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PERSONAL

BUREAU HASTINGS PARK

FILE NO. XI 357

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: MINEMOTO, Sunao

HOME ADDRESS: 409 Alexander St., Vancouver, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 03101 SEX: Male AGE: 54

OCCUPATION: Strawberry Grower

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: Pacific Shingle Co., Indian River, B. C.

MARRIED? Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Mithuko

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Japan

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Mamoru (M)

Emiko (F)

Moriteru (M)

Hiroshi (M)

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: Japan

AGE OF CHILDREN: 15, 12, 9, 7 Yrs. (Small baby born in Japan Born August 3, 1941. Name unknown)

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are)

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

5. ENCUMBRANCES (Including any unregistered claims or deposit of title deed)

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: _____

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: _____

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN _____

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 409 - Alexander St., Vancouver, B. C.
3 Storey house.

11 Rooms, Wooden Frame Building. Lives in one room on third floor.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mr. K. Nishino 409 Alexander St.,
Vancouver, B. C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: \$5.00 per month
Rent paid to date.

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: _____

5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid) _____

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: _____

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES,
EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS: _____

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS _____

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY _____

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY:

5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS:

6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom)

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)

8. BANK ACCOUNTS:

9. LIFE INSURANCE: \$1,500.00 Sun Life Insurance Co. 25 Year Endowment.
Policy No. Unknown. Beneficiary Wife (Mithuko) Policy in own possession

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS:

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX:

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS:

2. TRADE DEBTS:

I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily turn over to the Custodian all my property in the protected area as set out above, excepting fishing vessels, deposits of money, shares of stock, debentures, bonds or other securities, if any.

I certify that the above information is true and complete and fully discloses all my property of every description in any protected area in British Columbia and sets forth all my liabilities direct and indirect.

Dated this 14th day of July

1942.

(Signature)

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN—Enemy Section

File No. 357

Name MINE MOTO, Lunar Reg. No.: 03191 P/W/A 659
Home Address 409 Alexander St Vancouver - Indian River, B.C.

STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY

1. Location and Description None

Vested
2. Buildings and Other Improvements
3. Insurance
4. Taxes (amount and where payable)
5. Encumbrances
6. Occupancy and Leases (if vacant so state)
7. State if any other person has any interest

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED

1. Give brief description and state location of Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Machinery, Stock in Trade and Personal Effects None

2. Name and Address of any person having any claim on such Property
3. Insurance Carried on Personal Property
4. Bonds, Debentures, Shares, Stocks or other Securities None
5. Bank Accounts and Disposition of same None
6. Life Insurance San Life # 2206784 - \$1500 - Beneficiary - wife M. MINEMOTO (in Japan)
Maharaja 7/21/60
7. Liabilities other than items 4 and 5 None

8. Remarks File complete to July 2/64. J.H.

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Our File No. Sub 359 Date Apr. 19/43.
 Full Name MINEMOTO, Sunao Success
 (Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 03101 Male - Female ☒ (check) Age Nov. 25, 1887

Former Address 2 Khonnock, B.C.

Date Evacuated _____ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National ☒ (check)

Present Address Interned Aug. 10, 1942.
Dead in House Jan, Apr 25/47

Married - Single ☒ (check)

Name of Wife YAMAMOTO, Mitsu
 Name of Husband — (In Japan)

Name of Mother SUNAWARA, Hamayo (Dead) Name of Father MINEMOTO, Jueimon
 Names of Children under 16 Mamoru (M) 13 (In Japan)

Emiko (F) 12
Moriteru (M) 8
Hiroshi (M) 7 Japan.
 Requested by CCF Registered with Custodian (Yes or No)

Additional Information Strawberry Shaver
Owner of 5 acres of land & house at
above address.

MEMORANDUM RE CLAIMS

File No. 357 (Int)

Sunao MINEMOTO

P/W A-659

There are no claims on file against the above named
Japanese person.

Certified to be in accordance with
information obtained at this date.

J. Foy

January 31st, 1946

MEMORANDUM

File X.I. 357

February 5, 1949.

TO: MISS G. YEARWOOD
FROM: MRS. A. G. McARTHUR

RE: SUNAO MINEMOTO, DECEASED

The only asset of the above deceased Japanese was a Life Insurance Policy, beneficiary being his wife, Mitsu, in Japan. Enemy File 1663 was opened for the widow and the death benefits under the policy were paid into the Enemy account.

