

10874

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: KONISHI, Sanji
HOME ADDRESS: Porpoise Bay, Sechelt, B. C. Now 58 Alexander St.,
Vancouver, B. C.
REGISTRATION NUMBER 00333 SEX: Male AGE: 25
OCCUPATION: Farmer

(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: None

MARRIED? No

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: None

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: None

AGE OF CHILDREN: None

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable)

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Porpolase Bay, Seehelt, B. C.
Wooden frame, 7 roomed bungalow.

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Mrs. Hanayo Konishi (Mother) Same Address

3. PARTICULARS OF LEASE AND RENT AND DATE TO WHICH PAID: None

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:

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

1929 Model "A" Ford Automobile, 4 tires-

This car is locked up in the garage of home at Porpolase Bay, Seehelt, B. C. The key of the car has been handed to the Deputy Custodian

at Seehelt, B. C.

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

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

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

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

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: _____

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: _____

LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: _____

2. TRADE DEBTS: _____

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

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

Dated this 9th day of June 1942.

(Signature)

*S. K. H. H.**S. K. H. H.*
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN JAPANESE SECTION

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: *Horishi Sanji Porpoise Bay, Sechell, B.C. Son of*

HOME ADDRESS: *Mrs. Haruyo Horishi, Sechell.*

REGISTRATION NUMBER *00333.*

SEX: *Male.*

AGE: *25*

OCCUPATION: *Helping with the family on the farm*

The rest of the family are at Hastings Park, Vancouver with all papers in connection
(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:

MARRIED?

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND:

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN:

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN:

AGE OF CHILDREN:

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: *Block 4, S. 6, D. S. 1471, G. 1, N. W. Q.*

Block 4, S. 6, D. S. 1629, G. 1, N. W. Q. District Lot 5266, 156 acres

Lot 89, 40, 41, Selma Park Sechell.

2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:

House Barns, etc

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

4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) *Provincial Collector New Westminster*

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

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: _____

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

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

Many small debts but unable to collect.

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

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: _____

9. LIFE INSURANCE: _____

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS. _____

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Dated this 30th day of May 1942.

(Signature) Sanji Kenishi

Thomas J. Cook, J.P.
Witness

FOR DEPARTMENTAL USE _____

P. D. 8-12-42

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✓
INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date 12-4-43.

Our File No. 10874 out

Full Name KONISHI - Sanji
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 00333

✓
Male - Female
(check)

Age 23-2-17

Former Address

Porpoise Bay, Sechart, B.C.

Date Evacuated

Sept 20/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address

Indian Residential School
Legac B.C. Upper Fraser, B.C.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife —

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother

(nee)

ENDOMOTO

Name of Father

James Dick

Names of Children under 16 —

Requested by

Amel

Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

Farmer

CHATELS SUMMARY

File 10874.

Sanji KONISHI

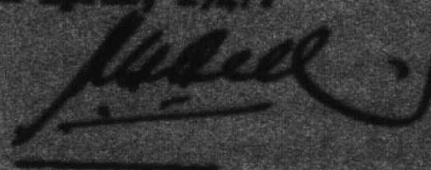
Reg. No. 00333.

The chattels of the KONISHI family, who together operated the Seehalt property known as (the late) "Jimmy" Konishi's farm, are carried in the widow's file (10873).

An inventory of these chattels signed by Sanji KONISHI (youngest son) and witnessed by the Oblate Fathers and a Justice of the Peace, has been transferred from this son's file to that of his mother (File 10873). There is no evidence of Sanji possessing any chattels of his own.

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

9th April, 1947.



RJB/P.

SECHULT. B.C.
March 23rd 1942.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

RECEIVED
MAR 25 1942

Mr. C.L. Drewry,
Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver. B.C.

Re: KONISHI PROPERTY.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our telephone conversation of last Saturday-21st instant. I to-day visited the above property at Porpoise Bay, distant about 1½ miles from Sechelt, B.C. and attach herewith my report.

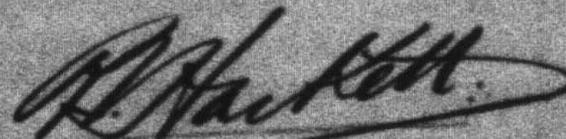
I have given you a general outline of the property of the above, and in connection with the farm ~~utensils~~ or implements have given you a rough idea of what is there. To make a proper inventory would take some time. There are quite a number of items not listed.

Since talking with you, and in connection with your query regarding someone to take over the farm, you will note in my report I have recommended the Indian School here as the logical people to rent or work the farm under some arrangement as between you and themselves. Already they are taking the milk from the 8 cows, and you might arrange for them to purchase the live stock, and use the farm for grazing purposes.

The land is of good quality, as in my knowledge a considerable amount of fruit and vegetables have been sold from the land during the past 17 years.

I trust that my report will be helpful.

Yours very truly,



Registrar of Enemy Aliens.

Encs.
RSH. H.

SECHULT. B. C.
MARCH 24th 1942.

Mr. C. L. Drewry,
Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER. B. C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
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MAR 25 1942

Mr. Drewry
Re: Konishi Property.

Dear Sir:-

Since writing yesterday and recommending the Sechelt Indian School as a possible party to work this farm. I have also thought of another man here - J. F. Pidgeon as suitable to look after the property failing any arrangement of a suitable nature with the former.

I can recommend Pidgeon in this connection.

Yours truly,



(R. S. Hackett) Postmaster &
Registrar of Enemy Aliens.

RSH. H.

Sechelt Residential School
SECHELT, B.C.

May 5, 1942

Custodian of Enemy Alien Property,
Royal Bank Bldg; Vancouver, B.C.

Attention Mr. Brown

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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MAY 6 1942

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing the Inventory of all goods located at present
at the Konishé farm. As you see it has been signed by Sangi Konishi and
myself.

We would appreciate further instructions from you before we proceed
any further in this matter.

Yours sincerely

J. McGrath O.M.I.
J. McGrath O.M.I.

*John McGrath called 11/5. Working further on return to
Sechelt.*

Green & Hart?
What's the deal?

H. H. H. H. H.

Sechelt Residential School
SECHELT, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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MAY 13 1942

May 12, 1942

The Custodian,
Enemy Alien Property
Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

Re. File # 377

Rec'd	MAY 13 1942
File No.	
Ans.	
Referred	

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to my conversation with Mr. Green re. the Konishi property I wish to offer the following suggestions.

The farm was used formerly as a dairy farm on a small scale. This was the chief source of revenue. We cannot operate in this manner. It will therefore be necessary for us to find other means whereby the land and livestock may be profitably employed. There is but 12 to 14 acres cleared and the cows are of a very poor quality, so there is not a great deal to start on, considering that we will have to pay wages to at least one man plus taxes on the property.

In view of the preceding considerations and after consulting with our farm manager who has spent a few days at the Konishi farm I am willing to take over operation of this property if given full authority to operate it according to my own judgment and a free hand in the use and sale of any products of the farm that will give a fair return.

In consideration I shall agree to see that all property and chattels are subject to reasonable usage but I cannot take responsibility for any loss caused by fire, theft or vandalism.

Hoping that these suggestions will meet with your approval

I remain

Yours sincerely

J. McGrath O.M.B.
J. McGrath O.M.B.

May 18th, 1942

Father J. McGrath, O. M. I.,
Sechelt Residential School,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Thank you for your letter of May 12th.

We agree, for the time being, that you should take over operation of the Konishi farm and operate it according to your own judgement, provided that this is reasonably in consonance with the preservation of the property.

As you assume no liability for fire, theft, or vandalism, please arrange immediately for adequate Fire Insurance. Furthermore, please securely pack, lock up, and store, all articles not in use which might otherwise be destroyed.

As you will be paying taxes, wages and certain amount of up-keep expense, the Custodian will require a brief monthly report of your operations together with details of expenditure and income. This should be accompanied by a cheque payable to Mr. G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian, for any net profit.

We understood you to say that you would be unable to take over this farm until the son, who is now in possession, has been evacuated. We are sending a copy of this letter to Commissioner F. J. Mead and asking him to arrange for this; copy of our letter is enclosed herewith.

You might also confirm with Mr. Beck of Porpoise Bay that Sanji Konishi is no longer needed to care for the property.

Yours truly,

P. P. Alexander
Assistant Manager

Enc.

HFG:IP

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20th May, 1942.

Col. C. H. Hill,
Officer Commanding "E" Division,
325 Grenville Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Reports received by us indicate that there is one 1929 Chevrolet truck, said to be worth about \$150.00, one 1930 Ford sedan, said to be worth about \$75.00 and one 1928 Studebaker said to be worth about \$50.00, included amongst the effects of Hana and Saiji Konishi on the Konishi farm in Sechelt, B. C. We understand that the farm in question is located on Porpoise Bay.

For the time being we have entrusted the management of this particular farm to the Sechelt Residential School but are bringing the matter of the cars to your attention for any action which you deem should be taken in connection with them.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Assistant Manager

RPA:LP

C.E. Mr. Read

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SECHALT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

Sechart, B. C.

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May 25, 1942

Re. Konishi Farm
Paradise Bay
Sechart, B. C.

Following the instructions of Mr. Alexander, Assistant Manager Custodian's Office Vancouver, the following plans have been drawn up regarding the taking over and operating of the Konishi Farm by the Oblate Fathers of Sechart Residential School, B. C.

- 1 - It is agreed by both parties (a) That full authority and responsibility for the running of the farm is to be assumed by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechart Residential School, Sechart, B. C.
- 2 - That the farm will be operated in such a way and maintained in such way that at the return of the Konishi family the said farm will be found reasonably in the same condition as when transferred.
- 3 - That the taxes on the said farm will be paid by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechart Residential School.
- 4 - That all reasonable care will be taken of the property and effects but that the Oblate Fathers will not assume responsibility for loss by accidental, fire, theft or vandalism, of the said property and effects.

Signed and Sworn by
both parties before me at Sechart
this 26th Day of May 1942
Thomas J. Cook
Justice of the Peace

Signed: Sanji Konishi
OBLATE FATHERS
Sechart, B. C.

Per J.M. Mc Grath

Sechelt Residential School

SECHELT, B.C.

May 26th. 1942

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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MAY 27 1942

R.P. Alexander Esq;
Assistant Manager,
Custodian's Office,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir;

Please find enclosed a signed agreement between S. Konishi and ourselves in connection with our taking over of the Konishi farm at Porpoise Bay. As you requested we have drawn up the agreement to our mutual satisfaction and have signed it before a magistrate of the peace. As you informed me at our recent discussion on the matter, your office will be agreeable to this arrangement, I should appreciate a letter from you at your earliest convenience confirming this and cancelling the stipulations contained in your previous letter.

As regards the article in our agreement concerning accidental fire, theft or vandalism, Konishi informed me that he would most likely take out a Fire Insurance himself on the place.

Hoping to hear from you by Thursday's mail, I am,

Yours very truly,

J. H. Mc Grath O.M.S.

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part of

28th May, 1942.

Father J. M. McGrath, O.M.I.,
Sechelt Residential School,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 26th and for sending us copy of agreement signed by Sanji Konishi and by the Oblate Fathers, represented by you. We note that said agreement has been signed and sworn before a Justice of the Peace.

Everything appears to be in order. You will recall that we provided you with three copies of a registration form to be signed and completed by Sanji Konishi with your assistance, and we would appreciate your seeing to it that this is done immediately and that two signed and witnessed copies are returned as soon as possible to this office for the completion of our files. You will also recall that the undersigned, on your behalf, assured you that he would make every endeavour to obtain the consent of the other members of the Konishi family to this arrangement made on their behalf by Sanji Konishi, and in your interests, as well as in ours, we are anxious to have this done at the earliest possible date. We therefore look to you to send us by return particulars of the names and addresses of the other members of the Konishi family so that we may communicate with them immediately.

Thanking you in advance for your attention,

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Assistant Manager

RPA:LF

Sechelt Residential School

SECHELT, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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JUN 1 1942

May 31st. 1942

R.P. Alexander Esq;
Assistant Manager,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver B.C.

Dear Sir;

Thank you very much for your letter of May 26th
acknowledging receipt of agreement signed by Sanji Konishi and ourselves.

Please find enclosed two copies of registration as made out and
signed by Sanji Konishi in the presence of T.J. Cook J.P.

As you will notice, all the Konishi, has been registered including
pieces not connected with the farm. I do not know what arrangements Konishi
has made about these as the negotiations between ourselves had to do only
with the farm. As a matter of fact it was only when filling in the registra-
tion form that I discovered that Konishi had other property.

Regarding the addresses of the other members of the family I can only
give you the last place where they were heard from. Mrs. Hanayo Konishi, the
mother- Hastings Park Vancouver. Likewise a son Saji Konishi and a daughter
Aggi Konishi. The other son Sawji Konishi is some place in Ontario.

Hoping this information will aid you speedily to conclude the neg-
otiations, I remain,

Yours truly,

J. M. McGrath O.M.I.
J.M. McGrath O.M.I.

Encl. 2

June 1, 1942

Mrs. Hanayo Konishi,
Hastings Park,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

On May 25th your son, Sanji, made an Agreement with the Oblate Fathers in Sechelt, represented by Father McGrath, covering the operation of the Konishi farm, and the terms of the signed agreement are as follows :-

1. It is agreed by both parties (a) That full authority and responsibility for the running of the farm is to be assumed by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechelt Residential School, Sechelt, B. C.
2. That the farm will be operated in such a way and maintained in such a way that at the return of the Konishi family the said farm will be found reasonably in the same condition as when transferred.
3. That the taxes on the said farm will be paid by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechelt Residential School.
4. That all reasonable care will be taken of the property and effects but that the Oblate Fathers will not assume responsibility for loss by accidental fire, theft or vandalism, of the said property and effects.

In order that our records may be complete would you please inform us whether or not this arrangement meets with your approval and with the approval also of the other members of your family.

Your son, Sanji, has registered his assets with us and so that we may properly look after your interests we request that you be good enough to go to Mr. Spain of the Custodian's Office at Hastings Park and register

C
Vancouver, B.C.,
June 29th, 1942

MEMORANDUM RE: Sanji Konishi
Evacuee File No. 1087

On Saturday afternoon, June 27th, 1942 Mr. K.W. Wright and myself left by Union Steamship for Sechelt arriving there about 5:45 in the evening and returning the following evening.

Authorities consulted:

Mr. Greenhouse, Forest Ranger
Mr. B. Hackett, Postmaster and local manager for Union Steamships which position he has occupied for about 15 years.
Mr. Clayton, Manager of the General Store.
Mr. J. Larnie, who managed the Union Estates for many years but is now, I understand, in charge of a subsidiary of the Union Steamships, Waterhouse & Company with Head Office in Vancouver.

On Saturday evening I discussed the affairs of the above noted Evacuee at considerable length with Mr. Hackett, in his office. The result was that I requested Mr. Hackett to make arrangements for the taxi to call for Rev. Father Baxter as Rev. Father McGrath was not in the village also Mr. Hackett, Mr. Larnie, Mr. Wright and myself at half past nine the following morning.

I examined the so-called farm which is situated a short distance from the Village of Sechelt and reached the conclusion that this property would be more accurately described as a Japanese homestead of a somewhat rough type. (The buildings are of practically no value, while in many of these there was considerable rubbish and filth which must have accumulated over a considerable period of time. I was informed that there was no depth to the earth on account of the rocky formation with the result that when the first hay crop is removed, the ground simply becomes burned with the heat of the sun and cannot be used for any purpose. I was much disappointed in the general appearance of the place.

There is a bull in a small pen; this bull has been kept in this small enclosure for some time; the place has never been cleaned out with the result that it is becoming wild and likely to break out and do considerable damage. I strongly recommend that this bull be shot as soon as possible.

After considering the conditions as they exist, and studying the agreement which is on file, dated May 25th, between Sanji Konishi and the Oblate Fathers I am firmly of the opinion that this office should not do anything that will disturb or interfere with the terms and conditions as set out in that agreement.

I am satisfied that this property cannot be operated at a profit under present day conditions but if a miracle should happen and there should be a reasonable profit, then every possible consideration should then be given to reimbursing from such profit the Oblate Fathers for the great amount of time and labour which they are expending on this property.

I do not see where a Certificate of Vesting has been filed.

The Rev. Father McGrath was not in the Village but I did meet the Rev. Father Baxter.

I am very favourably impressed with Father Baxter. I endeavoured to secure some information about this man and the following is what I learned and which I think is true. This man desired to enter the Priesthood but after further consideration he decided that he was not cut out to be a Priest but wanted to study Law. He proceeded with his Law studies at Toronto for about a year and then decided he was not cut out for a Lawyer but he thought he would like to take up the study of Accountancy, he also thought he was not cut out for an Accountant but became interested in Electrical Engineering. After studying this subject for some little time, he then decided that his true calling was the Priesthood in the Oblate Order. I understand that he is second in command of the Indian Residential School, at which about seventy-five Indian children attend.

With regard to the character of Father McGrath, whom I regret I did not see, Messrs. Greenhouse, Larnie, Heckett and Clayton all spoke in the highest terms of this man and Mr. Larnie even went on to say, when he was dealing with the integrity of the man, "highest, outstandingly so."

Re: Timber Lot

This is said to consist of 156 acres on the north side of Porpoise Bay. After discussing this matter in some detail with the Forest Ranger, it appears that one Mr. A. Crucil purchased all standing timber from the Konishi family at the beginning of the year 1942. I asked Mr. Greenhouse if it would be possible to have a letter to this effect; he said he would see what he could do. At dinner time he drove up to the Hotel with a letter signed by Mr. Crucil, dated June 28th, 1942, which read as follows:

"Furthermore to our conversation, I purchased for a cash sum of money (as per signed agreement by Konichi made sometime in January 1942 and held by J. Gagnon Acct) the remaining standing timber on Lot 5266 Sechart Inlet. This Timber is covered by mark C33 which is held in my name."

Mr. A. Crucil's letter is attached to this report.

I do not see where a Certificate of Vesting was ever filed.

Re: Selma Park -
Store

I also visited these two properties in company with Mr. Larnie, Mr. Hackett and Mr. Wright. The result is that I requested Mr. Hackett to submit to this office as soon as possible, an up-to-date report containing, among other things, his views as to whether these properties can be rented, if so, for how much and for what period of time. I further stated that if it was possible for these properties to be rented, that this office would place the responsibility of looking after the properties and collecting the rent with Mr. Hackett. During the discussion, I learned that if this cottage and store are served with water then the annual water charge is \$15.00. I emphasized this to Mr. Hackett so that he would take this into consideration when negotiating with prospective tenants.

I do not see where a Certificate of Vesting has ever been filed on these two properties.

I asked Mr. Hackett if he had any idea what the arrears of taxes were on these several properties and his reply was in the negative but suggested that I get in touch with the Provincial Assessor at New Westminster, B.C.

I have to-day written to the Provincial Assessor for the information desired and when this is received it will be handed to Mr. R.P. Alexander.

ETR/DG

10874

August 6th, 1942.

Mr. R.S. Hackett,
Postmaster,
Post Office,
Sechelt, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

re Sanji KONISHI

Thank you very much for your letter dated August 2nd introducing Mr. Joseph Martin of Sechelt, who is interested in purchasing either a truck or a motorcar belonging to some member of the Konishi family.

We have referred Mr. Martin's offer to the members of the Konishi family, now residing in Hastings Park, but if the information is known to you or readily obtainable by you, we would appreciate your being good enough to ascertain for us and to inform us of the name or names of the Japanese members of the Konishi family in whose name or names is ownership of the 1929 Chevrolet truck and the 1929 Model "A" Ford.

Yours truly,

R.P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:EB.

10874.

August 7th, 1942.

Mr. G.B. Spain,
Hastings Park Manning Pool,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Would you please get in touch with Mrs. Hana Konishi, Mr. Saiji Konishi, Mr. Shoji Konishi or Mr. Sanji Konishi and inform them that Mr. Joseph Martin of Sechelt is interested in purchasing either the 1929 Chevrolet Truck, belonging to some member of the Konishi family, for which he offers \$75.00 cash, or the 1929 Model A. Ford, belonging to some member of the Konishi family, for which he offers \$40.00 cash.

When replying would you please ascertain the name or names of the members of the Konishi family, in which ownership of the truck and motor car, respectively, was or were registered.

Do the Konishis desire that sale be made?

Mr. Martin states that he contributed something toward the building of the Konishi trailer and wants to know whether or not they would be willing to give him the trailer if he buys either the truck or the car.

Yours truly,

R.P. ALEXANDER.

Manager.

RPA:HW.

10874

11th August, 1942.

Mr. Sanji KONISHI,
Farm of the Oblate Fathers,
Lejac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are sorry indeed to learn from our representative in Hastings Park and from your brother Saiji of the illness of your mother, Mrs. Hana Konishi, who is confined to the hospital in Hastings Park, and we trust that she will shortly recover.

The Oblate Fathers, who are, under arrangement with your family, managing the Konishi farm in Sechelt, inform us that they have not taken out any fire insurance and that they understood that you would probably take out fire insurance yourself. Your brother Saiji states that he does not believe that any fire insurance has been written and asks us to communicate with you in this connection.

Would you please be good enough to inform us whether or not fire insurance has been placed and if so, for what amount, name of company, number of policy and whereabouts of the policy.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

Alexander

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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AUG 12 1942

File No. 10874.

Aug. 11, 1942,
Hastings Park.

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Office of the Custodian,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Konishi Family
Your letter 7th inst.

I have contacted Mr. Saiji
Konishi and have submitted to him the offer
for the Chevrolet Truck and Model A. Ford
made by Mr. Joseph Martin.

He had no hesitation in re-
jecting the offer and said the new tires
on the cars were worth more than the price
offered.

The 1929 Chevrolet Truck was
registered in the name of Mrs. Hana Konishi.

The 1929 Model A. Ford was
registered in the name of Mr. Saiji Konishi.

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Geo. B. Spain
Geo. B. Spain

10873 & 10874

17th August, 1942:

Mr. Sanji KONISHI,
Lejac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: D.L. 5266, 156 Acres of
Timber Land, New Westminster District

Thank you very much for your letter dated July 27th
in connection with the above.

We have written to Mr. Greenhouse, forest ranger, as
suggested by you and will endeavour to ascertain whether or not
Mr. Cruell of Sechelt, who purchased the balance of the standing
timber on the property mentioned above, in fact, did remove all
standing timber before June 1st, 1942.

When we have been successful in obtaining this inform-
ation we shall be happy to report to you accordingly and at that
time discuss with you the question of the payment of taxes.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

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17th August, 1942.

John P. Greenhouse, Esq.,
Forest Ranger,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: D.L. 5266, 156 Acres of
Timber Land, New Westminster District

Mr. Sanji Konishi has written to us from Lejac, B. C. to enquire whether or not Mr. A. Crucil was successful in removing entirely, before June 1st, 1942, all of the remaining standing timber on the property of his mother, Mrs. Hana Konishi, mentioned above. Would you please be good enough to send us this information at your early convenience.

Mr. Sanji Konishi states that under an agreement his mother has with Mr. Crucil it was understood that if all of this timber was not taken out before June 1st, 1942 that Mr. Crucil would be responsible for payment of taxes on this timber property for 1942.

Mr. Edgar T. Read and Mr. K. W. Wright of this office send you their greetings.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

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R.P. Alexander Esq.,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B.C.

Ranger Greenhouse,
Sechelt, B.C.
Sept. 8th, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I regret the delay in answering your letters of August 17th and Sept. 3rd, re D.L. 5266-Konishi. The delay was caused by the fact that I have been busy on fires and hardly been in my office. For your information I made a logging inspection on this area on June 17th. Mr. Crucil's last shipment from this area was in May.

Mr. Crucil informed me at time of my inspection that he had removed all the merchantable timber that he was interested in and that could be logged economically.

In my opinion Mr. Crucil has removed the standing Merchantable material from the area which could be regarded as a logging chance. Mr. Crucil is having his log mark C-33 which was issued to him to cover this lot cancelled.

Please give my greetings to Mr. Read and Mr. Wright.

J.P. Greenhouse
Yours truly

10873 & 10874

September 10, 1942.

Mr. Sanji Konishi,
Registration No. 00333,
Lejac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: D.L. 5266, 156 Acres of
Timberland, New Westminster District.

Reference is made to your letter dated July 27 in connection with the above and regarding which we sent you our letter of August 17, in which we informed you that we have written on your behalf to Mr. Greenhouse.

We have just received a reply from Mr. Greenhouse dated September 8 which we quote in full as follows:

"I regret the delay in answering your letters of August 17 and September 3, re D.L. 5266-Konishi. The delay was caused by the fact that I have been busy on fires and hardly been in my office. For your information, I made a logging inspection on this area on June 17. Mr. Crucil's last shipment from this area was in May.

"Mr. Crucil informed me at time of my inspection that he had removed all the merchantable timber that he was interested in and that could be logged economically.

"In my opinion Mr. Crucil has removed the standing merchantable material from the area which could be regarded as a logging change. Mr. Crucil is having his log mark C-33 which was issued to him to cover this lot cancelled."

It therefore seems apparent that Mr. Crucil removed all merchantable timber previous to June 1, 1942, and although we do not have on file particulars of the agreement covering property mentioned above and which belongs to your mother, Mrs. Hana Konishi, it would appear to us that taxes on this property are for the account of your mother. You will find attached in duplicate relative tax notice which called for payment of \$49.92, and we would appreciate your arranging to make payment direct, returning to us in due course the duly receipted tax statement for the completion of our files.

10874

September 17th, 1942.

