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**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 INFORMATIONNAME: NAKAMOTO, UnosukaHOME ADDRESS: Canadian Scottish Cannery, Steveston, B. C. Box 116.REGISTRATION NUMBER 05040 SEX: Male AGE: 38OCCUPATION: Fisherman (formerly)

(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: Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B. C.MARRIED? yesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Sugae 1024 ✓ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Canadian Scottish Cannery, Steveston, B. C.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Manabu (M) Midori (F) Tadaashi (M)Sumire (F)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: First 2 children live in Japan. Last 2 children live at Canadian Scottish Cannery, Steveston, B. C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 11, 9, 6.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state) none

*Received
Account
But not
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7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS: none
8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: none
9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN none

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: 7 room 2 storey frame house at
Canadian Scottish Cannery, Steveston, B. C.
2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B. C.
3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID:
By arrangement with the Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B. C.
4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE: none
5. SUB-TENANTS, IF ANY (Give name, address, rent and to what date paid)
none
6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN: none

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

1. GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION AND STATE LOCATION OF FURNITURE, FIXTURES, EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, STOCK IN TRADE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS:
Furniture and fishing equipment as per attached list.
Nets and fishing boat (U. S.) will be sold if declarant finds
a good prospect and other furniture will be stored in cannery
house at ~~Canada~~ Canadian Scottish Cannery, Steveston, B. C.
and carpenter tools and personal effects will be taken with
declarant when he evacuates. Fishing boat in custody of Navy,
New Westminster, B. C. Key to be handed over to Canadian Fishing Co.,
2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS Steveston, B. C.
none
3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR
CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY none

SAKAMOTO, Unesuke

Reg. No. 05040

To be taken with him

✓	Kitchen Utensils	\$ 200.00
✓	6 Wood Warming Stove, Kitchen Stove and Gas Stoves	150.00
✓	4 Tables	20.00
✓	12 Chair	5.00
✓	Book and Book Case	60.00
✓	3 Beds	75.00
✓	Carpenter Tools	50.00
✓	Bath	20.00
✓	3 Water Tanks	20.00
✓	5 Gas Tanks	15.00
✓	3 Bicycles	45.00
✓	3 Trucks (Net)	30.00
✓	1 Row Boat	15.00
✓	200' 3/8 and 5/8 ^{1/2} Galvanized Cable	35.00
✓	Lead Mould	12.00
✓	10 Cords Wood	50.00
✓	Fishing Nets	1125.00

✓ Row Boat and Fishing Nets ~~xxxx~~ left in custody of Canadian Fishing Co., Net House #3.

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: Nets are insured by arrangement with the Canadian Fishing Co., Steveston, B. C.
5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: none
6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) none
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) \$150.00 Victory Bonds and 2--\$5.00 War Savings Certificates in owner's possession.
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: Royal Bank, Steveston, B. C. Acct. No. 8-158. \$2,000.00.
9. LIFE INSURANCE: 2 policies, Sun Life. Nos. 820249 and 661725 respectively \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00. resp. Beneficiary, both cases, wife, Sugae. Policies in owner's possession.
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. none
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none
2. TRADE DEBTS: none

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 17th day of April 1942.

[Signature]

Witness

(Signature)

[Signature]

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date June 28, 1943

Our File No. 4933

Full Name SAKAMOTO, Unosuke
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 05040 ☒ Male - Female
(check)

Age July 4, 1903

Former Address P. O. Box 316, Steveston
403 South Hastings Street, Vancouver.

Date Evacuated June 22, 1942 ☒ Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address ~~Box 34, Minto Mine, B. C.~~ *Minto, B.C. (6/12/42)*

☒ Married - Single
(check)

nee
Name of Wife (KARIYA) Sugaya #05265 *See 5026*

Name of Husband _____

nee
Name of Mother (YAMAMOTO) Ichi Name of Father SAKAMOTO, Kusutau (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Tadashi (M) February 2, 1933

Sumire (F) March 28, 1936

Requested by E. C. T. Registered with Custodian no
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Fisherman; owns boat, No. 2294 N. W. Owns camera,
No. 451 and G. E. Radio, No. 325.

File No. 4933

November 28, 1946.

LIABILITY SUMMARY

re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
REG. No. 05040

There are no claims against Unosuke Sakamoto revealed
in the file.

The above Summary is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

November 28, 1946.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
Reg. No. 05040

Chattels: See Chattel Summary

Specified Articles: The file reveals a General Electric radio, #154, and a Loth Doppel folding camera - both were released to the B. C. Security Commission on June 21, 1944 for shipment to Unosuke Sakamoto.

Fishing Vessels: "U.S." - sold through the Japanese Fishing Vessels Disposal Committee and the net proceeds were paid direct to Unosuke Sakamoto on May 14, 1942.

Life Insurance: Sun Life Insurance Co., Policy No. 820249 in the amount of \$2,000.00 and Policy No. 661725 in the amount of \$1,000.00 - both policies in owner's possession. No action was required by the Custodian.

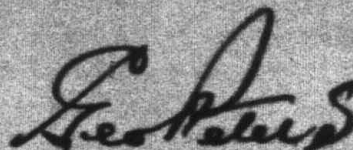
Bank Account: \$2,000.00 in the Royal Bank of Canada, Steveston, B. C. - Account No. S-158. No action was required by the Custodian.

Stocks, Bonds, etc: \$150.00 in Victory Bonds and two \$5.00 War Savings Certificates, all in owner's possession. No action required by the Custodian.

Accounts receivable: Refund of B. C. Electric railway Co., Security Deposit for Light in the amount of \$5.00. This has been credited to the account of Unosuke Sakamoto.

No property interests other than those mentioned are found on the file.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

November 28, 1946.

CHattel Summary

re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
Mag. No. 05040
Evacuated - June 22/42

We have placed a General Summary on this file with reference to the chattels.

In his declaration of April 17, 1942, Unosuke Sakamoto listed fishing nets, valued at \$1,125.00. Our Net Statement of September 8, 1943, lists all the nets that were found and inventoried by the Custodian in the name of Unosuke Sakamoto, and these were sold for the sum of \$285.00. This amount was credited to Sakamoto's account.

With reference to the Victor Mantel P. B. radio which was auctioned on January 27, 1944, this was the only item which could be positively identified as belonging to Itsuji HAMADE - File No. 5052. The amount realized from the sale of this radio was credited to Hamade's account.

The proceeds from all the other goods auctioned by the Custodian have been placed in Suspense Account.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

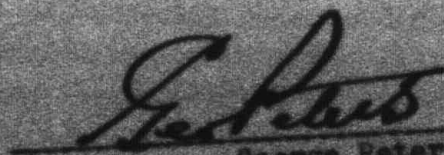
November 21, 1946.

CHATTEL SCHEDULERe: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
Reg. No. 05040JAPANESE DECLARATION - APRIL 17, 1942.

Kitchen utensils	\$200.00	
6 Wood warming stove,)	150.00	
kitchen & gas stoves)	20.00	
4 Tables	5.00	
12 Chairs	60.00	books taken by U.S. after
Books & book case	75.00	evac.
3 Beds	50.00	taken by U.S. after evac.
Carpenters tools	20.00	
Bath	20.00	
3 Water tanks	15.00	
5 Gas tanks	45.00	taken by U.S. after evac.
3 Bicycles	30.00	
3 Trucks (net)	15.00	
1 Rowboat	35.00	
200' Galvanized cable 3/8 & 5/8	12.00	
Lead mould	10.00	
10 Cords wood	1125.00	
Fishing nets		

"Carpenter tools = personal effects will
be taken with declarant when he evacuates."