File X.I.357 in the name of Sunao Minemoto, Deceased, may, therefore, be closed.

/AC

Lef.

Alan

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

File No. 257 (Int)

SHIRO MINEMOTO

P/W A-659

Life Insurance: The only asset declared to the Custodian by this Internee, was a 25 Year Endowment, Policy No. 2206784, with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada. This Policy was taken out on November 1st, 1935, and annual premiums of \$77.70 were paid by MINEMOTO to December, 1941, but no premiums have been paid since that date.

The approximate present Cash Surrender Value of this Policy would be \$215.00, according to advice received today from the Sun Life Assurance Company. X X

Certified to be in accordance with information obtained at this date.

J. Foy

January 31st, 1946

X X \$ 182.92 as of May 1, 47 according to info received by phone from the Sun Life office.

Oct 3/47
The policy being in good standing at the time of the assured's death, Apr 25:47 the amount due 1000? will be payable. A. Lee

THE CUSTODIAN
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
VICTORIA BLDG., 7 O'CONNOR STREET
OTTAWA, CANADA

THE CUSTODIAN
REGULATIONS RESPECTING
TRADING WITH THE ENEMY (1939)

FORM "D"

Ref. No.
From the .Sun-Life . . . Insurance
Company of Canada
Date of Discovery. .October.1942

Particulars of Life Insurance Policies and Annuity Contracts on Life of an Enemy

N.B. Separate forms should be used for each policy
or annuity contract for each "enemy."

Policy No.	2,206,784	Date of Policy (i.e. due date of first regular premium)	Nov. 1, 1935
Life Insured	- Name Sunao Minemoto Born Dec. 25, 1887 Address Haney, B.C.	Plan of Policy	25-year Endowment
Owner - if third party insurance	- Name Address	Sum Assured or Amount of Annuity	\$1,500
Beneficiaries	- Names Mitsa Minemoto Addresses Relationship to Life Insured Wife	Premium - Amount How Payable Due Dates	\$77.70 Annually Nov. 1st
Record of Current Assignments (other than to company for policy loan)		Policy Loans (automatic or otherwise)	-
- give names and addresses -		Approximate Cash Value, if any, including dividends, after deducting all policy indebtedness	\$287.03
		Nature of Automatic Non-forfeiture Provision	Automatic Premium Loan
		Approximate Cancellation Date under Automatic Non-forfeiture	Nov. 1948

Special Notes:

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"E" Division

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

C.I.B.

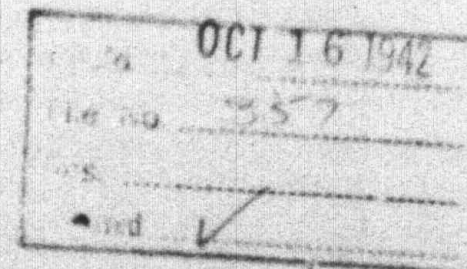
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DIV. FILE NO. 42E. 269-1160

Your File 357

H. Q. FILE NO.

Vancouver, B.C.,
October 15th, 1942.



G.W. McPherson, Esq.,
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

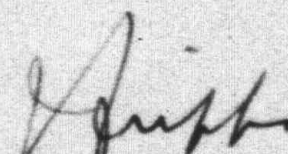
Dear Sir:

Re: MINEMOTO, Sunao, (J.N.)
J.R. #03101

This will acknowledge
receipt of your communication of October 14th
regarding the above noted subject.

I would advise you that
at the time of this person's arrest, no personal
effects were taken from him by the members of
our Force. At the time he was handed over to the
Military authorities, he did not have any baggage
but it is possible that at a later date, his effects
might have been taken to the Immigration Sheds by
some of his friends, in which case the Military
authorities may have some knowledge of the document
to which you refer, and I would suggest that you
contact them in this matter.

Yours truly,


(J. Fripps) D/Insp.,
For O.C. "E" Div. A.O.D.

AHOJ/ES



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMY
Headquarters - Vancouver Defences
Room 342 Vancouver Barracks
Vancouver, B. C.