Mr. Sandi KOWISHI,
c/o Indian Reserve School,
Lejac, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to acknowledge your letter of September 7th, enclosing one addressed to yourself from Messrs. Turner, Meakin & Company Ltd., wherein they have refused to cover a risk that you offered to them on your property at Sechelt.

If you refer to our letter of September 3rd, you will see that we asked whether you would like us to look after the placing of this insurance and if so how much you wished to carry.

In accordance with that request, if you will be good enough to advise as to the buildings on which you wish to have fire insurance placed and as to the amount covering each, giving us also a description of each building, that is, whether built of frame or otherwise, how many stories, whether a shingle roof or otherwise, as to whether it has a cement foundation or otherwise, whether it has a brick chimney and if so whether that chimney is built to the ground or a bracket and any other particulars which have a bearing on the risk involved.

Upon receipt of this information from you we will be glad to apply for you to some other company and find out if fire insurance can be placed.

Yours very truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG/AW.

10874
R. P. Alexander
Office of the Custodian.
Pan B.C.

Dear sir.

I have received a letter dated Sept 10th I am
Very sorry I did not answer your letter sooner
I was so busy I was unable to answer your letter
at that time. ON D 5266.

Mr & Cecil has logged of all merchantable timbers
from the said land. The Taxes on said lot
is not paid for this year yet. I have discuss
this matter with Mrs Hana Koriishi. she said
she would like to sell this lots of D 5266

I am not able to ~~not~~ pay the taxes on
D.L. 5266 I will sell this land at Bargain price
I wonder if you can sell it for us & let me now

Will you let me now how much Insurance
cost for 2000.00 for 3 year I will take it up
with your Insurance agents so let me now. the
Building is 1 stories Shingle Roof cement foundations
& Brick chimney from the ground it has 5
bedroom & parlor & kitchen if you want a
photo of the Building I have it in my possession.
Please let me now full particulars of the same.

yours truly
Sanji Koriishi Sojac.

Alexander
Oct 4th 1942.

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19th October, 1942.

Mr. Sanji KONISHI,
Registration No. 00333,
Lejac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter dated October 4th. That portion of your letter in connection with fire insurance is receiving the attention of Mr. Gibson of our Insurance Department.

Your wishes and the wishes of your mother in connection with the 156 acres of timber land known as D.L. 5266 have been noted. We are looking into the matter of possible sale of this land on your behalf and will be advising you the result of our investigations in due course.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:LF

10873 & 10874

19th October, 1942.

R. S. Hackett, Esq.,
Postmaster,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: D.L. 5266 - 156 Acres of
Timberland, New Westminster District

Mr. Sanji Konishi and Mrs. Hana Konishi have both indicated their desire to have the property mentioned above sold at the earliest possible opportunity.

Would you please be good enough to give us some indication as to the possibility of selling this land. We would be deeply indebted to you for referring to us any offers which you may receive for the land in question, for which please accept our thanks in advance.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

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19th October, 1942.

Vaux-Slessor Insurance Agencies Limited,
789 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Hana and Benji KONISHI

Attention Mr. Slessor

To confirm our telephone conversation of a few moments ago with reference to placing fire insurance on property belonging to the above named.

Kindly issue fire insurance policy as from today's date, carrying out general instructions on Form Letter #58 enclosed herewith.

The property to be insured consists of one-story frame dwelling with shingle roof, with cement foundation, brick chimney to the ground, located at Porpoise Bay, Sechelt, B.C.

The legal description is given as Block 6, Sub-division of D.L. 1471, Plan 3660.

When issued, please send us the policy together with a statement in duplicate to cover the premium.

Please note the Japanese name is not to appear on the face of the policy but for purposes of identification we would like you to make note of name or names and file number or numbers on the back of the policy and also on your statement covering the premium.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

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Gibson

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G. J. VAUX
J. B. SLESSOR

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PACIFIC 0342

814 HALL BUILDING
Vancouver, B.C.

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October 24th. 1942.

S. M. Gibson, Esq.,
Insurance Department,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Gibson,

Mr Hana and Senji KONISHI

File Numbers 10873, 10874.

In accordance with your instructions, we now have pleasure in enclosing herewith Canadian Indemnity Company's Policy No. 62938 covering for \$2,000 on Dwelling for three years from October 19th. 1942.

May we take this opportunity of thanking you very much for this valued business, and of assuring you that it would be a privilege to have an early opportunity of again serving you.

Yours very truly,

VAUX-SLESSOR INSURANCE AGENCIES, LIMITED

Gibson
J. B. SLESSOR
Manager.

Griffin, Montgomery & Smith

MARTIN GRIFFIN, B.C. (1942)
D. S. MONTGOMERY
M. J. GRIFFIN

Barristers, Solicitors, & Co.

TELEPHONE MARINE 8155
CABLE ADDRESS "MARGRIFF"
CODE WESTERN UNION

*600 Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.*

November 10th, 1942.

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OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
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Office of the Custodian,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
675 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

St. Louis
Re S. Konishi. Our Re-
ference 5289/B.59

Spoke 4. 1775
Client's name
is W. H. Malkin
the goods
and new
groceries.
21. 11. 42

We duly received your letter of October 31st and have had some difficulty in ascertaining which of the three names submitted by you applied to the man in question. However we now find that Saiji Konishi is the man against whom our clients have a claim as he formerly operated a store and summer resort. Our clients' claim is on a Judgment dated 22nd March 1941 for \$68.33 plus interest thereon at 5% per annum which to date amounts to \$5.62, a total of \$73.95. The claim is for the price of goods sold and delivered by our clients to the Defendant. We trust that this the information required by you and that we shall hear from you further in this connection in due course.

Yours truly,

BJS.

GRIFFIN, MONTGOMERY & SMITH,
Messrs.
Per - *R. L. Wilson*

10875

November 27, 1942.

This should be Sanjo

Mr. Seiji KONISHI,
Registration No. 08878,
Tashme, B. C.

Dear Sir:

This office has a claim lodged against you by Messrs. Griffin, Montgomery & Smith, Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of their client, W. H. Malkin & Co., amounting to \$73.95, which they state represents a judgment against you dated the 22nd of March, 1941.

If this claim is correct kindly let us have a cheque in settlement. The cheque should be made out to "The Custodian of Enemy Property".

Thanking you for your early attention.

Yours truly,

A. McAlister,
Claims Department.

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Mrs A McAlister
Van B.C.

Re File #10
Registration # 00393.