The above Schedule is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

November 21, 1946.

CHattel Schedule

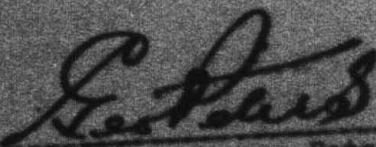
GOODS REMOVED FROM SCOTTISH CANADIAN CANNERY
UNDER NAME OF UNOSUKA BAKAMOTO
August 4-5-6, 1942.

3 Chests drawers
2 Kitchen cabinets in 2 parts
1 Desk
1 Dining table, round with separate base
2 Benches
1 Small chair
4 Tables
5 Iron beds
4 Springs & sides
18 Chairs
1 High chair
5 wooden boxes pans & dishes
6 Cartons
1 iron crib & spring
2 Heaters
1 Cook stove

Comment on inventory by Custodian's agent:

"These houses had all been broken into and
ransacked thoroughly. We packed up small
stuff on 4th & 5th but when we came to move
on the 6th the small stuff had been well
pilfered."

The above Schedule is certified to be in
accordance with information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

November 21, 1946.

CHattel Schedule

GOODS AUCTIONED BY CUSTODIAN

Dec. 10/43	Baby high chair
Jan. 14/44	4 Kitchen chairs 4 Kitchen chairs
Feb. 4/44	3 Leg box heater
March 10/44	Cook stove
March 17/44	round dining table
Sept. 1/44	Bed and spring Bed stead
Oct. 27/44	Chest of drawers Chest of drawers Table Small table China cabinet
Nov. 24/44	Kitchen table Baby bed
Dec. 7/44	Kitchen ware and sundries Dishes Cross cut saw
June 8/45	Bench Bench
Nov. 14/45	Pictures, etc.
Jan. 27/44	Victor mental P. B.
Oct. 27/44	Kitchen cupboard Kitchen cabinet Desk Chest of drawers Bed and spring Bed spring Table

The above Schedule is certified to be in
accordance with the information on file:



George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

November 21, 1946.

Re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
Reg. No. 05040

All trunks and personal belongings in storage at
Steveston were opened and inspected in October, 1945. Goods of no value
were discarded; clothing of no saleable value was turned over to U.N.R.R.A.;
saleable articles were auctioned and any personal photographs or goods of
personal nature are stored ready for shipment at the request of the Japanese.

SAKAMOTO, U.
Lot No. 304

Description: 1 open tin lined box

For Auction: 3 Picture with frame
5 Picture frames, glass broken
1 Festival doll
1 Flower tray

Discarded: 4 Broken picture frames
Paper party favors

Personal: Photographs
Photograph album
1 Ledger.

GP/EL

NOTE:

A telephone call was received on November 22, 1946, from
Mr. Howell, who does special work for the Custodian. He
informed us that the Buddhist Temple had again been broken
into and that all parcels of personal goods stored in the
basement had been opened and the contents strewn on the
floor. It is impossible to identify to whom they belong.

E. L. Lewis

SP

SAKAMOTO, Unosuke
Reg. No. 05040
File No. 4933

September 8, 1943.

NET STATEMENT

<u>Cust. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Jap. Value</u>	<u>Sold</u>
- 32A	10 x 12/40 x 40 - 90	\$185.00 -	\$60.00 ✓
- 39A	9 x 9/40 x 45 - 85	60.00 -	30.00 -
- 40A	5½ x 4½/40 x 60 - 60	70.00 -	40.00 -
- 40A	5½ x 4½/40 x 60 - 15	15.00 -	10.00 -
- 33A	5½ x 4½/40 x 60 - 350	200.00 -	45.00 (pc) ✓
- Cannery	7 x 6/40 x 60 - 17	20.00 -	20.00 ✓
Cannery	150 fa. lead line	15.00 -	15.00 ✓
Cannery	200 fa. cork line	20.00 30.00	20.00 ✓
31A	200 fa. lead line	20.00 1/0	20.00 -
- 30A	500 fa. greyfish lead line	50.00 ✓	<u>25.00</u> ✓
Total Credit Balance.....			\$285.00 ✓

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Memorandum to File 4933

Re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO, #05040

Memorandum giving details of the vessel "N.S." Vancouver 4035, PR.047-H, has been removed to File No. 1230.

Unosuke SAKAMOTO in letter of May 6, 1945, states that he has no connection with this and states that another Unosuke SAKAMOTO, of Skeena River, is the man connected with this vessel.

As there is no Unosuke SAKAMOTO, Skeena River, registered, but File 1230 is that of a man named Unokichi SAKAMOTO, formerly of Claxton Cannery, Skeena River, we are transferring the Vessel Memorandum to that file.

J. Markison

11/5/45

MEMORANDUM

July 29, 1943

To: File 4933

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: SAKAMOTO, Unosuke - Reg. 05040

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APPRAISED VALUE</u>
RADIO	General Electric radio #154. Phonograph radio. <i>Recmp 325</i>	\$50.00
CAMERA	Loth Doppel folding camera, broken handle. Anstigmat 1.4.5. F-105 <i>Recmp #51</i>	\$10.00

*Released to BC Security Commission,
June 21, 1944
Fur*

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SUMMARY TAKEN FROM VESSELS RECORDS

Date: Jan. 25, 1944

Name: Unosuke SAKAMOTO

Reg. No. 05040

File: 4933

Boat File No.: JFVDC 552

Name of Vessel: "U.S." 1111 30'6"x7'2"x3' (1937) Grey 75 HP

Lic. or Reg. No.: New Westminster 2294

Naval No.: NW.086-E

Owner's Valuation: \$1,200.00

JFVDC Valuation: None

Custodian Valuation: None

Date of Sale: May 7, 1942

Purchaser: Canadian Fishing Company Ltd.

Signature on Sales Papers: U. Sakamoto

Selling Price: \$1,150.00

Paid to JFVDC ~~on~~ ~~custodian~~: \$1,150.00

Supervision Costs: \$16.50

Balance due Owner: \$1,133.50 (\$24.81 paid to B.C. Packers
\$1,108.69 " " U. Sakamoto

Paid to: U. Sakamoto on May 14, 1942.

Location of Boat at Sale: New Westminster

Claims Against Canadian Govt.:

Repairs: Star Shipyard Job. 128 - \$4.15 (Paid)

Additional Information:

*see letter 11/5/45
to A. Sakamoto
and reply 15/5/45*

*Ed through
Dept of Fisheries
PM*

*J. M. Watson
Nov 26, 1946*

Files Nos. 4933, 5052, 1141,
1837 & 1081

November 26, 1946.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO #05040 - Tokichi KIMURA #05239
File No. 4933 File No. 1081
Itaruji RAMANE #04457 - Kasuo KIMURA #05021 - Genkichi MIYAI #05088
File No. 5052 File No. 1837 File No. 1141

We are placing on the files of the above named Japanese a list of what the Japanese declared, a list of goods removed from the Scottish Canadian Cannery by the Custodian and a list of the goods auctioned by the Custodian.