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

NO. 3-3

21st October, 1942

Rec'd	OCT 22 1942
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	☒

Custodian's Office,
Department of Secretary of State,
Vancouver, B. C.

P.O.W. A-659, MINEMOTO, Sunao

Dear Sir:

Reference your 357 dated 16 Oct 42. Please be advised that the documents belonging to Prisoners of War held in custody at Immigration Building, Vancouver, B.C. were forwarded with such prisoners at the time of removal to Internment camps.

No documents of any kind were retained by this Headquarters.

M. V. McGuire
(M. V. McGuire) Major,
Staff Captain,
Vancouver Defences.

MVM/DMC
MVM/DMC

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1,500M-7-42 (1219)
H.Q. 1772-101-23

Yours faithfully,

C. E. HAY.
BRANCH SECRETARY.

PER: *[Signature]*

CDG/ILQ

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

VANCOUVER BRANCH
A. L. WRIGHT, C.L.U., BRANCH MANAGER
H. A. FAIRBAIN, ASSISTANT MANAGER
C. E. HAY, BRANCH SECRETARY

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

November 21, 1942.

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Rec'd	NOV 23 1942
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Mr. Wright: Re: Policy No. 2,206,784 - Minemoto

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th instant enclosing the Lost Policy Affidavit form which have been duly completed by the assured under the above mentioned policy.

If you will refer to our letter of the 24th ultimo you will see that it is necessary to have this form completed by both the assured and beneficiary. The beneficiary in this case is the assured's wife, Mitsu Minemoto, and we have therefore prepared a form for her signature, which we think is in order, and we would appreciate it if you would have this signed by the beneficiary in the presence of a Notary Public and returned to us for our further attention.

Yours faithfully,

C. E. HAY.
BRANCH SECRETARY.

PER: *[Signature]*

CDG/ILQ

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

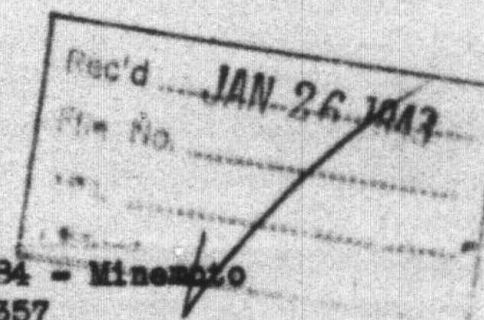
VANCOUVER BRANCH
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C.E. HAY, BRANCH SECRETARY

ROYAL BANK BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

January 25, 1943.

Mr. H. K. Wright,
Office of the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.



Dear Mr. Wright: Re: Policy No. 2,206,784 - Minamoto
 Your File No. 357

The request in your letter of the 5th instant that the Lost Policy Affidavit signed by the assured be accepted without the signature of the beneficiary, Mitsu Minamoto, because of the fact she now resides in Japan, has been placed before our Head Office for consideration.

We have now been requested to advise you that in the circumstances the Company does not feel that it can take any action in regard to the acceptance of the incomplete affidavit as it is necessary to have the signatures of all parties who have an interest in the contract. It is unfortunate that the beneficiary is residing in Japan, which makes it impossible for our requirements to be completed. It should be pointed out, however, that there is a possibility that the policy contract may have gotten into the beneficiary's possession, and you will appreciate in these circumstances the importance of our requirements being satisfied.

It is with regret that we are unable to meet with your request in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

BRANCH SECRETARY.

CEH/ILQ

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

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ROYAL BANK BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

August 7, 1946

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
FILED	AUG 8 1946
Ans.	Johnston
Referred	Johnston

ENEMY SECTION	
FILED	AUG 8 1946
Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Dear Sir:

Re: Policy No. 2,206,784 - Sunao Minamoto

The above Assured recently informed us that he could not locate his policy and a Lost Policy Declaration has now been completed, to enable our Head Office to issue a replacing form.

In his declaration, the Assured states that during July, 1942 he was held in the Immigration Building in Vancouver and the policy in question was in a suit case with other papers. The suit case and contents were handed to the authorities for examination and held by them for three weeks and when the suit case was returned the policy was missing.

In view of this statement by the Assured, would you please let us know if you have any record of the policy in your possession.

Yours faithfully,

C.E. Hay,
Branch Secretary.

Per:

GI/VT

357
Enemy Section

509 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.,
14th August, 1946.

The Sun Life Assurance Company,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Sunao MINEMOTO and
Policy No. 2,206,784

We acknowledge receipt of your communication of 7th instant.

Soon after Minemoto was interned in August, 1942, he asked the Custodian to endeavour to locate his missing Insurance Policy. We quote the following letters which were received from the authorities in reply to our enquiries:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police:

"I would advise you that at the time of this person's arrest, no personal effects were taken from him by the members of our Force. At the time he was handed over to the Military authorities, he did not have any baggage but it is possible that at a later date, his effects might have been taken to the Immigration Sheds by some of his friends, in which case the Military authorities may have some knowledge of the document to which you refer, and I would suggest that you contact them in this matter."

Military Authorities:

"Reference your 357 dated 16 Oct. 42. Please be advised that the documents belonging to Prisoners of War held in custody at Immigration Building, Vancouver, B.C. were forwarded with such prisoners at the time of removal to Internment camps. No documents of any kind were retained by this Headquarters."

The Policy is not on file at this Office; it would appear that it was lost prior to internment.

Yours truly,

WJJ/MS

W.J. JOHNSTON, ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

— COPY —

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada
Vancouver B.C. Aug. 15. 1906.

Mr. Sunag Minamoto.

P. O. Box 9.

Maori Jan. Sack.

Dear Mr. Minamoto:

Re: Policy no. 2,206,784.

We have for acknowledgement your letter of the 2nd instant enclosing a signed affidavit as to the lost policy. Unfortunately we are not in a position to give the affidavit full effect because of the fact that the Beneficiary, your wife, Mitsa Minamoto, has an insurable interest in the policy and her signature would also be essential to the declaration that the policy has actually been lost.

Reference to our files indicates that this matter was taken up previously through the Office of the Custodian who had interceded in your behalf at which time the Custodian was notified that the signature of all parties having an interest in the contract was essential before any action could be taken in regard to the acceptance of a lost policy affidavit. It was at that time pointed out to the Custodian that there is a possibility that the policy contract may have gotten into the possession of the Beneficiary and in the circumstances, her signature sworn to in the presence of a duly appointed official would be required. If and when the Beneficiary can be contacted, steps may then be taken to comply with our requirements.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) C.E. Hay

Branch Secretary.

The Custodian
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver B.C.
Sir

EVACUATION SECTION	
AUG 21 1946	
Rec'd	
File No.	Int 357
Referred	509

P.O. Box 9, Moose Jaw, Sask.
August 19 1946

ENEMY SECTION	
AUG 22 1946	
Rec'd	
File No.	
Ans'd	
Refer'd	

Re. My Sun Life Policy # 2, 206, 784. minamoto, S.
On 20th inst. I have sent a Lost Policy Declaration to the
Sun Life however, according to the letter received from the
Co. which I enclose the copy herewith for your reference.
The Co. would not accept the declaration as it was declared
only by myself.

Kindly therefore arrange with the Sun Life to effect
my lost policy Declaration also my application for cash
surrender value application, which I applied to send to
me on 12th inst. under the following facts and grounds:

My policy was in my suit case when I was apprehended
by the Vancouver Immigration Bldg. on or about July 11, 1942.

On my arrival to the Angler Internment Camp on or about
Aug. 30, 1942, the policy was not in my suit case together with
my razor. The suit case was sent to Angler, but directly
from Vancouver B.C. by authorities.

Therefore, the policy was actually been lost or taken
away while contained in my suit case, stored in the Vancouver
Immigration Bldg. or during its way to Angler, B.C., and
definitely not in the possession of the Pacificers, who were
in Japan at the time.

Yours truly,
S. minamoto Reg #03101.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 357 (X.I.)

May 1, 1947.

TO: MRS. A. G. McARTHUR

FROM: A. CLEAVER

Re: Bunao Minamoto, Deceased.

(Received Apr 25/47)

The only asset of the above deceased Japanese, other than a credit balance of \$2.50 in this office, is a 25 year endowment policy #2206784 in the Sun Life. As the beneficiary under the policy is the deceased's widow, Mitsu, who is a resident of Japan, it would appear that we have an enemy interest in this policy.