VACATION SECTION
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FILE NO. 10814
DATE 12/18/46
SIGNED M. Alister

I have your letter dated Nov
27th of Buffalo Montgomery
of amount payment of \$104.00
I do not owe them \$73.95
owe them \$63.95 at the present
I could not pay in full at once
but I will pay \$10.00 per
month until this thing is all
paid I will make a payment
in January before the 10th
this letter was forward to
me from Tacoma I am so
sorry I did not receive it
sooner.

Yours truly
Sara K. Kuroki
Le Jac B.C.

December 1, 1942.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 10874 KONTISHI, Sanji Reg. No. 00333

File No. 10873 KONTISHI, Mrs. Hana Reg. No. 08880

Re: Block 4, 5, and 6, District Lot 1471, District of New
Westminster.

Porpoise Bay, Sechart, B.C.

Although Sanji has declared this property it is
owned by his mother Mrs. Hana KONTISHI #08880, our file #10873,
and there is no evidence in the files to show that he has an
interest in it. It is dealt with in her file.

D. Davidson
D. Davidson.

ED/CD

10874, 10873 and 10875

February 26, 1943.

Mr. Sanji KONISHI,
Registration No. 00333,
c/o Indian Residential School,
Le Jac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Canadian Indemnity Policy #62938.

As requested in your letter of October 4th,
we had the above numbered policy written covering the
dwelling located on Block 6, Subdivision of District
Lot 1471, Plan 3660, near Sechelt, B. C.

This policy covers for \$2,000.00 for 3 years
until October 19th, 1945.

I am sorry that I failed to advise you that
the policy had been placed as requested and I would ask
you to kindly remit \$32.00 to cover the 3-year premium,
that is, of course, providing that you wish this policy
to remain in force.

Yours truly,

S. M. Gibson,
Insurance Department.

SMG:MAD

MEMORANDUM TO FILES 10873, 10874 & 10875

November 18, 1943

From: P. Matheson

Re: Motor Vehicles Belonging to Konishi Family

These three files are involved. The following is a summary of papers on the three files bearing on the motor vehicles and the agreement with the Oblate Fathers. These papers are listed in chronological order (not the order in which these are filed) and the file on which the paper appears is shown.

- (1) March 23, 42
(10874) Report of R.S. Hackett - Dealing with land, buildings, equipment and live stock. Suggests Indian School (Oblate Fathers) as logical people to lease property.
- (2) May 12, 42
(10874) Letter from J. McGrath, Oblate Fathers, outlining terms under which they would lease the property.
- (3) April 25, 42
(10874) List of goods and equipment signed by Sanji Konishi and J. M. McGrath.
Signed May 5, 42
List contains:

1 Chevrolet truck 1929-	\$150.00
1 Ford car 1930 -	75.00
1 Studebaker 1928 -	50.00
- (4) May 18, 42
(10874) Mr. Alexander to Father McGrath: "We agree, for the time being, that you should take over the Konishi farm and operate it according to your judgment."
- (5) May 20, 42
(10874) Col. Hill, RCMP from Mr. Alexander - Re motor vehicles
- (6) May 25, 42
(10874) Copy of agreement signed by Sanji Konishi and J. M. McGrath
 1. It is agreed by both parties (a) that full authority and responsibility for the running of the farm is to be assumed by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechelt Residential School, Sechelt, B. C.
 2. That the farm will be operated in such a way and maintained in such way that at the return of the Konishi family the said farm will be found reasonably in the same condition as when transferred.
 3. That the taxes on the said farm will be paid by the Oblate Fathers of the Sechelt Residential School.

Original of
agreement
handed to
Mr. Richardson)

(7) May 26, 42
(10874)

(8) May 28, 42
(10874)

4. That all reasonable care will be taken of the property and effects but that the Oblate Fathers will not assume responsibility for loss by accidents, fire, theft or vandalism, of the said property and effects. J. M. McGrath letter states that fire insurance would most likely be taken out by Komish.

Letter from RCMP, enclosing copy of letter from B. C. Security Commission, reading: "With reference to your letter of the 21st instant forwarding copy of a letter from Mr. R. P. Alexander of the Custodian's office, the Commission agrees with your view in regard to the automobiles mentioned in Mr. Alexander's letter, and considers it advisable to leave them in the custody of the Beechelt Resident- that school. It is noted that the total value of the three cars is only \$275.00."

J.P. Form signed by Sami Komish, lists Real Property: Block 4, 5, 6 D.S. 1471, NW Dist. Block 4, 5, 6 D.S. 1509, NW Dist. District Lot 5266-156 acres, Lots 39, 40, 41 Selma Park, Beechelt, House, barns, etc. No motor vehicles declared.

Father McGrath, enclosing registration forms, states that the arrangement had only to do with the farm.

J.P. Form, signed S. Komish (signature appears to be that of Sami) carrying reg. number, name of Sami, lists 1929 Ford Model A, 4 tires, in garage at home at Porpoise Bay. Key of car handed to Deputy Custodian, Beechelt. No real property declared.

(10) May 31, 42
(10874)

(11) June 9, 42
(10874)

- (19) Aug. 11, 42
(10874) Mr. Spain to Mr. Alexander states, offers rejected. Chevrolet belongs to Hana Konishi.. The Ford to Saiji Konishi.
- (20) Aug. 13, 42
(10873) Mr. Alexander to Mr. J. Martin "Your offer (\$75.00 for the Chev. truck) has been referred to Mrs. Konishi and she has rejected your offer with the statement that the new tires are worth more than the price offered."
- (21) Aug. 13, 42
(10875) Mr. Alexander to J. Martin - offer of \$40.00 for Ford referred to Saiji Konishi who has rejected your offer.
- (22) Sept. 20, 42
(10875) R. S. Hackett to Mr. Alexander: "Relative to the motor vehicles owned by the Konishis and the recent offer to purchase by Jos. Martin. As a matter of fact the Model A Ford car and Chevrolet truck are not in themselves worth any more than has been offered for them, and had it not been for the tires, and the high value placed on these items at the present time, I think it would have been good business to dispose of these vehicles. They are depreciating in value all the time, and if they are to be laid up indefinitely in the old shack in which they now stand, without the engines being turned over occasionally they will not be worth very much if left to the end of the war."
- (23) Nov. 13, 42
(10875) V.F. Dunn inquires about Ford purchased some years ago by Konishis for \$45.00 to \$50.00 and offers to buy if price is put on it.
- (31) Nov. 16, 42
(10875) Mr. Alexander to Saiji Konishi pointing out that vehicles are deteriorating.
- (32) Nov. 30, 42
(10875) S. Konishi to Mr. Alexander "I am not selling my Ford car. I am not even selling the Chevrolet truck".
- (33) Dec. 4, 42
(10875) V.F. Dunn notified of Konishi decision.
- (34) June 1, 43
(10875) David McKee, Canadian Legion to Mrs. A. A. French, Sechelt, re V.F. Dunn and the Model A Ford: "I have discussed this case with the office of the Custodian and I am informed by him that certain motor vehicles were in such condition when seized by the RCMP that it was not found either expedient or desirable to sell these motor vehicles. I am not quite clear as to whether or not the type of motor vehicle was not in demand or whether the vehicle was not in very good condition.