It appears that the above Japanese all stored their furniture in the house of Unosuke Sakamoto and they were removed under the name of Sakamoto as no identification tags were on the chattels. It is also noted, on the removal slip, the following notation:

"These houses have all been broken into and ransacked thoroughly. We picked up small stuff on the 4th & 5th, but when we came to move on the 6th the small stuff had been well pilfered."

It is impossible for this office to identify the chattels sold, therefore, we have transferred the funds derived from these sales to Suspense Account so that this may be dealt with at a later date.

The above Summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file:


George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name MR UMOSUKE SAKAMOTO

File No. 4933

Ros 34, Minto City B.C.

Reg. No. 65040

Company Sun Life Insurance Co.

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 661725

Premium - \$ 18.80

Payable: ^x Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month November

Day 1st

REMARKS:

(Information supplied by Ins. Co.)

LIFE INSURANCE

Name MR UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO

4938
File No. ~~82-00~~

Box 34, Minto City B.C.

Reg. No. 65040

Company Sun Life Insurance Co.,

Agency Vancouver

Policy No. 820249

Premium - \$ 82.00

Payable: ^X Annually, Semi-annually or monthly

Month November

Day 1st

REMARKS:

letter sent 24/8/43

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Form 1004

No. 151

EXHIBIT REPORT

HEADQUARTERS File No.

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver.

DIVISION and File No.

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

(J.R. #05040)

DATE June 21st. 1944

Re: Unsub. RAYMOTO, Steveston, B.C.

(Name of File)

On March 9th. 1942. 1 U.E. McLaren, Cst.

(Date)

(Member's Name)

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handed over by owner's proxy, Tetsuhiro OTANI.

(State Authority from whom seized and place of seizure)

No. OF EXHIBIT	No. OF PACKAGES	CAPACITY OR SIZE	DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBITS
	1.		LOTH DOPPEL folding camera. Antistigmat 14.5 Fl. (Broken handle)

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JUN 22 1944

REMARKS: Handed over to the B.C. Security Commission.

(State briefly disposition)

DATE June 21st. 1944

CERTIFIED CORRECT

(Signature of Recipient or Witness)

B.C. SEC. COMM.

P.T. Jefferson, Cst. #10559.

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

PRODUCERS AND DISTRIBUTORS OF
FRESH, PACKED, SALT AND SMOKED FISH
CANNED SALMON
ICE AND COLD STORAGE

OFFICE OF THE CANADIAN
FISHING COMPANY

Gulf of Georgia Cannery,
Stevenson, B.C.
Sept. 19th, 1942.

SEP 23 1942

Office of the Controller,
The Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Japanese Owned Fishing Net - SAKAMOTO U. No. 1

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Dear sir:

25940

We are attaching a cheque for \$20.00 to
cover payment on the following piece of new netting owned
by SAKAMOTO U. and stored at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery:

6/40 x 7" mesh x 50 meshes deep x 17 f
without lines.

This piece of netting has been listed
and tagged by the owner to be sold for \$20.00.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Innes
Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

THE CANADIAN FISHING COMPANY, LIMITED

INCORPORATED IN CANADA
 PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION OF
 FISH, FISH OIL, BAIT AND FISHING TACKLE
 CANADA, U.S.A.
 407 AND 408 BAYVIEW

RECEIVED
 SEP 24 1942

Gulf of Georgia Cannery
 Sturgeon, N.S.
 Sept. 24th, 1942.

Office of the Custodian,
 200 Regal Bank Bldg.,
 Vancouver, B.C.

Enclosed please find bill for lines - \$25.00 P. B. B.

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing a cheque for \$25.00 to cover
 payment on the following set of lines issued by SAKAMOTO S.
 and stored at the Gulf of Georgia Cannery:

100 Pkts. of Lead Line @ 10¢ Pkts \$10.00

200 Pkts. of Dark Line @ 10¢ Pkts \$20.00
 \$30.00

Yours very truly,

J. Townsend
 Gulf of Georgia Cannery.

267-413-2-1
P.O. BOX 34,
MINTO MINE, B.C.
NOVEMBER 12, 1942.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

DEAR SIR:

Can you kindly please send us a radio. When we wrote to Custodian asking about the radio to sent to us. There was an answer saying that if all the Japanese people will evacuated from the coast, they said they will send us a radio. If so, will you please kindly send us our radio. On March 9, 1942 Mr. Otani took our radio on his truck. (General Elect Ser #154.)

Yours very truly,

K. Sakamoto

File No.
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Minto City, B.C.,
Dec. 15th, 1942.

The Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter asking me to sign
for the list of chattels which you had to move.

I have herewith signed that paper but I
would like to know very much what has happened
to few of my other chattels. I have given my complete
list of chattels to the Custodian's Office, so if you
would ^{please} check this new list of chattels with my old
list and see to the trouble of what has become of my
missing chattels. I would appreciate very much if
you would take that trouble and let me know.

Also in your letter you have stated
"We have had to remove your chattels to storage at Jap. United Church."
I didn't quite understand it. Does it mean that you will
move the chattels to United Church? -

I would like very much if you would let me
know all these things and let me express my heartiest
Thanks for all the trouble.

Yours truly,
#05040 U. Sakamoto.

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December 14, 1942.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 05040,
Minto City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

We have received your letter of December 5th and we thank you for signing and return to us the inventory list.

We removed your chattels from the Canadian Scottish Cannery because there was a lot of pilfering going on there and no doubt some of your effects were stolen. The Custodian had them stored in the Japanese United Church so that they could properly be cared for.

On your registration you declared the personal effects would be taken with you. Did this include the tools, bicycles, books, etc? There were a good many more items on the list we sent you ~~and~~ you declared on your registration list, for instance,

- 3 chests of drawers
- 2 kitchen cabinets
- 1 desk
- 2 benches
- 18 chairs instead of 12
- 5 beds instead of 3
- 1 high chair
- 1 iron crib and spring

Do these extra things belong to you? Please let us have your early reply.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department.

REM/P.

File 4933

Minto, B.C.,
Dec. 18th, 1942.

The Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	DEC 23 1942
File No.	4933
Ans.	
Refer to	Machida

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of December 14th and thank you for storing my chattels in the Japanese United Church.

You have mentioned if I have taken tools, bicycles, books, yes, as I have stated before I have brought with me the tools, books and 3 bicycles out of 4 ^{which} I registered. That leaves one bicycle in Steveston which I hope you have in storage. And as for the other chattels which had not been in my list, I must tell you that I had my friends' chattels stored in my house at Scottish Canadian Camp in Steveston. So if you would check up the list ~~that~~ Mr. Sanichi Kimura, Mr. Genjiro Kimura and Mr. Sanichi Nishii, as reported to the Custodian previously. So that means I had quite a storage of chattels belonging to my three friends and also my own.

I would appreciate very much if you would check up on my friends' lists and mine. I hope I have answered you sufficiently. I am sure some of the things will be missing since I heard there had been quite a lot pilfering going on.

Yours truly
H. Sakamoto
Reg. No. 05040

December 30, 1942.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 05040,
NINTO CITY, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Chattels

We thank you for your letter of December 23rd.

We note you took with you your tool box and 3 bicycles, we also note that you had stored in your house, the effects of Mr. Tokiohi Kimura, who lists only house furnishings and kitchen utensils, Mr. Genjiro Kimura, who is not registered has no inventory, Mr. Genkichi Miyai, who gives a detailed inventory.

