of Fred Fields office be present when it is destroyed and report to you in this regard.

I trust that the above will be of help in arriving at a conclusion of this matter; if you require further information or have questions to ask we will be pleased to deal with same.

Yours very truly,

F.G.Shears

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VANCOUVER 2, CANADA

1st February, 1956.

Mr. F. G. Shears,
4615 West 9th,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to our recent conversation we have discussed the matter of clearing the files and would prefer that this be left until some time in June or July when we will have more time to spend reviewing the various documents with you.

We would appreciate your writing to Ottawa to this effect and will contact you some time later in the year.

Yours truly,

Frederick Field Co

C. Nicholl.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROMPT ATTENTION KINDLY ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY.