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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 INFORMATION

NAME: OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur

HOME ADDRESS: Chemainus, B. C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 08553 SEX: male AGE: 30

OCCUPATION: Boom contractor

(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: Victoria Lumber Manuf. Co., Chemainus, B. C.

MARRIED? yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: Shizuka 6/20

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: now in Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Richard,

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: now in Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.

AGE OF CHILDREN: 1 year.

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

none

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

none

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

none



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: Lived in 7 room frame dwelling at

Chemelus, B. C.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Victoria Lumber & Manuf. Co.

Chemelus, B. C.

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: Monthly rental

\$10.00 paid to date.

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:

(See list attached)

2. HORSES, LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS, POULTRY AND PETS: none

3. GIVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY PERSON HAVING ANY INTEREST IN, OR

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY: none



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none5. 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)

<sup>11543</sup>  
T. Yamashita \$ 80.62 ✓ <sup>10362</sup>  
Suketaro Ota \$ 128.87 ✓<sup>11669</sup>  
S. E. Yoshida 25.50 ✓ <sup>5198</sup>  
H. Higashi 94.28 ✓<sup>5390</sup>  
J. Morita 248.88 ✓ <sup>11578</sup>  
J. Tanoue 57.40 ✓

All of above at Chemainus, B. C. also T. Hamazumi--Mt. Lehman \$83.86

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

\$100.00 in war savings certificates in owner's possession, property  
of declarant; also \$100.00 in war savings certificates, the property  
of wife (Shizuka) in wife's possession. *now filed  
June 24 '42  
Interned*8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none9. LIFE INSURANCE: none10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

## LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: none2. 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 28th day of April 1942

(Signature)

Toshio Okada

Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE



LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur  
Reg. NO. 08553

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Chandelier, loud speaker, glass | \$ 100.00 |
| Round table                     | 10.00     |
| Crockery                        | 45.00     |
| "                               | 25.00     |
| Desk top                        | 10.00     |
| Desk                            | 15.00     |
| Comforters etc.                 | 35.00     |
| Coats                           | 25.00     |
| Glass case                      | 3.00      |
| Dishes                          | 20.00     |
| "                               | 20.00     |
| Show case                       | 8.00      |
| Bowls, cups                     | 25.00     |
| Dominion Educator               | 60.00     |
| Books                           | 10.00     |
| School books                    | 8.00      |
| Waxix World Globe               | 4.00      |
| Book of Knowledge               | 70.00     |
| Encyclopaedia                   | 40.00     |
| World Books                     | 50.00     |
| Other books                     | 6.00      |
| Aluminum pans, clock            | 55.00     |
| Table                           | 5.00      |
| 8 chairs                        | 4.00      |
| 2 heaters, wood, oil            | 20.00     |
| bed                             | 3.00      |
| Cupboard                        | 5.00      |
| Medicine box                    | 2.00      |
| Records                         | 40.00     |
| Show case                       | 20.00     |
| Shannon File                    | 12.00     |
| Copper Boiler, washtub          | 4.00      |
| Shovels                         | 3.00      |
| Baby crib                       | 10.00     |

All of above stored in house NO. 6 G. Kawahara (Owner) occupied  
by I. Taniwa, Chemainus, B. C.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| singer sewing machine   | 108.00 |
| Washtub, board and pail | 3.00   |
| Dinner set              | 40.00  |
| Babies high chair, pail | 5.00   |
| glass ware etc.         | 75.00  |
| Kitchen ware            | 20.00  |

All of above stored in Japanese community hall, Chemainus, B. C.  
to be sent upon request.

1937 Buick sedan special in custody of Police.



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date August 30, 1943

Full Name OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 08553

☒ Male - Female  
(check)

Age March 27, 1912

Former Address Chemainus, B.C.

Date Evacuated May 30, 1942

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address Bay Farms, Sleean, B.C.

1023 Alberta St., Fort William, Ontario (7/9/47)

☒ Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife <sup>nee</sup> (TANIWA) Shizuka Jane #08728

Name of Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother <sup>nee</sup> (MIZUTA) Rakujiro #08597 Name of Father OKADA, Bukichi (Japan)

Names of Children under 16 Richard Toshio (M) - Apr. 26/41.

Our File No. 6474

Registered with Custodian Yes  
(yes or no)

Requested By G. M.

Additional Information Boom Contractor.







September 18, 1947

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARYRe: OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur - Reg. No. 08553.

The above declared by means of a letter received on April 22, 1942 written while he was still in Chemainus. He signed a declaration to the Custodian on April 28, 1942 while at Hastings Park. He was evacuated on May 30, 1942. He declared that he lived in a house belonging to the Victoria Lumber & Manufacturing Co. at Chemainus, and that the rent was \$10.00 per month. His wife's file 6120, shows no property.

CHATELS: He declared chattels left in G. KAWAHARA's and I. Taniwa's house, being House #6, Chemainus, as well as some chattels in the Community Hall which were to be shipped to him on request. These are dealt with in the attached Chattel Summary and Schedule.

Net proceeds realised from the sale of chattels amounts to \$15.28.

SPECIFIED

ARTICLES: He declared a 1937 Buick Sedan Special in custody of the Police. In July 1942, OKADA requested that the car be released to him. Mr. Hinton to whom the request was forwarded by the Police advised that the car was Custodian no. M 4 and was stored at the Empress Garage at Victoria. The car was not released to the Japanese. It was appraised at \$585.00 and sold for the gross sum of \$530.00. Expenses amounted to \$60.41 and the balance, \$469.59 was credited to OKADA's account. OKADA was advised of the sale on August 13, 1942. \$100.00 derived from that sale was remitted to him on November 26, 1943 and again December 29, 1943.

MONEYS

OWING: On July 13, 1942, OKADA requested that we obtain for him a refund of 1% Wage deduction for the period of Jan. 1 to June 30, 1941. This was credited to his account on September 9, 1942, amounting to \$7.25. This was remitted to OKADA on September 9, 1942.

OKADA declared the following owing to him.

T. YAMASHITA - Chemainus - \$80.62 Torizo YAMASHITA, File 11583 denied the claim. OKADA disputed this. We advised the Japanese to deal direct on May 25, 1943.

S. E. YOSHIDA - Chemainus - \$25.50 - Shigeuki Edward YOSHIDA, File 6668 stated that he would pay this at the end of the war. OKADA, agreed. On July 14, 1947 YOSHIDA stated that this would be mutually settled by them, as per letter on file 6668.

J. MORITA - Chemainus - \$248.88 - Jisuke MORITA, File 5370 advised us in his letter of September 11, 1942 that the debt was against his father and that he had returned to Japan. In any case the debt was 20 years old. OKADA was advised of this but did not reply.

Suketaro OTA - Chemainus - \$128.87 - Suketaro OTA, File 10362 stated that he had no knowledge of it except with father, now in Japan and that the

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PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

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Suketaro OKADA

account was outlawed. We advised OKADA on August 24, 1943 to deal direct.

H. HIGASHI - \$94.28 - Chemainus - Harunobu HIGASHI, File 5198 stated that he owed money to B. OKADA and would pay same at the end of the war. We advised OKADA of this. He agreed to let the claim stand and stated that B. OKADA was his father and that they had had a store together. B. OKADA returned to Japan before the war. HIGASHI returned to Japan in June 1946. There are no funds standing to his credit.

J. TANOUYE - Chemainus \$57.40 - Jutaro TANOUYE, File 11578 stated that he could not pay. OKADA advised of this on December 23, 1943.

T. HAMAZUMI - Mt. Lehman \$83.86 - We wrote to Tsunenoku HAMAZUMI, File 576 who replied that he had no knowledge of this claim. We related to OKADA HAMAZUMI's reply and asked him to give us further information. He replied that this man might be known as Tsunenoku NAKANO. This was not helpful and we again asked OKADA for more information. He stated that HAMAZUMI would be about 50 years old and had resided in Mt. Lehman 3 years prior to that time. On November 10, 1943, we finally advised him that we could do nothing further to help him and gave him HAMAZUMI's address.

BONDS:

He declared \$100.00 in war savings certificates in his possession and \$100.00 in war savings certificates, the property of his wife, in her possession. These were not brought under the control of the Custodian.

BANKACCOUNT:

The name Hitoshi OKADA being listed among the depositors of the Japan & Canada Trust Co. we wrote to OKADA on March 17, 1944 asking him to send us his bank book. He replied in April that the deposits had been made in his name by his mother, during his childhood and that he had no pass book and did not know the amount deposited. From this information it seemed certain that this was OKADA's account and the balance, \$12.97 was credit to his account.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT:

|            |                                       | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Sept. 1942 | Refund of 1% Tax deduction            |              | \$7.25        |
| " 9/42     | Remittance to OKADA                   | \$7.25       |               |
| 1943       | Sale of car                           |              | \$530.00      |
| "          | Expenses re sale of car               | 60.41        |               |
| 26/11/43   | Remittance to OKADA                   | 100.00       |               |
| 29/12/43   | Remittance to OKADA                   | 100.00       |               |
| 14/4/44    | Balance of Japan & Canada Trust Acct. |              | 12.97         |
| 20/2/45    | Remittance to OKADA                   | 60.00        |               |
| 13/10/45   | Remittance to OKADA                   | 100.00       |               |
| 31/10/46   | Sale of chattels                      |              | 15.28         |
|            |                                       | \$427.66     | \$565.50      |
|            | Balance to be remitted:               | 137.84       |               |
|            |                                       | \$565.50     |               |

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File 6474

September 18, 1947.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

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This file reveals no other property of any kind.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

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C. Girard

September 18, 1947.



September 18, 1947.

CHATTEL SUMMARY

Re: OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur  
Reg. No. 08553.

The above declared in his letter received on April 22, 1942 a quantity of chattels which were left at G. Kawahara's and I Taniwa's house, House #6, Chemainus and also a list of goods left in the Japanese Community Hall, which were to be shipped on request. The list which he attached to his declaration of April 28, 1942 was identical to the first declaration.

The items left in the Community Hall were shipped on May 23, 1942.

As will be seen from the attached Chattel Schedule, the chattels, valued by OKADA at \$772.00 have not been well accounted for. A few items were sold by Auction Chemainus 1 which was held at Nanaimo on Nov. 22, 1943- April 5, 1944. (This auction was really made up of 3 or 4 auctions held between the above dates and dealt with as one for the sake of convenience). The net proceeds for OKADA amounted to \$15.28. This was not credited to OKADA at the time of the auction sale but later transferred from the file of Iwao TANIWA, File 5188, to whom it had been credited but who was found not to have declared the transferred items.

From information on the file it appears that the goods belonging to OKADA were stored in house #6, located on the property of G. KAWAHARA (File 1756), "jointly with R. TANIWA". The files of the TANIWA family have been examined. R. TANIWA was evidently the father who returned to Japan 3 years ago or so before the war. The mother, Naka, file 6119, an unmarried son Iwao, File 5188, a married son Norimichi, File 5325 and a married daughter Shizuke OKADA, File 6120 (wife of OKADA Hitoshi Arthur, this file) constitute the family. As far as can be ascertained they all lived in the same house or at least all stored their goods there.

All the files mentioned above have been examined. The files of the mother Naka, and that of Shizuke OKADA who is this man's wife reveal no chattels. Chattels have been sold and credited to the two brothers Norimichi and Iwao. A few items not declared by them were credited to their accounts. These have been transferred to this file when they could be identified and a few others to Chattel Suspense Account. As for file 6578, Mrs. Matsue TANIWA, wife of Norimichi, she requested some shipments of goods which had been reported by her husband. A few items were sold in a Vancouver Auction in her name but as they could not be identified they were transferred to Chattel Suspense.

OKADA did not request any information about his household goods until August 18, 1944. We advised him that everything had been dealt with under the names of the TANIWA brothers and that we would advise him later. We attempted to obtain information from Mr. Stubbs, our agent in Chemainus but to no avail. On Dec. 11th. 1944, we advised OKADA that we had been unable to clarify the chattel situation and the only suggestion we could make was for him to contact the TANIWA brothers, his brothers in law and let us know what suggestions they had to make. Neither OKADA nor the TANIWAs replied to our letters. Mr. Green also pointed out in his memorandum of December 11, 1944 that there was trouble with house breaking at Chemainus and some might have been stolen.



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CHATEL SUMMARY - Cont'd.

A possible explanation for the shortage is that all members of the family may have declared more or less the same things as was so often the custom among the Japanese. This, Mr. Green pointed out in his memorandum of September 1st, 1944. Had OKADA really desired us to make further investigations he would have troubled to reply to our letters.

This summary is certified to be in accordance with the information on file.

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September 17, 1947.

CHattel SCHEDULERe: OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur - Reg. No. 08553.

DECLARED left at house #6,  
owned by G. KAWAHARA (occupied  
by I. TANIWA, Chemainus, B.C. &

|                                                                                   | <u>SOLD</u>              | <u>OTHER DISPOSITION</u>    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chandelier, loud speaker, glass                                                   |                          | Unaccounted for             |
| Round table                                                                       |                          | "                           |
| Crockery                                                                          |                          | "                           |
| Crockery                                                                          |                          | "                           |
| Desk Top)                                                                         | Desk sold 5/4/44         |                             |
| Desk )                                                                            |                          |                             |
| Comforters etc.                                                                   |                          | "                           |
| Coats                                                                             |                          | "                           |
| Glass case                                                                        | Glass cabinet 5/4/44     |                             |
| Dishes                                                                            |                          | "                           |
| Dishes                                                                            |                          | "                           |
| Show case                                                                         | Show case 5/4/44         |                             |
| Bowls, cups                                                                       |                          | "                           |
| Dominion Educator                                                                 |                          | "                           |
| Books                                                                             |                          | "                           |
| School books                                                                      |                          | "                           |
| World globe                                                                       |                          | "                           |
| Book of knowledge                                                                 |                          | "                           |
| Encyclopedia                                                                      |                          | "                           |
| World Books                                                                       |                          | "                           |
| Other books                                                                       |                          | "                           |
| Alum. pans, clock                                                                 | Wall clock 5/4/44        | Alum. pans unaccounted for. |
| Table                                                                             |                          | Unaccounted for             |
| 8 Chairs                                                                          |                          | "                           |
| 2 Heaters, wood, oil                                                              |                          | "                           |
| Bed                                                                               |                          | "                           |
| Cupboard                                                                          |                          | "                           |
| Medicine box                                                                      |                          | "                           |
| Records                                                                           |                          | "                           |
| Show case                                                                         |                          | "                           |
| Shannon file                                                                      |                          | "                           |
| Copper boiler, washtub                                                            |                          | "                           |
| Shovels                                                                           |                          | "                           |
| Baby crib                                                                         |                          | "                           |
| <p>Goods in Japanese Community Hall<br/>at Chemainus to be sent upon request.</p> |                          |                             |
| Singer Sewing Machine                                                             | } ----- Shipped 23)5)42. |                             |
| Washtub, board & pail                                                             |                          |                             |
| Dinner set                                                                        |                          |                             |
| Babies High chair, pail                                                           |                          |                             |
| Glassware etc.                                                                    |                          |                             |
| Kitchen ware                                                                      |                          |                             |

This schedule is certified to be in accordance with the information  
on file.

*C. G. Gandy*



LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File No. 6474.

Arthur Hiteshi OKADA.

Reg. No. 08553.

NO CLAIMS RECORDED IN THIS FILE.

The above summary is certified to be in accordance  
with the information on file.

13th October, 1945.

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REB/P.



MEMORANDUM

To: File 6474

14th August 1943

From: Specified Articles Department

Re: OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur - Reg: 08553

| <u>ARTICLE</u> | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>                                    | <u>APPRAISED VALUE</u> |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| CAR            | 1936 Buick Sedan<br>No: V 4<br>License No: (41) 21811 | \$ 585.00              |

Sold to : Cyril T. Pitt

Date: 4th May 1942

Selling Price: \$ 530.00

Expenses: 60.41  
Net \$469.59

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September 19, 1947.

REGISTERED

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
 Reg. No. 08553,  
 1023 Alberta Street,  
 Fort William, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 7th., and enclose herewith our cheque in the amount of \$137.84 which closes your account with this office.

This sum is derived from the sale of your car, chattels, and the balance of your account with the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. Remittances to you have been made from these funds on several occasions as you will see from the following brief summary of your account.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT:

|            |                                       | <u>Dr.</u>      | <u>Cr.</u>      |
|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sept. 1942 | Refund of 1% Wage deduction           |                 | \$7.25          |
| 9/9/42     | Remittance to you                     | \$7.25          |                 |
| 1943       | Sale of car                           |                 | 530.00          |
|            | Expenses re sale of car               | 60.41           |                 |
| 26/11/43   | Remittance to you                     | 100.00          |                 |
| 29/12/43   | " " "                                 | 100.00          |                 |
| 14/4/44    | Balance of Japan & Canada Trust Acct. |                 | 12.97           |
| 20/2/45    | Remittance to you                     | 60.00           |                 |
| 13/10/45   | " " "                                 | 100.00          |                 |
| 31/10/46   | Sale of chattels                      |                 | 15.28           |
| 19/9/47    | <u>Balance herewith:</u>              | <u>137.84</u>   |                 |
|            |                                       | <u>\$565.50</u> | <u>\$565.50</u> |

On reviewing your file we note that chattels declared by you and by the TANIWA were not distinctly marked. A few items have been identified as yours. We explained this to you and the TANIWA in 1944. As you did not reply to our letters, we presume that you have come to some arrangement with your relatives regarding this matter.

In connection with the moneys owing to you, you will recall that a great deal of correspondence took place between yourself and this office in 1942, 1943 and 1944. We have dealt with each case and

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September 19, 1947.

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given you the addresses of your debtors. We regret that we can do nothing further to help you in this connection.

As this office has no knowledge of any property belonging to you remaining in the protected area your file is being closed. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this cheque.

Yours truly,

F. Matheson,  
Office of the Custodian.

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Enclosure (1)



NAME OKADA, Mitschi Arthur

REGISTRATION NO. 08553

FILE NO. 6474

The following chattels were sold by public

auction at Nanaimo, B.C. on Nov. 22, 1943 - April 5, 1944.

|               |                                                            |         |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Glass cabinet | { Transferred from file 5188.<br>October 31, 1946.<br>C.G. | \$ 4.00 |
| Writing desk  |                                                            | 3.50    |
| Show case     |                                                            | 10.00   |
| Wall clock    |                                                            | 5.00    |

|                        |                           |          |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Total                  |                           | \$ 22.50 |
| Less Expenses:         | (Auctioneer's Fee: \$2.24 |          |
|                        | (Advertising: 0.24        | \$ 7.22  |
|                        | (Moving: 4.76             |          |
| Net Proceeds Credited: |                           | 15.28    |

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. R. M. Anderson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Cheminus 1.

Remarks.



October 30, 1946.

To: Miss C. Girard

From: F. Matheson

Re: Iwao TANIMA, Reg. No. 08628, File 5188  
and Mitsuhiko Arthur OKADA, Reg. No. 08353, File 6474

Among the articles credited to the account of Iwao TANIMA from Chas. J. Auction #1 were the following that were not declared by him, but were declared by Mitsuhiko Arthur OKADA, who stated that his chattels were left in House #6, Gihai KAWAHARA, the house occupied by TANIMA. As it seems reasonable to assume that the articles credited to TANIMA were those removed from the house he had occupied and that those declared by OKADA but not by TANIMA are the property of OKADA, would you kindly transfer from Account #5188 to Account #6474, the followings:

Glass Cabinet ..... \$4.00  
Writing Desk ..... 3.50  
Shoe case ..... 10.00  
Wall Clock ..... 5.00

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P.S. - Would you also kindly transfer from the account of Iwao TANIMA, File 5188, to Chattel Suspense Account the following items, which were not declared by him:

1 Small desk.....\$1.00  
1 Washstand.....\$1.00  
1 Chest of drawers.....\$1.25  
\$3.25

Sold at Auction Sale Chas. J. Auction #1.

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Accounting Department:

Charge to File 5188 and credit as follows:

|                               |           |         |    |                |         |    |           |         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|----|----------------|---------|----|-----------|---------|
| Credit File 6474:             | Realized: | \$22.50 | -- | Less Expenses: | \$7.22  | -- | Credited: | \$15.28 |
| Credit Chattel Suspense Acct. |           |         |    |                |         |    |           |         |
| TANIMA (T)-Unidentifiable     | *         | \$3.25  | *  | *              | \$1.04  | *  | *         | \$2.21  |
| Credit File 5188              | *         | \$35.60 | *  | *              | \$11.42 | *  | *         | \$24.18 |
|                               |           |         |    |                |         |    |           | \$11.87 |

Transferred, October 31, 1946.

C. Girard

see goods  
shipped in  
response to  
Release



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October 13th, 1945.

Mr. Hitoshi (Arthur) OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Sisco City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Department of Labour,  
Japanese Division, asking us to send you a cheque for \$100.00 from your  
account with this office.

In compliance with this request we enclose herewith our cheque  
for \$100.00 and carry forward a credit balance of \$122.56 in your account.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGB/P.  
Encl. 1.



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February 20th, 1945.

Mr. Nitoshi (Arthur) OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Sloan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of a letter from the British  
Columbia Security Commission asking us to remit to you the sum  
of \$60.00 from your account in this office.

In compliance with this request, we enclose our  
cheque for \$60.00 and carry forward the sum of \$222.56 in your  
account.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGB/P.  
Encl.

*Ref. to  
H.C. 10  
same day as  
received  
HCB*



MEMORANDUM

File Nos.: 6474  
5188  
5325

Dec. 11th, 1944.

To: FILES

From: Mr. Green

Re: Hitoshi OKADA  
Iwao TANIWA  
Norimichi TANIWA

Further to my memorandum to file of September 1st, 1944 and letter to Mr. Stubbs of September 5th, Messrs. Bell and Green were unable to learn anything further on their trip to Nanaimo and Chemainus in November 1944.

Although there was trouble with house-breaking at Chemainus and some night have been stolen, my memorandum referred to above, reveals there was very little of value left here insofar as the Taniwas were concerned. The position, however, is not very satisfactory in regard to Okada's possessions and further enquiries are being made.

HFG:IF



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December 11th, 1944.

Mr. Hitoshi OKADA,  
Reg. No. 08553,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Further to ours of August 31st, we are afraid that we have very little further information to give you. The writer was recently at Chemainus but his visit threw no further light on the disposition of your belongings.

Our records show that a few items were sold and credited to the accounts of Iwao TANIWA and Norimichi TANIWA with whom you lived but none of these items are recognizably yours and they are, in any case, of very small value.

We see that a number of items were sold for other evacuees bearing the name of Okada, but these apparently all lived in "Okada's Camp" being the property of your brother, Haruyuki.

The only thing we can suggest is that you contact the Taniwas who are also at Slocan and write us if you have any further suggestions to make or questions to ask.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

(Not to be followed  
up unless Okada  
writes further)

HFG:IF



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September 12th, 1944.

Mr. Hitoshi (Arthur) OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of the 18th  
ultimo requesting the remittance of \$100.00 from the  
\$282.56 standing at the credit of your account, we have  
to advise the receipt of the following reply from the  
British Columbia Security Commission to whom we referred  
your request:

"Approval is not given for this payment  
as this man is in receipt of workmen's compensation,  
therefore, it is not necessary for him to draw upon  
his credit which is beneath the rehabilitation reserve."

If you wish to proceed with this matter, we  
would suggest that you do so through your local B. C. Security  
Supervisor.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGB/P.



C O P Y

P. O. Box 103  
Chemainus, B.C.  
12th. Sept. 1944.

The Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
Dept. of the Secretary of State,  
Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Files 5325, 6474 and 5188

Replying to your letter of Sept. 5th. by Mr. Green, Protection Dept., I am working on the information you require and will write you so soon as I can.

You will realize that when Mr. James took over I did not check anything or any of his work but from such files as I have kept and information I will get from Mr. Rufus Smith no doubt we may be able to give you such information as will be of value to you in clearing your files.

Yours very truly,

Alfred Stubbs (signed.)



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September 5th, 1944.

Mr. Alfred Stubbs,  
Chemainus, B.C.

*See preliminary answer  
Sept 12 on file 5325.*

Re: TANIWA, Norimichi, File No. 5325  
OKADA, Hitoshi Arthur, File No. 6474  
TANIWA, Isao, File No. 5188

Dear Sir:

We wonder if we may again trouble you in connection with some of the goods of the above Japanese which were said to have been left in house no. 6 on Kawahara's property.

From various correspondence on file it seems pretty clear that the TANIWA's never owned very much of value. However, the articles that they did declare do not seem to have been accounted for in the auctions at Nanaimo and we wonder if you have any recollection of what was removed by Mr. James and his helpers.