As stated in our letter of November 27th, the chattels mentioned on the list we sent you at that time were all the moveable goods we found in your house at the Scottish Canadian Cannery, but a further check will be made at a further date and some of your missing articles may turn up then.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackenzie
Protection Department.

RM
REM:EL

To the Secretary of State acting
in his capacity as Custodian.

Miss Sullivan

I Unosuke Sakamoto (here fill in the Japanese name
in full) Police registration No. 05040 (here fill in No.)
hereby request the Custodian to release to me the under-noted effects
belonging to me now vested in the Custodian under P. C. 1665 as amended
and stored at R. C. M. P. Barracks (here fill in place
where goods are stored).

Viz: (Here describe goods) :-

1 G. E. Radio, Serial #154

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I agree that all shipping, handling ~~expenses~~ are to be
paid by me and that the said effects shall hereafter be at my sole
charge and risk and hereby acknowledge that I have and can have no
claim of any kind whatsoever against the Custodian or any of his
deputies, employees, servants or agents in respect of any of the said
effects so released and I hereby request and authorize the Custodian to
delete the said effects from my registration form.

Dated this 16 day of December 1942.

Approved

Maint. Bureau

(Japanese sign here.)

Unosuke Sakamoto

Name: HAKAMOTO, Unosuke

File: 4933

Reg.No: 05040

CHATELAIN

3 Chests drawers
2 Kitchen cabinets in two parts
1 Desk
1 Dining table, round with separate base
2 Benches
1 Small chair
4 Tables
5 Iron beds
4 Springs & Sides
18 Chairs
1 High chair
5 Wooden boxes, pans & dishes
6 Cartons
1 Iron crib and spring
2 Heaters
1 Cook stove

This represents all my chattels in the restricted area of British Columbia.

PSH Date Dec 4th 42 Signed Unosuke Hakamoto

Please sign and return one copy to this office.

FILE 4933

✓ NAME SAKAMOTO, Unosuke REG. NO. 05060

Item No.	Description	Appraised Value	Jap Value	Sold For	Buyer	Date	Receipt No.	Location
33A	10/15 x 5 x 60-- 350		\$200.00					Gulf of Georgia Shed
32A	12/40 x 10-40-90 new		185.00					"
31A	100 F Cork line		35.00	\$20.00	Canadian Fishing Co.	24-9-42		"
30A	500 F lead line		50.00					"
40A	6/40 x 7" x 60H x 17 F		20.00	20.00	"	19-9-42		"
	150 F lead line			15.00	"	24-9-42		"

MEMORANDUM

Files #4933

May 10, 1943.

1141
1081
2490
1837

TO: File #4933

FROM: Mr. R. B. Mackenzie.

Re: SAKAMOTO, Unosuke

The chattels which were moved from the house of the above to the Japanese United Church, included not only his own but those belonging to Tekichi KIMURA, file #1081; Genjiro KIMURA, file #2490; Kazuo KIMURA, file #1837 and Genkichi MIYAI, File #1141. Both before and during the moving of the chattels to storage, this house was ransacked and pilfered.

RBW/MFP

RBW.

Box 34 Mine Mine, Ok.
Aug. 24th, 1943.

The Custodian's Office,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Tulsa, Ok.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	AUG 28 1943
File No.	4933
By	W. J. Anderson
Noted	W. J. Anderson

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter dated July 14th,
I have herewith completed the net form which you
have sent.

As I have mentioned on the other list sheet, the
ones with the "tick", the numbers 3, 7, 8 have been
sold but I don't know what has become of the rest,
please notify me what has become of it and if any of
them has been sold, please send me the money together
with the money which I had have asked before, which
is the money for the nets that have already been sold.

As you know Mine is a self-supporting community,
as we need money to pay rents and buy provisions. Please
let me know about the nets and also send me the
money as soon as possible. I thank you.

Yours Sincerely

Usual duplicate
list filed

Yours truly,
W. J. Anderson
(Reg. No. 05040)

Name of Owner: SAKAMOTO, Unosuke
 Registration No.: 05040
 Address: Box 34, Minto Mine, B.C.

Recd Aug 25/42

FISHING NET INVENTORY

1. Place of Storage Gulf of Georgia Can. No. 3 Net House at Stewerton
 (a) In whose care Canadian Fishing Co.
 (b) Whereabouts of key (if any) with the
Canadian Fishing Co.

2. Description of nets as follows:

*See index
numbers*

Type	Mesh	Ply	Mesher Depth	Fathom Length	Valuation	Any other marks of identification
① 32 Spring net (old)	10 10	1 3/4	40	90	185 ⁰⁰	new
② 39A	9	2 3/4	45	85	60 ⁰⁰	used 1 year
③ ✓ 24 of 20	7	6/40	60	17	20 ⁰⁰	new
④ 40A	5 7/8	2 3/4 40	60	60	70 ⁰⁰	new
⑤ 33A	5 1/2	2 5/8 40	60 60	350	200 ⁰⁰	used 1 year
⑥ 40A	5 1/2	4 1/2 40	60	15	15 ⁰⁰	new
⑦ ✓ Cork line	8 of 24			220	30 ⁰⁰	
⑧ ✓ Lead line	200 - 200			350	40 ⁰⁰	
⑨ Gray fish 30A	125 - 125			500	50 ⁰⁰	
⑩ Lead line	200 - 200			(double fathoms)		

*The ones with the "tick" mark (which are Nos. 3, 7, 8)
 have been sold.*

N. B. Please do not exaggerate fathom length or valuation, as this will only make it harder to identify your nets, and to credit any money received from their sale to their rightful owners.

Mat - 1100

Box 34, Mint Mine B.C.,
Aug. 24th, 1943.

The Custodian's Office,
Protection Dept.,
506, Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

RECEIVED	
AUG 28 1943	
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File No.	4733
Ans.	
Referred	Officer [initials]

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter of Aug. 6th, in which you have stated that I did not declare photograph records on my Japanese Registration form. But I think you have overlooked the "records" on that list because I am quite sure I registered 100 photograph records on my Japanese registration form, which had been conducted by Mrs. McArthur at Stunt.

On that registration form I stated those records as being kept at my house in Scottish Canadian Cannery at Stunt. But later I heard from my friend that as my things have been removed to the Japanese United Church in Stunt. I am sure you will find them there or else you will get information of it from Mr. Robinson, Custodian Agent in Stunt.

Will you please check that and send me my photograph records as soon as you can. I thank you.

Yours truly,
Unasaka Saburo,
(Reg. no. 00000)

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Box 24,
Minto Mine, B.C.
August 29, 1943.

Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	SEP 3 1943
File No.	4733
Ans.	July 21
Referred	Peter

Dear Sir: -

This acknowledges the receipt of your letter of August 24th stating that you are willing to assist me by paying my Insurance Premium with the assets in the hands of the Custodian.

As I have done in former years I wish to pay the Premiums by myself, so if there is any funds to my credit I would like it sent to me.

I am advising you that we are here on a Self-Supporting Project and a great amount of funds are necessary for rent and other requirements, so I will be very pleased if you would remit me as much as possible for my monthly maintenance. I like to know the ^{whole} amount of money to my credit.

yours truly,
Alnosuke Sakamoto.

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File No. 4933

September 8, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Accounting Department

From: Miss Seaton

Re: Unosuke SAKAMOTO, #05040

Would you kindly transfer the following items
from the Suspense Account to the above Japanese account,
File No. 4933:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Posted</u>
net	\$30.00	Jan. 13th
web	40.00	Feb. 4th
web 5½"	10.00	Mar. 10th
200 fa. lead line	20.00	Jan. 12th

Thank you.

/ms

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd NOV 18 1943

File No.

Ans.

Referred G-163-A

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION.

CUSTODIAN RELEASE FORM

Address P.O. Box 24Date Sept. 27th, 1943Minto Mine, B.C.To: The Secretary of State, acting in his
capacity as Custodian, Vancouver, B.C.I, Unosuke Sakamoto, Police Registration No. 05040

hereby request you to release to me the under-noted property
 stored at Scottish Canadian Cannery at Sturston ^{(now moved to}
in possession of Custodian at Sturston ^{Japan United Church}
 and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to
 such property.

Description of Property:100 (one hundred) Phonograph RecordsOriginal Address Scottish Canadian Cannery (P.O. Box 115), SturstonDate Evacuated to Vancouver June 10th, 1942Date Evacuated to Present Address Sept. 6th, 1942

Number in Family - 12 years and over

Number in Family - 5 to 11 years old 2

Number in Family - under 5

TOTAL NUMBER IN FAMILY 4I agree to pay all charges as required by the British Columbia
Security Commission.

APPROVED:

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Per: _____

Unosuke Sakamoto
Claimant Signs Here

4933 & 5008

May 27, 1944

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration 05040,
Box 34,
Minto Mine, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Kichitaro MAEDE, Reg. 03534
Steveston, B. C.

This man has declared ownership of a fishing vessel,
described as follows:

"K.M. 59", Naval No. N.009-L
25' x 7'6" x 3'4" - built in 1921
Fairbanks Morse 6 HP engine

This vessel was, apparently, unlicensed. She had been operating
on the East Coast of Vancouver Island. Mr. Maede has sent us a
Statutory Declaration and a Power of Attorney appointing you his
attorney. The Declaration reads:

"I purchased Gasoline Fishing Boat "K.M." in the year 1924,
and did not get Bill of Sale from the Vendor.

"Dimensions of the boat is 25 feet long, 7 foot 6 inches wide
and 3 foot 4 inches deep, powered with a 6 HP Fairbanks engine
and operating under Naval Control Number N.009-L.

"That I have been unable to obtain Bill of Sale as the where-
abouts of the Vendor is unknown."

Unfortunately neither fishing licence 59 (for the year
1941) nor Naval No. N.009-L were issued to Kichitaro Maede. For
this reason we have been unable to release the funds received from
the sale of the vessel. It is possible that the numbers he has
given us were mistakes made by him due to an imperfect knowledge of
English.

As Mr. Maede had appointed you his attorney, you will pro-
bably have some knowledge of this vessel. Would you kindly let us
know that, to your knowledge, Kichitaro Maede was the owner of a
fishing vessel such as that described, that this vessel was impounded,
and that you believe the vessel "K.M.59" to be the property of
Kichitaro Maede. Supply any other information you may have that will
support Mr. Maede's declaration.

We have asked Mr. Maede for the permit given him at the time
the naval control number was issued, but he has not supplied this. He
is living at Bridge River, B. C. If you are not able to supply in-
formation about this vessel, could you suggest some one who might be

able to supply such information. Or the name of some one at Bridge River who could help Mr. Maede to locate papers that would support his declaration.

The amount of money involved is not great, but as Mr. Maede has asked that the money be sent to him, we would like to be able to do so.

Any help you can give us in this connection will be greatly appreciated. We enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours very truly,

Enclosures (2)

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

4933

May 27, 1944

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration 05040,
Box 34,
Minto Mine, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago, you requested the return of your radio. At that time radios were not being released.

We understand that radios and cameras belonging to persons residing outside the interior housing settlements are being released, and suggest, if you are still interested in the return of your radio and camera, that you get in touch with the British Columbia Security Commission and find out if these may now be shipped to you.

These articles will not be sold until you have had an opportunity to arrange for their release.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

Minto Mine, B. C.
June 1, 1944.

B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This is to apply for the release of my radio
in accordance with a suggestion made by the Office of
Custodian, as per attached copy of letter.

If you will inform me the packing, trucking
and freight charges, I will be pleased to send you a
money order in advance.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Unosuke Sakanoto
.....
Unosuke Sakanoto #05040

UNRECORDED
CC: Mr. F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Dept.,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B. C.

Form 246A

No. 325

SUB-DIV'N and File No. Vancouver

DETACHMENT and File No. C.I.B.

Re:

DA E. June 21st. 1944.
 Envelope SAKIMOTO, P.O. Box 516, Stevenson, B.C.
 (Name of File)

On March 20, 1964

(Name of Vile)

10-10-1964

4. Mitarbeiter & Manager

Came into possession of the following described goods by

Handled over by Roy T. QUART

(State Authority from whom school and place of seizure)

JUN 22 1944

REMARKS:

Handed over to the D.C. Security Commission

(Make briefly disposition)

DATE _____

(Signature of Plaintiff)

(Signature of Recipient in Block)

CERTIFIED CORRECT

10-10-59

4400
4933

October 4th, 1944

Mr. Unosuke HAMADA,
Registration No. 05023,
Box 29,
Loretto, Manitoba.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th of September, we have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for \$100.00, being part of the proceeds derived from the sale of your nets. Please let us have your receipt by return. After deducting this amount your credit balance is \$50.00.

Regarding your chattels, also those of your sons, Itauji and Hiroshi. The position is quite involved. As you are no doubt aware, all the goods you and your family left in house no. 7 at the Scottish Canadian Cannery were in care of Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO who also had in his care goods belonging to Yokichi KIMURA, Genjiro KIMURA, Kasuo KIMURA and Genkichi MIYAI.

On August 6th, 1942, we moved, via barge and truck, all the chattels from Mr. SAKAMOTO'S house and stored them in his name at the Japanese United Church warehouse. Our Steveston agent reported at the time that all the houses at this cannery had been broken into and thoroughly ransacked. All the small stuff especially was stolen. As none of these goods were tagged with your name it will be impossible to identify yours, so we suggest selling everything and crediting each one of you pro rata with the proceeds. Under the circumstances we believe this is the fairest thing to do and trust you will agree.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the others involved.

Yours truly,

R. B. Mackenzie,
Protection Department.

RBH/MEG
encl.

cc: B. C. Security Commission
Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO

File Nos. 4933
1877
1141
5052

October 4th, 1944

To: C. Girard

From: R. B. Buckle

Re: SAKAWA, Unogake

Will you please freeze the proceeds of auction sales credited and to be credited to the above until various owners of chattels involved can be identified.

R.B.M.

Accounting dept. advised

5/10/44. c.g.

R.B.M.

4400, 4933

November 29th, 1944

Mr. Unosuke HAMADA,
Reg. No. 05023,
Loretto Man.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of November 21st, we have pleasure in enclosing our cheque for \$50.00, which is the full amount of your credit balance at the moment.

We have delayed answering the letter of October 11th signed by your Son, Itadaki Hamada until we heard from other Japanese who have their goods stored in Sakamoto's house at the Scottish Canadian Cannery.