Files 10873, 10874, 410875

(12) June 10, 42
(10875)

JP form of Saiti KONISHI - Real Property
(1) Lot 4,5,6 D.L. 1509 - 15 acres
(2) Selma Park, Lot 39,40,41 D.L. Unknown
On (1) wooden shed. Attachment of portable
saw mill.
On (2) 1 1/2 storey frame building used as store,
20x40 garage, 3-room bunkhouse, 2 sheds.
Oplate Fathers will pay taxes on (1)
No motor vehicles declared.

(13) June 9, 42
(10873)

JP form of Hana KONISHI - Real Property
(1) Dist. Lot 5266 - 156 acres timberland
(2) Blocks 4,5,6, Dist. Lot 1471 - 16 acres
Farmland.
On (2) 7-room frame bungalow, 20x40 barn, 60x60
barn, chicken house, root house 14x17,
pig houses, garage, sheds of all kinds.
Leased to Oplate Fathers.

List of chattels contains:

1 Chev. truck 1929
1 Ford car 1930
1 Studebaker 1928

(14) June 29, 42

Report of Mr. E.T. Head, recommending that
nothing be done to interfere with agreement
between Konishi family and Oplate Fathers,
also recommending that one bull (value \$50.00)
shown on list of goods and equipment turned
over to Oplate Fathers be shot, as the pen
had not been cleaned and the bull was in a
dangerous condition.

(15) July 20, 42
(10873)

Mr. Alexander to Father Negreth, states that
Custodian has no intention of interfering
with arrangement made with Konishi family.
Encloses tax notices for Lots 4,5,6 D.L. 1471,
(Hana Konishi) and Lots 4,5,6 D.L. 1509 (Saiti)
Mr. Jos. Martin's offer to buy truck or car.

(16) Aug. 4, 42
6, 42

(17) Aug. 7, 42
(10873)

Mr. Alexander to Mr. Spain to refer offers
of \$70.00 for Ford and \$75.00 for Chevrolet
to Konishi family.

(18) Aug. 7, 42
(10873)

Father Dunlop to Mr. Alexander - As far as we
know description of land set down in your
letter of 20th of July is correct.

(34) June 1, 43 "In any case, the motor vehicle owned by Saiji Konishi is in this category and at the present time the Custodian has no power to force the Japanese owner to sell the car. He points out however that it is very foolish of the owner to continue to refuse to sell the car as it will undoubtedly depreciate and anything that will happen to it in the meantime is not the responsibility of the Government but of the owner."

"I am afraid that until the Custodian's office is given the power to dispose of this automobile or the owner has a change of heart, nothing can be done in connection with this matter."

(35) July 14, 43 Offer to purchase Ford for \$45.00 from
(10875) V. F. Dunn.

(36) July 14, 43 Offer to purchase Chevrolet truck for
(10875) \$150.00 from W. J. Martin.

(37) July 16, 43 Both offers referred to Saiji Konishi.

(38) Sept. 4, 43 V. F. Dunn to Mr. Alexander "Ford car
(10875) is fast deteriorating, but I can use some of the parts."

(39) Sept. 8, 43 Mr. Alexander from P. Matheson "What
(10875) should be done about Chevrolet?" (Mr. Martin had taken the matter up with one of Mr. Robinson's assistants and was getting worked up over the fact that Mr. Martin needed the car but it was being allowed to fall to ruin rather than sell it to him.)

(40) Sept. 8, 43 Mr. Alexander suggested that an appraisal
(10875) be obtained, and suggested that Mr. R.S. Hackett would be able to supply name of suitable appraiser. Letter to Mr. Hackett.

(41) Sept. 8, 43 Mr. Hackett suggest Gordon Dobson to
(10875) appraise vehicles. States the keys in his (Hackett's) possession.

(42) Sept. 27, 43 Mr. Shears from P. Matheson, giving
(10875) appraised values; i.e., Ford-\$75.00, Chevrolet-\$150.00, and asking if these could be sold.

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The appraisal of Mr. Dobson is on file 10873, Sept. 23, 1943.

(43) Oct. 13, 43 (10875)

This memo referred to Major McAllister who suggested that Martin and Dunn be written advising them of the appraised values. This was done.

(44) Oct. 28, 43

Mr. W. J. Martin purchased the Chevrolet truck for \$150.00

(45) Nov. 10, 43

Mr. C. F. Haslam purchased the Model A Ford for \$75.00.

Files 10873, 10874 & 10875

November 18, 1943

Memorandum to Mrs. McArthur

From: F. Matheson

Attached is list of papers from the three Konishi files dealing with the motor vehicles and the agreement between the Konishi family and Oblate Fathers.

There is nothing on the files of Hana Konishi, File 10873, owner of the Chevrolet truck, or Saiji Konishi, File 10875, owner of the Model A Ford to indicate that these vehicles were included in the agreement with the Oblate Fathers.

Various letters, offering offers to purchase these vehicles to the owners, would indicate that Mr. Alexander did not consider these as forming part of the goods referred to under the agreement.

These vehicles were sold at the prices given by the owner in the list on File 10874.

The vehicles have, apparently, not been used, and Mr. Haslam, who purchased the Ford, stated that one tire had been stolen, and that there was a possibility that the engine might have frozen during the cold spell last Winter. He purchased the car to get parts to repair his own Ford.

One reason these were not taken into custody by the RCMP would likely be, there is no road from Sechart to Vancouver, and the condition of the cars did not warrant the expense of having these shipped in by boat.

These vehicles might be considered as falling into the same category as the bull that was shot; that is, property of the Konishi family that was suffering from lack of attention.

The tires appear to have been the most valuable part of these vehicles. Tires deteriorate on cars left standing in a garage, quite apart from the possibility of theft.

No offers were received for the Studebaker.

10874.

November 26th, 1943.

Mr. Sanji KONISHI,
Registration No. 00333,
Indian Residential School,
Lafac, B. C.

Dear Sir:

In April, 1942, the United Agencies Ltd.
lodged with this office the following two claims on behalf
of their clients:

\$49.04	Canadian Bakeries Limited
\$36.60	Clark Fruit & Produce Company.