Your letter of August 25th, 1942, states that the only article of any appreciable value was the kitchen stove, the balance, so far as you could judge, not being worth more than \$75.00. When they were moved to auction, Norimichi TANIWA's things only fetched \$12.00 gross, of which the range went for \$5.00. One or two items, which were probably considerably over-valued, do not appear to have been accounted for, e.g. Festival Dolls, toilet (which was perhaps a fixture), a baby carriage and some counters and stools which were probably home-made and not worth moving.

I. TANIWA'S things fetched a gross total of \$61.35 and here again there are some items unaccounted for, e.g. a double bed, valued by him at \$25.00, and a tool box valued at \$75.00.

All this is doubtless susceptible of explanation, but we have now heard from Hitoshi OKADA. He points out that he declared all his belongings as left in house no. 6 and it

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Mr. Alfred Stubbs - continued

is a fact that a very considerable list was declared by him. These include a Chandelier Loud Speaker, valued at \$100.00, and various other items, such as Encyclopedia and a set of books of knowledge, valued at \$110.00.

At this late stage, we believe there is little possibility of tracing any of these items but we should be very grateful for any comments you could give us that would help to make our files self-explanatory.

Yours truly,

H. P. Green,  
Protection Department.

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Memo to File No. 5325  
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September 1st, 1944.

From Mr. H. P. Green

Re: OKADA, Hironshi Arthur  
File No. 6464

The above declared on April 23rd, goods stored in House No. 6 to the value of \$772.00, as well as 6 items in the Community Hall, which were shipped May 1942. There is some doubt as to whether this is a duplication of Hironichi TANIWA's declaration, as the 6 items in the Community Hall are very similar to those declared by Hironichi TANIWA at the same place.

This declaration had been previously overlooked and was brought to our attention by H. Okada's letter of 15/8/44. It is being followed up.

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August 31st, 1944.

Mr. Hitoshi OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
7th Avenue #11,  
Bay Farm,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for yours of August 18th enquiring about the household goods stored in House No. 6 on Kawahara's property at Chemainus. Although we see that your declaration of April 23rd, 1942 stated that your belongings were so left, we have until now, kept everything in the name of Morimichi Taniwa and Iwao Taniwa. The few items left at this address were not of great value but have now been sold at auction. We are making further enquiries and may have to send auction lists to you and the Taniwa brothers in order for you to decide which articles belong to whom. You may expect to hear from us again in the near future.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF



The Custodian  
Panama B.C.

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| SITUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd             | AUG 24 1944 |
| File No.          | 6474        |
| Ans.              | 21/8        |
| Referred          | Sum         |
| auto to Bell      |             |

7th Ave. # 11  
Bay Farm  
Hogan City B.C.  
Aug. 18/44

Dear Sir

Will you please  
advise me by return mail what has  
become of the household goods which  
I had stored in a house located on  
the property of S. Kawahara, Chemsinus  
B.C. The goods were stored jointly with  
R. Tanima in House # 6.

Yours truly  
Hiroshi Okada.

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Ragabawa in Japan info 6/19 yellow card



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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | AUG 24 1944 |
| File No.           | 6474        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           | Bill        |

7th Ave. # 11.  
 Bay Farm  
 Glencan City BC  
 Aug. 18/44

The Custodian  
 Vancouver BC

Dear Sir. File No. 6474

Will you be kind  
 enough to send me one hundred dollars  
 as soon as possible. As I have been  
 off work for three months with a fractured leg  
 and will be off work for another three months  
 so I am asking you for the money.

Yours truly  
 Hiroshi Okada.

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April 26th, 1944.

Mr. Hitoshi OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Bay Farms,  
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your undated letter received here on the 13th of April, 1944. We wish to advise you that we are satisfied that you were the depositor in question with regard to the funds under your name in the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co. These funds amounted to \$12.97 and we have had this amount transferred to the credit of your account with the Custodian.

With regard to the request enclosed in your letter for the balance of the funds which are held to your credit in this office. We referred your request to the B.C. Security Commission and after consideration they have replied to the effect that they do not recommend a remittance to you at this time as they consider that your wages are sufficient to support your family, also your assets with the Custodian are far beneath the necessary rehabilitation reserve.

We would like you to understand that the funds we have on hand are being held to the credit of your account, and the Custodian will be pleased to release same at any time the Security Commission may approve of further amounts being remitted to you. If you desire further information on this point, we suggest that you discuss the matter with the Supervisor in your locality.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

AMCA:ND



C. B. J. 269<sup>57</sup>  
20th

File No. 6474

Bay Farm  
Ocean City, Md

A. M. Alister  
Claims Dept.

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| Rec'd              | APP 12 1944 |
| File No.           | 6474        |
| Ans.               | A. M. A.    |
| Referred           | Macalister  |

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Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 20th ins. in which you state that my name appears as a depositor in the Japan and Canada Trust Savings account. During my childhood days I did make monthly deposits through my mother and she looked after the pass book. Since then my mother has died and the pass book became lost. I wanted to check up on it when I was in Hasting Park but they were closed so I could not do anything about it. I have no pass book



and have no evidence other than to say  
that the deposits were made about 25 years  
ago. I do not even know the amount deposited.  
However I do know that the deposits were  
made at least once a month.

Hoping that this will enlighten the matter to  
some extent. I was living in Cherrisburg, Pa.  
at the time the deposits were made. Yours truly

Hitachi Okada.

Reg No. 08552.

P.S. Will you please send me the balance  
of my automobile account. I have been  
waiting the past month for a cheque.



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December 29th, 1943.

Mr. Hiteshi OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Kloean City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant requesting us to remit the balance of your account.

As a general rule, we do not recognize debts not registered with this office by creditors, and as the debt you mention is not in this category we are enclosing our cheque for \$100.00, the maximum amount we are releasing in any one month without special reasons that would justify a larger sum.

This payment reduces the balance standing at the credit of your account to \$269.59.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGB/P.  
Encl.



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December 23rd, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Bay Farms, Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$57.40 - Jutaro TANOUYE

We submitted the above claim to TANOUYE some time ago and he has now replied in which he does not deny the claim. However, he cannot pay. We quote from his letter as follows:

"We are unable to pay for the claims you have mentioned. We have a family of eleven and I hope you'll quite understand our situation."

In view of the foregoing we are unable to effect collection at this time. His address is:

Registration No. 08547,  
Tashme, B.C.