Practically all of these goods have now been sold at auction and the proceeds 'frozen', until it could be determined how it should be distributed. We are sorry that you did not agree with the suggestion outlined in our letter of October 4th, - that each Japanese involved be credited with the amount of the proceeds based on the chattels declared, and we will be very glad if you can suggest a fairer way of dividing the proceeds between you.

Yours truly,

R.B. Mackenzie
Protection Department

RBH:LM
ENCL.

4933

May 3, 1945.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 05040
Box 34,
Minto Mine, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We understand that the fishing vessel "W. S.",
Vancouver 4035, was being purchased by you from British
Columbia Packers Ltd. at the time this vessel was im-
pounded, and that this vessel was being operated by a
man named, N. Sakamoto.

Could you give us the full name of N. Sakamoto?
This information is required in connection with a claim
for expenses incurred in bringing this vessel from Prince
Rupert to Steveston at the time of the impounding.

For your convenience in replying, we enclose a
stamped, addressed envelope.

Yours truly,

Enclosure

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

Trinity Mine, B.C.
May 6, 1945.

Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

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Interred <i>Thompson</i>

Dear Sir:-

I have for acknowledgment
your letter of 3rd. inst.

I have recollection to presume
that N. Sakamoto as Umosuke Sakamoto
formerly of Shena River which I
have no connection with him.

He having the same name as me
I have had troubles before.

I will make contact with
Mr. H. Kimura and will ask him
to testify this and give you further
information.

Yours Truly,
Umosuke
Sakamoto.

Reg # 05040
File # 4933

4933

May 11, 1945.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 05040,
Minto Mine, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 6th, stating that you have no connection with U. Sakamoto, formerly of Skeena River, has been received.

The only U. Sakamoto, of Skeena River, of whom we have a record, is Unokichi SAKAMOTO, formerly of Claxton Cannery, Skeena River. We will write this man in an effort to locate N. Sakamoto.

We note that, when your vessel "U.S." NW.2294, was sold, the sum of \$24.81 was paid to British Columbia Packers Ltd. That company have informed us that this money was refunded to you as it was not owing by you but by U. Sakamoto, of Claxton Cannery, Skeena River.

If it happens that you have not received a refund of this \$24.81 from British Columbia Packers Ltd., please let us know.

If we do not hear from you we will consider this matter closed as far as you are concerned.

Thank you for the assistance you have given us from time to time.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,
Specified Articles Department.

4933

*Copy #1
District Fisheries
Admin*

December 20, 1945.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Reg. No. 05040,
Box 34,
WINTO KINE, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Burrard Cannery, Steveston

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 26th with reference to the No. 1 District Fishermens Association.

In answer to your questions:-

1. The proceeds of the sale of the above property are being held at this office to the Association's credit.
2. All rents collected are also being held by the Custodian to the Association's credit.
3. The Custodian will pay out all funds according to your instructions providing we receive a signed statement from each member giving the number of shares and the actual amounts owing them. ✓

We are also enclosing a statement of your account to date and you will notice that we have made an adjustment with Francis Millard & Co. for the loss of the pump, electric motor and hose which was in the amount of \$90. This statement cannot be taken as final owing to the fact that there are negotiations going on at the present time with reference to repayment to the purchasers for certain electrical wiring and equipment which Francis Millard & Co. installed during their tenancy. We will give you full information with reference to this in the very near future.

Yours truly,

George Peters
Administration Department

cc File No. 4651

November 21, 1946.

MEMORANDUM -- MISS CHARLOTTE GIRARDRe: Unosuke SAKAMOTO
Reg. No. 05040

Kindly transfer to Suspense Account all chattels listed on the following auction sheets: Steveston, No. 2, No. 3, No. 5, No. 8, No. 9, No. 19, No. 23, No. 25, No. 26, No. 35 & No. 42. These chattels were removed from the house of Unosuke SAKAMOTO and it is impossible to identify the owners as the following files are involved: Itsuji HAMADA - File 5052, Kazuo KIMURA - File 1837, Tokichi KIMURA - File 1081 and Genkichi MIYAI - File 1141.

The net amount of the transfer is \$61.82, however, we find that \$1.00 for storage of a radio is charged to Sakamoto's account. Kindly make this transfer \$60.82 so this account will not be a debit. This \$1.00 will be dealt with when a settlement is made with Unosuke Sakamoto.

Disregard, transferred 7.82

GP/EL

GH

Accounting Department:

Charge to File 4933 and credit to Chattel Suspense Account - Unosuke SAKAMOTO and Friends - Scottish Canadian Cannery.

Steveston 2 - Realised:	\$3.00	--	Less Expenses:	\$0.78	--	Credited:	\$2.22
Steveston 3 -	\$8.60	--	"	\$2.17	--	"	\$6.43
Steveston 5 -	\$1.00	--	"	\$0.25	--	"	\$0.75
Steveston 8 -	\$20.00	--	"	\$5.06	--	"	\$14.94
Steveston 9 -	\$4.50	--	"	\$1.31	--	"	\$3.19
Steveston 19 -	\$9.50	--	"	\$2.56	--	"	\$6.94
Steveston 23 -	\$14.50	--	"	\$2.97	--	"	\$11.53
Steveston 25 -	\$9.50	--	"	\$2.39	--	"	\$7.11
Steveston 26 -	\$3.75	--	"	\$1.03	--	"	\$2.72
Steveston 35 -	\$1.00	--	"	\$0.25	--	"	\$0.75
Steveston 42 -	\$1.50	--	"	\$0.26	--	"	\$1.24
							<u>\$57.82</u>

Transferred, November 22, 1946.

C. Girard

4933

December 6, 1946.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Registration No. 05040,
Minto, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith our cheque in the amount of \$4.00, being a refund of B. C. Electric railway Co., Security Deposit for Light. This cheque represents your entire balance with the Custodian.

Although quite a number of articles were removed from your home, situated at the Scottish Canadian Cannery, Steveston, B. C., it was found that many other Japanese had left their chattels in your home on their evacuation. We have been obliged to transfer the funds realised from the sale of the majority of chattels to Suspense Account as it was impossible for this office to identify their owners. A record of your declaration is on our file.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the above cheque.

Yours truly,

George Peters,
Office of the Custodian.

GP/EL

Enc. - Cheque for \$4.00

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9th May, 1951.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Regn. No. 05040,
P.O. Box 9,
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Minoru Shota in Japan,
we enclose herewith Custodian cheque payable to you, for
\$46.77, which represents his portion of the distribution
from the assets of the River Fish Company Limited.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHR:HA

Encl.

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16th May, 1951.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
Regn. No. 05040,
Steveston, B.C.

Dear Sir:

At the request of Mr. Tamejiro NARAO in Japan,
we enclose Custodian cheque in the amount of \$36.99
payable to you, and which represents his portion of the
distribution from the assets of the River Fish Company
Limited.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,

C.H. Reed,
Office of the Custodian.

CHRS:HA
Encl.

NOV 26 1947

IN THE MATTER OF a Commission to Investigate Claims of Japanese Canadians for Property Losses.

TO: The Commissioner,
Office of the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

4933

Pursuant to the notice issued on the 26th day of September, 1947, I submit the following claim:

(1) NAME SAKAJOTO UOIKE (male) (RCMP) Reg. No. 06040
(Print) Surname Given Name

(2) Pre-Evacuation Address P. O. 115 Steveston, B. C.