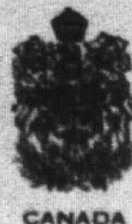
The Policy was mislaid when the deceased was taken into custody and, although we have written to both the R.C.M.P. and Military authorities, it has not come to light. An Affidavit of Lost Policy was completed by the deceased and forwarded to the Company. The Company, however, refused to accept the affidavit as it was not signed by the beneficiary and contended that there was a possibility of the policy having fallen into the hands of the beneficiary.

What action should this office take to protect the Enemy interest?

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1st amt. of the beneficial interest? A. Cleaver*

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situation is somewhat difficult!*

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CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.,
May 7th, 1947.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	MAY 5 1947
File No.	X.L. 957
Ans.	
Referred	<i>Inspector</i>

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: Sunao MINEMOTO #03101 Deceased

Dear Sir:

We wish to register claim against the estate of the above mentioned deceased, to cover funeral expenses being paid by this Department in connection with his death.

Please advise as to whether there are sufficient funds available in the estate to take care of these expenses, or if there is a relative of the deceased with sufficient assets who would have legal responsibility for the expenses involved.

For your information, Mr. Minemoto died on April 25th, 1947, at Moose Jaw, Sask.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION

M. L. Brown
M. L. Brown
Office Manager.

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The Head Office of the
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
MONTREAL

June 13, 1947.

K.W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Victoria Bldg.,
7 O'Connor Street,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wright:

Re: Sunao Minemoto (Deceased)
Your File No. 357 (Vancouver File)
Our Policy No. 2,206,784.

We have been dealing through your Vancouver Office for some time in connection with the above policy. The assured was interned. Form D was filed with the Custodian's Office in Vancouver and we have been sending there such premium and other notices as the Company has issued. In August 1946, the assured approached us regarding the possibility of obtaining the cash surrender value of his policy. The policy itself could not be located and that, combined with the fact that the beneficiary, whose signature was required, was in Japan, prevented the request from being acted upon.

It is reported that the assured died at Moose Jaw Hospital, Saskatchewan on April 26, 1947. It is expected that we will soon receive confirmation that the beneficiary, the assured's wife, is alive in Japan, through the agent who placed this policy.

From your recent letter concerning the position of policies on the lives of persons who were interned in Canada, we take it that this policyholder died after release from internment and that if he had been mindful to do so, he could have secured the cash value of the policy just before he died. This suggests the possibility that the beneficiary in Japan may be allowed to file her claim for the proceeds and eventually to receive payment. In any event, it would appear advisable for us to have completed death claim papers on file and providing the Custodian has no objection intend to issue such a form for completion by the beneficiary in Japan.

We would appreciate your comments including, if possible, an intimation as to the likelihood of the Custodian requiring us to make payment when we are in a position to do so.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) ?
Special Section
Claims Department.

JG/EI

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Victoria Bldg., 7 O'Connor St.,
Ottawa, Ontario
June 17, 1947

J. Gilpin, Esq.,
Special Section, Claims Department,
Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada,
Head Office,
Montreal, Quebec

Re: Sunao Minamoto, Dec'd,
Your Policy No. 2,206,784

Dear Mr. Gilpin:

We have for acknowledgment your communication of the 13th instant.

It is noted that in August, 1946, the assured approached you regarding the possibility of obtaining the cash surrender value of his policy and his application was refused for the reason that the policy could not be located and the beneficiary, whose signature was required, was in Japan.

Our letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to Mr. Tuck, to which you refer, does not indicate that the interests of beneficiaries in Japan would be surrendered by the Custodian in the event of death, and final disposition of assets of this nature must await the signing of the Peace Treaty.

You have been advised that business communications of a non-transactional nature, limited to the ascertainment of facts and exchange of information is permitted, including transmission of documents, such as birth, death or marriage certificates, and until prohibition imposed by SCAP has been lifted, correspondence must continue to be of a non-transactional nature only.

Yours very truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KWW/JF

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

VANCOUVER BRANCH

A. L. WRIGHT, C.L.U., BRANCH MANAGER
C. E. HAY, BRANCH SECRETARY

ROYAL BANK BUILDING,

VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

August 6, 1947.