Should you contact him and arrange a settlement of any kind please advise this office. In the meantime we shall take no further action.

Yours truly,

BRD:DE

B. R. Dusenbury,  
Claims Department.



Slocan City B6  
Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1942.

File No 6474.  
The Custodian  
Vancouver B6

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd DEC 21 1942

File No.

Ans.

Referred

B. G. G.

Dear Sir: I acknowledge  
receipt of your cheque for the sum of \$100.00  
from my account. I would like to have  
the balance sent to me as soon as possible.  
The reason why I ask is that during  
evacuation my wife was ill and I  
had to borrow \$600.00. I would like to  
pay this before the end of the year so I  
would appreciate it very much if you will forward  
same as soon as possible.  
Yours Truly  
H. Okada



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November 26th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant requesting that the proceeds from sale of your Buick Car be remitted.

This money (\$469.59) represents capital and not revenue, and in its capacity as Trustee this office desires to see such capital assets conserved as much as possible to provide for future needs.

You do not mention any specific special need and we are, therefore, enclosing our cheque for \$100.00, which we hope you will find adequate to cover your requirements for some time.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

ROB/P.  
Encl.



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

Slocan City B.C.  
Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> 1943.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | NOV 25 1943 |
| File No.           | 6474        |
| Ans.               |             |
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Dear Sir I wrote to you  
several times requesting you to forward me  
the money from the sale of my car.  
To date I have not received it and  
would appreciate it very much if you  
will forward same as soon as possible

469.59

Yours truly  
Helen Okada  
Reg. No. 08553.



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November 10th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Bay Farms, Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$83.86 - T. HAMAZUMI, Mt. Lehman, B.C.

We wrote you some time ago that we could not locate the above party. Since then, however, we have located a Tsunenofu HAMAZUMI, formerly of Simoon Sound, B.C., and have submitted your claim to him. He replies as follows:

"I have no knowledge of the claim made against me by Hitoshi Arthur Okada."

HAMAZUMI is now located at:

Registration No. 10865,  
Summerville, Ont.

and if you think that he is the one your claim is against you may write to him there and give him the particulars of your account.

In the meantime we shall take no further action and shall be obliged if you will let us know if you arrange a settlement with him.

Yours truly,

B. R. Dusenbury,  
Claims Department.

MS:DE



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November 8, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of October 20th, regarding your Buick Special Sedan, 1941 License No. 21811, we wish to advise that, according to the original application, the year of make for this motor-vehicle was 1937 and the original date of purchase December 23, 1936.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



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August 24th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08552,  
P. O. Box 33,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: \$128.87 - Suketaro OTA

We submitted the above claim to OTA for  
payment and he has replied in the following words:

"The claim of Hitoshi, Arthur OKADA for the amount  
of \$128.87, I have no knowledge of except with his  
father who is in Japan and the account best to my  
knowledge was outstanding ten or more years ago."

In view of the foregoing we shall leave the  
adjustment of this account to you and OTA. His present  
address is:

Registration No. 08517,  
Tashme, B.C.

Should you and he arrange a settlement kindly  
advise this office.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

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Slocan City BC  
Oct. 20/43.

The Customs Office  
Dept. of the Sec. of State  
Vancouver BC.

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | OCT 26 1943 |
| File No.           | 6474        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           | Mattheson   |

Dear Sir.

Sometime ago I wrote to you in reference to my 1937 Buick Special Sedan. At that time you wrote to me saying my 1936 sedan was sold. I asked to have it checked as my car was a 1937 model. To date I have had no word. I also asked to have the money sent to me as I would like to have it



in my possession since my wife isn't  
very well. Will you please look  
into this matter and send it to me.

Yours truly  
Hiroshi Okada  
Reg. No. 08552.



EVACUATION SECTION  
 Rec'd AUG 23 1943  
 File No. 6474  
 Aug. 19/43  
 Referred

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

OUT 15 McCaffrey  
 FILE NO. 6474  
 Car V4

Dear Sir:

I acknowledge receipt of yours of the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. In your letter you state that my car was a 1936 Buick. I wish to advise you that it was a 1937 model. Will you please look into this matter and advise me of same. In regards to the money which is in my account, I would like to have it sent to me, I would like to have it in my possession as I am in need of money. Hoping you will send it to me as soon as possible.

Yours truly  
 Reg. No. 08553  
 H. Okada



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August 14, 1943

Mr. Hitoshi OKADA,  
Registration No. 98552,  
P. O. Box 33,  
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 3rd,  
this is to advise that your 1936 Buick Sedan was  
sold for the sum of \$530.00.

Expenses (storage, insurance, etc.)  
incurred by this motor vehicle amounted to \$60.41.

The balance of \$469.59 has been placed  
to your credit in our trust account.

Yours very truly,

F. Matheson,  
Specified Articles Department.



## EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd AUG 14 1943

File No.

Ans.

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Office of the Canadian Matteson  
606 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Vancouver B.C.

P.O. Box  
Slocan  
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Dear Sir:

Will you please advise  
what has been done about my car.  
Has the car been sold or if not  
any possibility of selling. We  
please advise me on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Hiroshi  
Reg. No.



6474

June 4th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA;  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

With reference to a claim of \$83.86 which you  
said on your JP form was owed to you by T. Hamazumi.

We wrote to Tsunenoku Hamazumi asking him about  
this claim and he replied as follows:-

"I have no knowledge of the claim made against me by  
Hitoshi Arthur Okada."

Unless you can supply us with further information  
showing that the Hamazumi we wrote to is the wrong man, and  
supplying us with the full name of your debtor, we regret  
we cannot do anything further to assist you in this connection.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

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May 25th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Toriso YAMASHITA

Yours of the 16th of May, 1943 to hand re  
the above, and the contents have been duly noted and  
forwarded to YAMASHITA.

As this office cannot be of further assis-  
tance in this connection we will not take any further  
action, and suggest that you now deal with YAMASHITA  
direct. His address is:

Registration No. 08793,  
Tashme, B.C.

Yours truly,

  
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A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



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May 25th, 1943.