(3) Present Address P. O. Box 89, Minto Mine, B. C.

(4) REAL ESTATE

(a) Street Address (if any) Municipality of Richmond B. C.
City or Municipality Province

(b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)

(c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):

- (i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe)

(d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.)

(e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):

(i) Land - - - - - \$

(ii) Buildings - - - - - \$

(iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) - - - - - \$

(iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) - - - - - \$

(v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account - - - \$

(f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv) - - - \$

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

(a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
Gulf of Georgia Cannery Net House; Canadian Scottish Cannery

(b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
Net house and in the house.

(c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation left in the above premises.

(over)

- (d) In whose care was property left at date of evacuation by the claimant. (This question refers to the terms of reference which exclude claims where the property was lost, destroyed or stolen while under the custody, control or management of any person other than the Custodian appointed by the owner of the property. It involves some definite arrangement whereby you appointed someone to take care of the property and such person accepted the responsibility of so doing. Unless such an arrangement was made the question should be answered "in no one's care")

In Custodian's care.

- (e) Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

1. <u>WRITTEN ON SEPARATE SHEET</u>	Estimated Value \$
2. _____	Estimated Value \$
3. _____	Estimated Value \$
4. _____	Estimated Value \$
5. _____	Estimated Value \$
6. _____	Estimated Value \$
7. _____	Estimated Value \$
8. _____	Estimated Value \$
9. _____	Estimated Value \$
10. _____	Estimated Value \$

TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ 647.50

N.B.—If you cannot list all the items here prepare a separate list with values set out opposite each item and attach it to the form. The item "personal property" includes shares, bonds, mortgages, loans, notes and all other forms of property not included in real estate.

- (f) Total claim including real and personal property (this figure can be arrived at by adding items 4(f) and 5(e)) - - - - - \$ 647.50

- (6) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge,
Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
Kamloops, B. C.

- (b) Do you require the services of an interpreter
at the hearing? Yes or no Yes

N.B.—This Declaration must be sworn before a Commissioner, Notary Public or other person entitled to take declarations. All lawyers are qualified to do so.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
of
TO WIT;

I, UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO
of MINTO MINE

of the Townsite
in the Province of B. C.

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

The information set out in the form above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "The Canada Evidence Act".

DECLARED before me at the Townsite

of Minto Mine

In the Prov. of B.C.

this 22 day of Nov

A.D. 1947.

N.B.—THIS FORM FULLY COMPLETED AND SWORN BEFORE A COMMISSIONER SHOULD BE MAILED BY REGISTERED MAIL TO THE COMMISSIONER, c/o THE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN, ROYAL BANK BLDG., VANCOUVER, B.C., BEFORE NOVEMBER 30th, 1947. IF YOU CANNOT MAIL IT BEFORE THIS DATE SET OUT BELOW REASONS FOR THE DELAY.

**Personal property left by the claimant at
GULF OF GEORGIA CANNERY NET HOUSE.**

Itemized description of personal property which is the subject of the claim:

Nets and Lines List				Estimated Value.
SIZE (inch)	LENGTH (fathom)	MESH	DESR'N	
10	90	40	New	\$ 185.00
9	85	45	1 season	60.00
7	17	60	New	20.00
6 5/8	50	60	1 season	30.00
5 3/8	60	60	New	70.00
5 1/2	550	60	1 season	200.00
5 1/8	15	60	New	15.00
	220		CORK LINE	30.00
	550		LEAD LINE	40.00
	500 double fathoms		LEAD LINE	50.00
TOTAL				\$ 700.00
LESS AMOUNT CREDITED FROM THE CUSTODIAN				285.00
PROPERTY LOSS				\$ 415.00 \$ 415.00

**Personal property left by the claimant at
CANADIAN SCOTTISH CANNERY.**

2 kitchen cabinet	25.00
1 book case	10.00
15 cords of wood	100.00
2 propellers	15.00
2 gas. lanterns	10.00
1 heater	10.00
4 gas. stove	20.00
100 feet of 3/4 in. gal. cable	17.50
100 records	25.00
TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS	\$ 647.50

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION.

B E F O R E
(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H.I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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Lytton, B.C.,
January 15th, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
UNOSUKE SAKAMOTO.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq., appearing for the
 Dominion Government.

R.J. McMASTERS, Esq., appearing for the
 Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq., Secretary.
D.J. HANFORD, Esq., Official Interpreter.
G. HAMILTON, Esq., Official Reporter.

MR. McMASTER: My lord, to expedite the matter, the claimant is prepared to amend his claim to bring it in direct line with his J.P. form to save any arguments in that respect. Therefore, in the claim for personal property underneath the "Wets and Lines List" attached, he would ask to change "15 cords" to "10 cords of wood", change the value from \$100.00 to \$50.00; change 100 feet of 3-inch galvanized --

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Three-quarter inch.

MR. McMASTER: Three-quarter inch, I am sorry, my lord, -- to "200 feet of 3/8ths inch and 5/8ths inch galvanized cable", and to increase the value to \$35.00; to abandon his claim for 2 propellers, value \$15.00; 2 gas lanterns, value of \$10.00;

THE COMMISSIONER: He is abandoning that as well.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord. And 100 records, \$25.00.

For guidance to my learned friend I would point out that the 2 kitchen cabinets were included on the J.P. form just under the heading "Kitchen Utensils".

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THE COMMISSIONER: That makes \$150.00 under the heading of "personal property". The total claim then will be --?

MR. McMASTER: \$150.00, my lord, less \$17.50.

He has increased one.

THE COMMISSIONER: Do you think you will find it is \$150.00? The total claim will be \$565.00.

MR. McMASTER: That is right, my lord.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: \$150.00 and \$415.00, is that it?

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U. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

MR. McMASTER: Yes, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, proceed.

~~EDOUARD~~ SAKAMOTO, the claimant herein,
being first duly sworn, testified
through the interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. McMASTER:

Q Is this your signature on this claim form and
did you swear this declaration?

A Yes.

10 Q I produce to you a statement with regard to certain
fishing gear and equipment. Did you instruct
your solicitor to prepare this statement?

A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

Q Are the statements contained therein true to the
best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: I file that as Exhibit 1.

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(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

Q Mr. Sakamoto, how long had you been a fisherman
prior to your evacuation?

A About twenty-two years.

Q In that time did you have any experience in
the purchasing and sale of nets and lines and
fishing gear?

A: Yes.

Q Immediately prior to evacuation, did you dispose,
yourself, of any of your nets?

A Yes.

30 Q Were you able to get the prices which you thought

U. Sakamoto,
In Chief.

were fair prices for those nets?

A Yes.

Q Would these prices compare favourably or otherwise with the price which you claim to be the fair market value of the nets which you have shown in this form and on your claim form?

A Some of the nets that appear on the form are a little low in price.

10 Q According to the form that we filed as Exhibit 1, you left these nets in a net house of the Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Canadian Fishing Company, on your evacuation, is that right?

A Yes.

Q And you have been advised that the Custodian subsequently received those nets and sold them?

A Yes.

20 Q Did the Custodian ever suggest to you that the prices of your nets were too high and suggest to you that you might reduce the value that you have shown on your declaration?

A No.