EVACUATION SECTION	
SEP 24 1947	
Rec'd	
File No.	2,206,784
Ans.	
Referred	

Mr. Y. Yamaga,
P. O. Box 874,
Hope, B. C.

Dear Mr. Yamaga:

Re: Policy No. 2,206,784 - Minemoto

The information contained in your letter of June 1 was submitted to our Head Office, who have since been in touch with the Custodian at Ottawa.

We are endeavouring to secure satisfactory evidence of death through the R. C. M. P. Japanese Record Office, as suggested by you, and in the meantime we would appreciate knowing whether or not you have received anything from the beneficiary which would confirm her residence, and the fact that she survived her husband. The policy will also be a requirement, and if it is in your possession, will you please forward it to us.

Yours faithfully,


H. LAWSON,
BRANCH SECRETARY.

RL/CP

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE MONTREAL

VANCOUVER BRANCH
A. L. WRIGHT, C.L.U., BRANCH MANAGER
R. LAWSON, BRANCH SECRETARY

ROYAL BANK BUILDING,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

August 13, 1947.

Mr. Y. Yamaga,
c/o Princeton Trail Sawmills Ltd.,
HOPE, B.C.

Dear Mr. Yamaga:

Re: Policy #2,206,784 - S. Minemoto (D/C)

Thank you very much for the above policy, which we received with your letter of August 9th. The information that you have given us is being forwarded to our Head Office, but we would suggest that you let us have the letter which you received from the beneficiary.

Yours faithfully,


R. LAWSON
BRANCH SECRETARY

RL/er

Attention Mr. Lawson,

Aug 9th, 1947.

Sun Life Assurance Co,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Lawson;

Re: Late S. Minemoto,
Policy #2206784.

I am in receipt of your letter dated 5th, inst. and wish to thank you for your effort in connection with the benefit of above policy.

Yes, I just received a letter from Mrs S. Minemoto, who is living in the place where I had known as her old folks village which is next to mine.

The letter is written in Japanese asking to me to send ashes of her late husband which I already have done so. Also she mentioned that she is struggling to bring up four children the last one is 6 year old.

She asked my discretion as to what to do with the household things that belonged to late Minemoto.

In my opinion if there is any amount that is to be sent to Mrs. Minemoto either Custodian or your own Company can send to the Supreme occupied commander who will transfer to the nearest occupied forces and distribute to her.

Or I will write to her including a form of power of attorney (if you could provide for me) and tell her to sign before such authority and send back to you.

Naturally we have to wait untill Japanese foreign exchange is established and foreign money order become acceptable. Through generosity of the Commission of Japanese placement, I obtained a permission to send all belongings of late Minemoto to Mrs Minemoto with some one who will be repatriate by next boat.

For my information to Mrs Minemoto, may I ask the amount the finally be paid to her if you can.

By your request I am herewith enclosing the policy of above numbered for which please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

11/11/47

Attention

Mr. R. Lawson,
Sun Life Assurance,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.,C.

P. O. Box, 874,
Hope, B. C.
Sept, 9th, 1947.

Dear Sir;

I enclose please find a copy
of certificate of death of late S.
Minemoto, as requested.

please let me know what ever you
wish to communicate with Mrs. MITSU
MINEMOTO as I shall be writing to her
soon.

Yours truly,

Y. Yamaga,

Hope, Aug 18th,

Sun Life Assurance Co,
Royal Bank Building
Vancouver, B. C,

Dear Mr. Lawson;

Re: REF 2206874 - MINEMOTO.

By your request I am enclosing please find a letter that I received recently from Mrs Mitsu, Minemoto with my brief translation. This letter was enclosed in my nephew's letter and I thought you may need envelope, here it is.

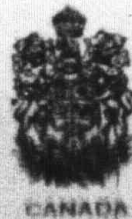
Did you obtain a certificate of death of late Minemoto?

Mrs Minemoto does not say anything about the life insurance of her husband in this letter but she ought to know that he bought a policy as she left Canada in early 1941.

Kindly let me know the final amount the beneficiary would get so that I shall let her know. The writer obtained a permit to send late Minemoto's belongings to her by the next repatriate post.

Hoping this information & letter will be some help to you.