Mr. Torizo YAMASHITA,  
Registration No. 08793,  
Tachmo, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Hitoshi Arthur OKADA

Referring to your letter of March 25th, 1943 dealing with the claim lodged against you by the above named, we wrote to OKADA informing him of what you said in your letter, and he has now replied as follows:

"I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. in regards to Torizo Yamashita's account. This account was made in 1931 as Yamashita says but the account has been alive since Yamashita has made a deposit on it in 1937. The deposit was for \$5.00. Since then his wife was stricken with T.B. and he was unable to make further deposit so I was willing to wait until such time until he could make further payments.

This account was made when Bukichi Okada my father had the store. I was managing the store when my father went to Japan and I was instructed to collect all debts. Yamashita agreed to pay the debts to me in the presence of my father. That is why he made the deposit until his wife became sick. If Yamashita states otherwise then he is trying to evade payments. Hoping this will clear the matter."

Under the circumstances we think that you should deal with OKADA direct on this matter, and we do not propose to take any further action in this office. His address is:

Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan City, B.C.

Yours truly,

  
AMCA:DE

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



File No. 6474

May 20th, 1943.

MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Wright.

From: Major McAlister.

Re: Hitoshi Arthur OKADA  
Registration No. 08553.

This department has a claim lodged by the above named, amounting to \$83.86, against T. HAMAZUMI, which we understand refers to your Internee File No. 714.

Will you please contact HAMAZUMI and advise us in due course what he proposes to do regarding this claim.

AMCA:ND



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May 20th, 1943.

Mr. Suketaro OTA,  
Registration No. 08517,  
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hitoshi Arthur OKADA

We wrote you on the 19th of September regarding  
a claim amounting to \$128.87 lodged against you by the  
above named.

We have not yet had a reply to that letter and  
we now request you to give this matter your immediate  
attention, please.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

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May 20th, 1943.

Mr. Jutaro TANOUYE,  
Registration No. 08547,  
Tashue, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Hitoshi Arthur OKADA

We wrote you on the 19th of September regarding  
a claim amounting to \$57.40 lodged against you by the  
above named.

We have not yet had a reply to that letter and  
we now request you to give this matter your immediate  
attention, please.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

AMCA:ND



Dept of the Secretary of State  
Office of the Custodian  
1506 Royal Bank Bldg.

May. 18/43.  
Slocan City BC

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| EVACUATION SECTION |             |
| Rec'd              | MAY 24 1943 |
| File No.           | 6474        |
| Ans.               |             |
| Referred           | McAlister   |

Dear Sir "

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. In regards to Joriso Yamashita's account. This account was made in 1931 as Yamashita says but the account has been alive since Yamashita has made a deposit on it in 1937. The deposit was for \$5.00. Since then his wife was stricken with I.B. and he was unable to make further deposit so I was willing to wait until such time until he could make further payments.

This account was made when Bukichi Okada my father had the store. I was managing the store when my father went to Japan and I was instructed to collect all debts. Yamashita agreed to pay the debts to me in the presence of my father that is why he made the deposit until his wife became sick. If Yamashita states otherwise then he is trying to renade payments. Hoping this will clear the matter.

Yours truly  
Hitoshi A. Okada



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May 4th, 1943.

Mr. Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Registration No. 08553,  
Slocan, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Torizo YAMASHITA - \$80.62

We submitted the above claim to YAMASHITA  
for payment and he has replied as follows:

"Mr. Okada account I absolutely have no know-  
ledge of unless its an account outstanding way back  
in 1931, which as far as I can remember is an  
account of his father Bukichi Okada. This man is  
now in Japan and is the father of Hitoshi Arthur  
Okada."

If YAMASHITA is correct in what he says,  
this account would appear to be outlawed. However,  
please let us have your comments at an early date.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

BRD:DE



C O P Y

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

355 Burrard St.  
Vancouver, B.C.

March 23, 1943.

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

YOUR file refs.  
5200, 1713, 5191  
6474, 6363, 11851

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. R. P. Alexander

Re: Mrs. Rakiyu OKADA, Deceased,  
Reg. No. 08597

This will acknowledge receipt of your favour of the  
19th. instant, with further reference to the above.

Please be advised that it is not our wish that you  
attempt to effect collection of our claim from the children of  
Mrs. OKADA.

Yours very truly,

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Signed M. L. Brown.

M. L. Brown  
Secretary

DWS:MF



5200, 1713, 5191,  
6474, 6363, 11891

19th March, 1943.

H. L. Brown, Esq.,  
British Columbia Security Commission,  
Marine Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Rakiyu OKADA, Deceased  
Registration No. 08497

Thank you for your letter dated March 15th giving us particulars of the children of the late Mrs. Rakiyu Okada.

With reference to your claim filed with us of \$50.00 covering her funeral expenses, we must repeat that we have no knowledge of the assets, if any, of the estate of the late Mrs. Okada who was not evacuated from the protected area and who did not register with the Custodian.

If there is any action you desire the Custodian to take in connection with your claim of \$50.00 please indicate the nature of such action. Is it your desire that we attempt to effect collection from the three sons in Tashme, the one son in Slocan, the one son in Toronto and the one son in Escondale of funds to meet your claim?

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander  
Manager

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Notch Hill Bldg  
October 3/42

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Dept of the Sec of State  
506 Royal Bank Bldg.  
Anconner Bldg

OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMS  
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED  
NOV 2 1942

Dear Sir

I acknowledge receipt  
of your letter of Oct. 31st. Please advise  
Mr. S. E. Yoshida that I am quite willing  
to let the account stand until after the  
war. Thanking you for past favors

I remain  
Yours truly  
J. Okada

08552



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Notch Hill

Sept 28th, 1942

McAlister

Custodian of Enemy Property

Dear Sir.

In regards to account owing me by H. Higashi. In your letter you state that he will settle after the war. That is quite satisfactory with me. Please leave it as it is as he has a large family and is in no position to pay up now.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

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Yours truly  
H. A. Okada.

P.S. B. Okada is my dad. He and I had a store and the account was made at that time.



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September 11th, 1942.

Mr. Hitoshi A. Okada,  
Reg. #08553,  
Notch Hill, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Further to our letter dated September 8th in connection with your 1% refund of Income Tax, we are sending to you attached our cheque No. 343 amounting to \$7.25, the receipt of which we would appreciate your acknowledging.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,  
Manager.

RPA:MF

Enc.



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September 8, 1942.

Mr. Hitoshi A. Okada,  
Reg. #08553,  
Notch Hill, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise you that your 1% refund of Income Tax has now been paid into this office and has been placed to the credit of your account.

