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No. 74, 3-chome, Den-en-chofu,
Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

10th October, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

Having been advised by the Gaimusho (Foreign Office here) to apply you for the return of my personal property if I have any left in Great Britain, I hereby submit you my application in respect of the following.

My personal Bank account with Lloyds Bank Ltd., Water Street (?), Liverpool, England.
- Current deposit, the balance on December 8, 1941 being about £1-10-0.

My personal Bank account with Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., 7 Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2., England.
- Current deposit, the balance on December 8, 1941 being about £1-0-0.

My status on December 8, 1941 was Japanese Consul at Liverpool, England, concurrently First Secretary of the Japanese Embassy at London. My private address was No. 2 Elms Road, Liverpool, England.

Yours very truly,

(Signed: Setsuya Beppu)

Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London,
England.

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COPY:

THE NIPPON TIMES, LIMITED,

TOKYO.

August 14, 1951.

Dear Sir,

I was in the Japanese diplomatic and consular service since 1917. In 1925, I was appointed Second Secretary in the Japanese Embassy in Brussels. Then I opened a sterling account in the Westminster Foreign Bank in Brussels. For about 15 years since then I used this Bank in Brussels as my "bank" in carrying out my diplomatic or consular functions, though I changed my post several times (First Secretary in the Japanese Legation in Bern, First Secretary in Japanese Embassy in Moscow, Japanese Consul-General in Alexandria, Charge d'Affaires in the Japanese Legation in Cairo, Counsellor and Charge d'Affaires at the Japanese Embassy in Rio de Janeiro). I left the diplomatic service in September, 1940. Then it became unnecessary for me to have a bank account abroad thereafter. Consequently I closed my account in the Westminster Foreign Bank in Brussels and withdrew the money then remaining in my account. The Bank sent me in Tokio a cheque in payment of the balance. (Cheque No. 55197 dated 4.3.41 for £ 947.11/- drawn in my favour by the said bank on their London Office). I sent the cheque to the Japanese Embassy in London in order to cash it. What happened to the cheque thereafter is explained in the annexed copy of the statement of the case by the Yokohama Specie Bank, and I understand it is now in your custody.

According to the draft of the Japanese Peace Treaty, it is hoped that the cheque in question would be returned to me after the entry into force of the said Treaty, for the cheque is "private property not of an investment nature which was normally necessary for the carrying out of diplomatic or consular functions owned by the Japanese diplomatic and consular personnel" (Article 14 (C) 2 of the draft Treaty).

I shall be very much obliged, if you could help me in any way to have the money in question returned to me.

Yours sincerely,

(Tokuji Amagi)

Russell Kettle J.C.A.,
Controller of the Y.S.B.
4 London Wall Building
London, E.C.2.

(3)

No. 72, 2-chome, Shimouma-cho,
Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

19 January, 1953.

Dear Sirs,

Having been advised by the Gaimusho (Foreign Office here) to apply to you for the return of my personal property if I have left in Great Britain, I hereby sumbit you my application in respect of the following:

My personal Bank account with Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., 7 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2., England.
- Current deposit, the balance is not sure but supposed to be about £19-0-0.

My status on December 8, 1941 was Diplomatic Attache of Japanese Embassy at London.

Yours very truly,

(Signed: Taisaku KOJIMA)

Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London, England.

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Geneva, 30 October, 1952.

Sir,

I have been informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo that Her Majesty's Government notified the Japanese Government that they would now accept the applications for release of private property belonging to the Japanese diplomats, who had their posts in the United Kingdom at the time when war broke out. I was an Attache at the Japanese Embassy in London from September 1939 to July 1942 and had my private account at the Yokohama Specie Bank in London. I had about 20 pounds at that time, as far as I remember.

I haven't either a Bank statement or other evidence which prove my memory to be correct. I am not sure also, whether I could obtain any information on this matter from the Bank of Tokyo, which took over the Yokohama Specie Bank after the war.

In view of the time it would take for correspondence between Tokyo and Geneva, where I am posted as Consul, I shall be much obliged if Her Majesty's Government would be good enough to look into this matter and if it is found, that there is a credit standing in my name, that this amount be released. At the same time, if my memory should prove to be mistaken, I hope that Her Majesty's Government will forgive my application.

Yours truly,

(Signed: Bunshichi HOSHI)
Consul,
Consulate General of Japan
at Geneva.

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CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN,
350 Fifth Avenue,
New York 1, N.Y.,
U.S.A.

23 October, 1952.

To: The Government of the United Kingdom

Subject: Request for Return of Balance of Bank Account

The undersigned, Toshio Yamanaka, (attache, Japanese Embassy in London, 1940-1942), requests that the Government of the United Kingdom be good enough to return to him the outstanding balance to his account with the London Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank.

While the undersigned is now a Consul attached to the Consulate General of Japan in New York, he is returning to Tokyo shortly, and requests that the above balance be sent to him care of the Foreign Ministry in Tokyo.

(Signed: Toshio Yamanaka)
Consul

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No. 140 4-chome, Matasubara-cho,
Setagaya-ku, Tokyo.

19 October, 1952.

Dear Sir,

Having been advised by Hapanese Foreign Office in Tokyo to apply you for the return of my personal property if I have any left in GREAT BRITAIN, I hereby submit you my application in respect of the following.

1. My personal Bank account with Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., No. 7 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2. - current deposit, The balance on December 8, 1941.

   Being about £3-0-0

2. Golf sets
   (a) Wooden sets Driver Brassy Spoon Etc.
   (b) Iron sets No. 1 - No. 8 and putter
   Wooden sets Trade Mark is "Henry Cotton"
   Iron Sets Trade Mark is American "Wilson"
   (c) Golf Bag - Pig skin colour dark yellow.

   Charge No. 10 Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.
   Japanese Embassy under ground floor.

3. One wooden books box (Japanese books and English books about fifty (50) volumes).

   Charge No. 37 Portman Square, London, W.1.
   Japanese Embassy Office under ground floor.

My status on December 8, 1941 was Attache of Japanese Embassy at London and leaved for Japan by repatriation ship EL NILE from Liverpool on July 1942.

Yours very truly,

(Signed: M. Kinukawa)

FOREIGN OFFICE
Downing Street, London, England.

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No. 11, Higashi-tamagawa-cho,
Setagaya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

20 October, 1952.

Dear Sirs,

Having been advised by the Gaimusho (Foreign Office here) to apply you for the return of my personal property if I have left in Great Britain, I here submit you my application in respect of the following:

My personal Bank account with Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., 7 Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2., England.

- Current deposit, the balance is not sure but supposed to be about £3-0-0

My status on December 8, 1941 was Chancellor of Japanese Embassy at London.

Yours very truly,

(Signed: Hitoshi SUZUKI)

Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London, England.

No. 3-2160, Koiwa,
Edogawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

16 January, 1953.

Dear Sirs,

Having been advised by the Gaimusho (Foreign Office here) to apply you for the return of my personal property if I have left in Great Britain, I here submit you my application in respect of the following:

My personal Bank account with Yokohama Specie Bank Ltd., 7 Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2., England.
- Current deposit, the balance is not sure but supposed to be about £10-0-0.

My status on December 8, 1941 was Chancellor of Japanese Embassy at London.

Yours very truly,

(Signed: Fusao UEHARA)

Foreign Office,
Downing Street,
London,
England.

(19)

No. 74, 3-chome, Den-en-chofu,
Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

10th October, 1952.

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