Yours truly,



DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR
JAPANESE DIVISION

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	SEP 20 1947
File No.	XI/357
Ans.	
Referred	

360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.
September 19, 1947.

Attention Mrs MacArthur,
Office of the Custodian

Mr. Y. Yamaga,
Hope, B. C.

Re: Sunao Minemoto - Deceased

Dear Sir:

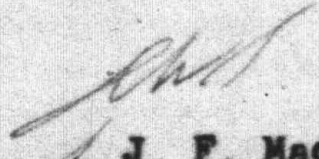
I have yours of September 15th, 1947, with regard to the affairs of the above.

With regard to the Insurance Policy, we would advise that it will be necessary for the Custodian of Enemy & Alien Property, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, to collect the money on behalf of Mrs. Minemoto, as there is as yet no means whereby monies can be transferred direct to Japan in a case such as this.

I would suggest therefore that you forward the Policy together with copies of the correspondence you have had with the Insurance Co. to the office of the Custodian at Vancouver.

Yours truly,

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR - JAPANESE DIVISION


J. F. MacKinnon
Commissioner of Japanese Placement.

EVACUATION SECTION
Rec'd SEP 24 1947
File No. 41357
Ans. [Signature]
Referred

P. O. Box, 874,
Hope, B. C.
Sept, 22nd, 1947.

Custodian of Enemy Alien,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir;

Re- Insurance policy #2206784.
Late Sunao, Minemoto.

By suggestion of Mr J. F. MacKinnon, the commissioner for Japanese placement 360 Homer St, Vancouver I am enclosing herewith please find whole correspondence in connection with the insurance policy of above numbered.

Kindly collect from the Sun Life assurance Co, whatever amount the benefititally entitled to receive.

Also please acknowledge receipt of this letter and favor me to let me know what has been done so that I can inform Mrs, Mitsu, Minemoto. time to time.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours Truly,

Y. Yamaga
Y. Yamaga,

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

HEAD OFFICE: MONTREAL

VANCOUVER BRANCH
A. L. WRIGHT, C.L.U., BRANCH MANAGER
R. LAWSON, BRANCH SECRETARY

ROYAL BANK BUILDING,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

IN ALL CORRESPONDENCE ABOUT POLICIES
PLEASE REFER TO THEIR NUMBERS

October 3, 1947.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 The Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	OCT 4 1947
File No.	11357
Att.	<i>W. H. H. H.</i>
<i>sent to you</i>	

Dear Sir:

Policy # 2,206,784 - Sunao Minemoto (03101) - Deceased

Confirming our telephone conversation of this date,
the above-numbered policy was submitted to us on August 13th.

The beneficiary is Mitsu Minemoto, widow of the deceased.

The net amount payable, subject to confirmation by our
Head Office, is \$1,114.50, being the face value of the policy -
\$1,500 less outstanding premium arrears of \$385.50 as at the date
of death, April 26, 1947.

A Claimant's Statement is attached for completion by the
Custodian in his official capacity on behalf of the beneficiary
residing in Japan.

Yours faithfully,

R. LAWSON
BRANCH SECRETARY

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Enc. 1.

THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
MONTREAL

Custodian,
Department of the Secretary of State,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sunao Minemoto -
Your Ref. 357 -
Our Policy 2,206,784

We have pleasure to enclose herewith
the Company's cheque, No. 263,546, for
Can.\$1,135.38 covering the death claim
proceeds and interest under the above-
numbered policy, together with Form 'A',
outlining particulars of the claim.

Yours very truly,

RA/BM
Encs.

Arthur
Special Section,
Claims Department.

*Enemy file 1663 - Watanabe Minemoto
in Japan*

April 14, 1948.

EVACUATION SECTION

APR 19 1948

File No. X/357

Ans.

Reference *Arthur*

MEMORANDUM

Enemy File No. 1663

April 21, 1948.

TO: MISS GLADYS YEARWOOD

FROM: A. CLEAVER

Re: Mitsu Minemoto, in Japan,
widow of Sunao Minemoto, X.I. 357

Please open a file in the name of Mitsu (Mrs. Sunao) MINEMOTO in Japan: an account is being opened in her name to receive the sum of \$1,155.38, being death benefits under Sun Life Policy 2206784 on the life of Sunao Minemoto, X.I. 357.

/AC