We are also endeavouring to contact the various people who owe you money, as shown on your "JPN" return filed in this office. We shall advise you in due course if we have any success in collecting these accounts.

If, in the meantime, any of these parties pay the money to you direct please advise this office immediately.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.

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P. S. Amount of your refund - \$7.25



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Alexander Hotch Hill BC  
July 28/42

The Custodian's Office  
Dept. of the Sec. of State of Canada  
Vancouver BC

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
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Dear Sir.

Enclosed is the letter  
from the Commissioner of Income Tax in regards  
to the 1% refund tax due me. Hoping you  
will be able to trace my refund!

Yours truly  
H. Okada.



**GEORGE A. TOUCHE & Co.**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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JOHN PARTON        GEORGE L. C. TOUCHE  
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J. HAYES YOUNG        HAROLD G. HINTON

EDWARD S. READ

CABLE ADDRESS ALL OFFICES "RETEKO"  
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FRANCE, PARIS.

BANK OF TORONTO BUILDING.

VICTORIA, B.C.

3rd July 1942.

Edgar T. Read, Esq.,  
501 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B. C.

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| File No. | 412-D       |
| Ans.     |             |
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Dear Sir:

re: H. A. Okada

I enclose copy of a letter received from the above named Japanese through the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Vancouver Island section.

This car bears Custodian No. M.4, and is in storage at the Empress Garage, Victoria, B. C.

Though this man claims to be living now without the protected area, it is not considered that this fact in any manner alters the general policy in force regarding the seizure and custody of Japanese automobiles.

Will you kindly have your office communicate direct with Okada?

Yours faithfully,

H. G. Hinton, C. A.,

per *LHG*

EWP:LMS  
Enclosure:



"S" Division

Victoria, B.C., July 2, 1942.

Det. 42VI. 900/3-537.

Mr. H. A. OKADA,  
Nootka Hill, B.C.

Dear Sir:

1. With reference to your letter dated June 28, 1942, requesting information as to whether or not your car could be returned to you, as you now reside outside the Protected Area.

2. I have to advise that the Custodian of Alien Property is the only person who may order the car disposed of. We no longer have control of your car, it having been turned over to the Custodian. I have forwarded your letter to Mr. H.G. Hinton, Representative of the Custodian of Alien Property, 808 Bank of Toronto Building, Victoria, B.C. for his information.

Yours truly,

(sgd)

Insp.

AT:g

G. H. Peters,  
Comdg. Vancouver Island Section.

Mr. H.G. Hinton, for  
Custodian of Enemy Aliens,  
808 Bank of Toronto Bldg.  
Victoria, B.C.

Re: Hitoshi Arthur OKADA,  
Oriental Reg. #08553.

Copy for your information. Original letter from Hitoshi Arthur OKADA, Oriental Reg. #08553, late of Chemainus, B.C. and subject of our Car Seizure Exhibit Report Form 246, Car #4, dated Victoria, B.C. March 12, 1942, covering a McLaughlin-Buick Model 44-19, is attached hereto for any action you deem necessary. This car is in your custody.

Insp.

AT:g

G. H. Peters,  
Comdg. Vancouver Island Section.



FILE # 6474

EXTRACT FOR FILE

P. O. Box 103  
Chemainus, B. C.  
24th May 1942

The Custodian's Office,  
Dept. of the Secretary of State of Canada,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention Mr. James A. Rose, B. C. Security Commission

Yesterday there was turned over to the C.P.R.  
loaded in a box car for Hastings Park, 136 various  
articles of Japanese property through the B. C. Police  
Representative here, and I visited the Community Hall  
during the collection. The following are the pieces  
so loaded:

H. A. Okada    08553    Parcels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.    Total    6

ORIGINAL IN FILE #6579



File 6474

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

I OKADA, H. A., Police  
registration No. 08778 08553, hereby request

you to release to me the under-noted property stored  
at Japanese Community Hall, Chemainus, B. C.,  
and I release you from any claim whatsoever with  
respect to such property.

Description of Property:

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,

6 pieces

Dated this 16th day of May 1942.

Approved

H. A. Okada  
(Japanese sign here)

B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION  
PER

Whore

Shipped 2/5/42  
A-102/3  
M/102/3

NOTE:

The Custodian is advised that the B.C. Security  
Commission will pay transportation charges up to 1,000  
pounds (which amount includes the free baggage allowed by  
railroad company on tickets), and any charges over this  
amount will have to be for the account of the individual  
Japanese evacuee.

See File A102/3 - A. Stubbs.  
Shipments from Chemainus - May 24/42



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S. S. 10-2000-00

# USED CAR APPRAISAL RECORD

NAME No 4

ADDRESS

|                      |           |            |        |
|----------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| Paint & Repairs      | \$ 13.50  | Make       | Buick  |
| Tires 2 Reflats      | \$ 22.50  | Model      | 74479  |
| Body & Fenders       | \$ 17.50  | Body Style | Sedan  |
| Glass Front end      | \$ 45.00  | Year       | 37     |
| Top Shock            | \$ 10.00  | License    | 21-811 |
| Nickelling           | \$        | Serial     | 41     |
| Radiator Flush out   | \$ 1.75   |            |        |
| Running Boards ship  | \$ 2.75   |            |        |
| Mats & Kick Pads     | \$        |            |        |
| Upholstery           | \$ 3.00   |            |        |
| Hardware             | \$        |            |        |
| Motor Expense        | \$ 25.00  |            |        |
| Transmission         | \$        |            |        |
| Rear Axle            | \$        |            |        |
| Universal Joints     | \$        |            |        |
| Clutch               | \$        |            |        |
| Steering adj         | \$ 2.50   |            |        |
| Brakes 4 cyl         | \$ 22.00  |            |        |
| Tighten Up           | \$ 8.00   |            |        |
| Muffler              | \$        |            |        |
| Sundries Battery     | \$ 2.50   |            |        |
| Wash & Clean Motor   | \$ 3.50   |            |        |
| Clean Interior       | \$ 2.00   |            |        |
| Oil & Grease, Change | \$        |            |        |
| Oil & Check Over     | \$ 4.50   |            |        |
| Total                | \$ 179.85 |            |        |

Mod. interested in

Selling price \$

Salesman No 4 Less Repairs \$ 180.1

Date 1

Appraised By Boone Allowance \$ 7.00

For immediate acceptance only. 725