Q Witness, I produce to you a form with respect to personal chattels other than your fishing equipment. Did you instruct your solicitor to prepare that form?

A Yes.

Q Would you be good enough to sign it, please?

A (Witness complies).

30 Q Are the contents of that statement true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A Yes.

MR. McMASTER: Exhibit 2 my lord.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2).

Q I notice that the property shown in this form
you state was left at Canadian Scottish Cannery
at Stevenson in one of the companies' houses?

A Yes.

10 Q And you received no instructions from the Caste-
dian's office as to what you were to do with your
goods when you evacuated?

A No.

Q You state that Mr. Townsend of the cannery ar-
ranged for all of the Japanese working for the
cannery to store their chattels in these com-
pany houses?

A: Yes.

Q And your goods were put in one room by themselves?

A Yes.

20 Q Witness, with regard to the personal property
shown in Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, did all of these
goods and chattels belong to you?

A Yes.

Q Were they left as shown in these forms at the
time of your evacuation?

A Yes.

Q Did you ever receive any of them subsequently?

A No.

Q Are the values shown for the respective goods on
these forms in your opinion a fair market value
at the time of your evacuation?

30 A Yes.

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U. Sakamoto,
In Chief.
Cross-Exam.

THE COMMISSIONER: I take it this furniture was never accounted for by the Custodian, is that the case?

MR. McMASTER: I might ask my friend to put in the claim analysis, my lord. A great deal of it states, "Not in our possession at any time, unaccounted for".

MR. HUNTER: My lord, there is a claim analysis here which I might file as Exhibit 3, which would give you the picture, I think, pretty rapidly.

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(CLAIM ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. McMASTER: Just one other question, my lord.

Q When you stored these nets at the cannery, in what manner did you store them?

A They were left in net house No. 3.

Q Having regard to the manner in which they were stored, in his opinion and from his experience, would those nets have deteriorated by January of 1943?

At No, he thinks not.

20 MR. McMASTER: Your witness, Mr. Hunter.

CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Mr. Sakamoto, when you stored these household goods in the cannery house, did you personally supervise their storage?

A Yes.

Q Were there other people storing goods in the house?

At Yes.

Q And did you personally lock the door to this room?

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At Yes, he

locked it personally.

Q What did you do with the key?

A He handed it to the cannery bookkeeper.

Q I see. And what did the cannery bookkeeper say that he would do with your property?

A He, there was nothing said by the bookkeeper.

Q What did Mr. Townsend say he would do with your property?

A: He said that he would watch it.

10 Q The key which you gave to the bookkeeper, was that key to the room or a key to the house?

THE WITNESS: A: House.

Q Key to the house. Did that same key lock the room?

A: Only the house.

Q Well then, the door to the room was not locked, is that correct?

THE INTERPRETER: A: No, it was not locked.

Q And did other people have keys to that door, the other people who were storing goods in that house?

20 A: No, they did not.

Q Well how did they get in and out of the house?

A They all left at the same time after storing their goods.

Q Did they put their property in separate rooms, each person?

A: Yes.

Q What percentage of your goods were labelled?

A He said they were not all labelled -- about half.

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Cross-Exam.
Re-Direct Exam.

Q What form did the labels take?

A With paint.

Q What did you paint on them?

THE WITNESS: A: "U.S.", my initials.

Q "U.S."?

THE INTERPRETER: "U.S." is his initials.

Q You did not put on your name in full?

A No.

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Q Did you price these nets in the sense that did you, on the tags you put on your nets, indicate the price at which you evaluated them?

A No.

MR. HUNTER: That is all, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any re-examination?

MR. McMASTER: Q Was there any representative of the Custodian's office around Steveston at the time you were evacuated to whom you might have handed these keys to the premises?

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MR. HUNTER: I submit, my lord, that is not a proper question. You might say, "Did he know of his own knowledge?"

MR. McMASTER: I presume he is speaking from his personal knowledge, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: You had better hear what the answer is.

A No.

MR. McMASTER: Q That is, not as far as you know?

A Mr. Robinson came down after the goods were stolen.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: Is that all?

U. Nakamoto.

MR. McMASTER: That is all.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true
and accurate transcript of the proceedings
herein.

Gordon Hambleton

"G. Hambleton"
Official Reporter.

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Lytton
Jan. 15, 1948

BRIEF

Notes in Defence

Unusuke SAKAMOTO

File No. 4933

Case No. 37

Claims:-

1. Fishing gear.
2. Household and misc. chattels.

Claim amended Page 1 of Transcript. Claim for wood amended from 15 cords @ \$100. to 10 cords at \$50.

100' of 3/8" cable changed to 200' of 3/8" and 5/8" cable @ \$35.00.

Claim for 2 propellers @ \$15. abandoned.
Claim for 2 gas lanterns @ \$10. abandoned. Also 100 records @ \$25.00.

Claim 1:-

Appears to be a straight question of valuation.

Claim 2:-

Identification of the goods removed from Sakamoto's house was impossible since these houses were ransacked and the goods were mixed with the goods of others.

The goods that were sold were transferred to suspense. See general chattels summary.

possible agency here. See p 6. Mr. Townsend of Canadian Reclamation Company at Sturgeon arranged for storage of goods in company buildings.

At page 8 claimant says that Mr. Robinson, the Custodian's man did not arrive till after the goods were stolen.

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Name of Claimant

SAKAMOTO, Osamu

Case

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Custodian File

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REAL PROPERTY										
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village		Total	
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices: % of Amount Total		
PERSONAL PROPERTY										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
NETS										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing		Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim		Deduct Custodian Sale Price
						559.00 141.00				265.00
205.00										
MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
			General 46%	150	69.00				69.00	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										274.00

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September 22nd, 1950.

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
P. O. Box 9,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission
Case No. 37

We have received from the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians, Release executed by yourself covering the award recommended under the above Commission, for the sum of \$274.00.

Cheque for \$264.65 is enclosed herein, and the sum of \$9.35 has been paid to the Co-Operative Committee on Japanese Canadians for legal fees as authorized.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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1 encl.

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March 22nd, 1931

Mr. Unosuke SAKAMOTO,
P. O. Box 9,
Steveston, B. C.

Dear Sir:

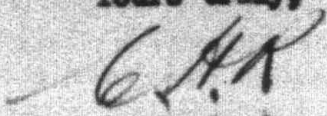
Distribution is now being made from the
assets of the River Fish Company at the rate of \$33.98
per share. You were the holder of 16 shares and payment
to you is as follows:

16 shares	\$ 543.65
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Custodian cheque for this amount is attached
hereto.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours truly,


G. H. Reed
Office of the Custodian

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Encl.

EVACUATION SECTION	
REC'D	MAY 2 nd 1951
File	4933
Ans	
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Box 9,
Steveston, B. C.,
May 23, 1951

The Custodians Office,
Dept. Secretary of State, Can.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledge the receipt of cheque of
\$38.99 on behalf of Mr. Tamejiro Naruo in
Japan.

Yours truly,

U. Sakamoto
U. Sakamoto

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 1 1951
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Ans.	
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

P.O. Box 9,
Steveston, B.C.,
March 30, 1951.

Mr. C. H. Reed,
The Custodian's Office,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Received your cheque, No. 8112/903
amounting to \$543.65.

Yours truly,

U. Sakamoto
U. Sakamoto

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