Due to the fact that the only name used was
"S. KONISHI, Sechelt", these claims were not at first recorded
in your file but they are now definitely charged against you
and we shall be glad to have your confirmation that they are
correct, or if not an explanation why they are not. If they
are correct, it would be appreciated if you would also state
how you propose liquidating them.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

10873, 10874 & 10875.

November 26th, 1943.

Rev. H. P. Dunlop,
Sechelt Residential School,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Hana KONISHI - Reg. No. 08680,
Sanji KONISHI (Son) Reg. No. 00333,
Saiji KONISHI (Son) Reg. No. 08678.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant on the subject of your lease of the Konishi Farm.

With a view to clearing up any misunderstanding that may exist we would explain that under the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939), and subsequent Orders in Council relating thereto, the interest of individuals of the Japanese race in the protected areas of British Columbia became vested in the Custodian from the time such individuals were evacuated from those areas.

A large number of the Real Properties (land and buildings) thus vested in the Custodian have, under an interdepartmental agreement, been taken over by the Director of the Veterans' Land Act. The transfer is subject to existing tenures so that your position and obligations are not affected by the change in the name of your landlord. Personal Property (chattels, including equipment) is not included in the transaction and will continue to be the concern of this office.

With regard to the Motor Vehicles, a review of the above files shows that these, i.e.,

One 1928 Studebaker Car	valued @ \$ 50.00
One 1930 Ford Car	valued @ \$ 75.00
One 1929 Chevrolet Truck	valued @ \$150.00

did not form an essential part of the farm equipment but that they had been left stored in a shed because their value did not justify the expense of removal at the time the R.C.M.P. were rounding up and impounding all such vehicles. This office eventually sold all impounded vehicles to save the deterioration and expense connected with their storage, and the Department concerned was only carrying out this established policy in disposing of

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November 26th, 1943.

2 out of the 3 vehicles mentioned above. The Japanese owners are advised of such sales and of the amount of net proceeds passed to the credit of their account.

We trust this brief explanation will make the situation clear to you.

Yours truly,

H. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

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Keep chattels on this file
in future

February 28th, 1944

Mr. R. S. Hackett,
Postmaster,
Post Office,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: KONISHI, Mrs. Hana
KONISHI, Sanji
KONISHI, Saiki

This is to thank you for your letter received here on February 21st referring to us an offer made by Mr. Derby at your end for the horse mowing machine.

We are now going ahead with liquidating Japanese property and as a general rule either hold auctions or call for tenders. Only in rare cases can we make private sales of this nature.

Moreover, although the Soldier Settlement Board will eventually be taking over this farm, we understand that the Oblate Fathers are still running it under the original agreement with the Japanese. This made them responsible for the chattels and equipment of the farm except in the event of loss by accident, fire, theft, or vandalism, and we are anxious not to disturb this arrangement.

It is a fact that these chattels will eventually have to be liquidated especially as the Soldier Settlement Board are not interested in taking them over, and we will at that time have to find some solution of the problem. We should always welcome any suggestions but meanwhile prefer not to take any piece-meal action.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

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March 14th, 1944

Mr. R. L. Summers,
R. R. No. 1,
Gibsons Landing, B. C.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Sanji KONISHI

Thank you for your letters of February 7th and March 12th. We regret not answering the former more promptly.

There are two difficulties involved in making any sale to you. The first is that our policy is not to make private sales. The second is that the Konishi farm with all its equipment is being operated by the Oblate Fathers and we cannot withdraw any items without changing the whole set-up or at least obtaining their consent.

Under these circumstances we are not really interested in making any sale. As, however, it may be that the Fathers are not operating this as a dairy and the present may be an opportunity which may not occur again to dispose of this equipment, we might be prepared to consider a sale to you. We should require first a letter from Father McGrath or whoever is in charge, stating that they do not require the bottles and cases and consider the price offered by you a fair one of which advantage should be taken. If you can arrange for such a letter to be sent to us, we will authorize the sale.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HFG:IF

Sechelt Residential School

SECHELT, B. C.

March 20, 1944

Mr. H. P. Green,
Dept. of Secrestry of State,
Office of the Custodian
Vancouver, B.C.

File # 10874

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd MAR 20 1944

File No. 10874

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Referred Green

Dear Mr. Green:

Mr. R. L. Summers has approached me for the release of some milk bottles and cases from the Konish Farm. We are agreeable to their sale to him and we believe the price offered to be a fair one. Bottles 5 cents a piece - Cases .50

He has taken possession of 12 Doz. Bottles and 5 cases. Would you please write us confirming this matter when he has settled for these goods.

Yours truly

H. P. Dunlop *and*
H. P. Dunlop O.B.C.

10874

March 20th, 1944

The Sechelt Residential School,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Sanji KONISHI

Many thanks for yours of March 20th. Under the circumstances, we agree to release this equipment and request that Mr. Summers remit us the proceeds being, we believe, calculated as follows.

12 Doz. bottles at 5¢ apiece.....	\$7.20
5 Cases at 50¢ apiece.....	<u>2.50</u>

TOTAL: \$9.70

We should mention that as a general rule, we prefer not to make private sales of this nature, but believe our action is justified in this case.

We shall later wish to consult you about the best method of disposing of the remaining equipment and effects. This question, of course, need not come up until you leave the property.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green
Protection Department

HPG:IF

R.R. Gibsonally Bldg, Apr 21/44

Mr H. F. Green
Protection Dept.
Office of Custodians
506 Royal Bank Bldg
Vancouver B.C.

EVALUATION SECTION	
DATE	APR 24 1944
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Dear Sir Re. Daniji Konishi

I am enclosing herewith my cheque
for \$11.60 to cover the following:

16 Dog Bottles at 5¢ each 96¢

4 Cases at 50¢ each 200 = \$11.60

I believe your letter to Father Dunlop
read 17 Dog Bottles and 5 Cases. I have
advised Father Dunlop accordingly.

Yours Truly
R. L. Summers

OK
[Signature]

Transferred to 10873.
8/5/47.

C.S.

10874 & 10875.

January 21st, 1946.

Messrs. Macrae, Montgomery & Clynne,
Barristers and Solicitors,
Bank of Nova Scotia Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Claims.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 12th ultimo from which we note that you still appear to be in doubt as to the identity of the debtor against whom you have filed two claims, i.e.

- (1) \$49.04 Canadian Bakeries Ltd. (Statutory Declaration dated 30th April, 1942, against Sagi KONISHI, Sechelt).
- (2) \$36.60 Clark Fruit & Produce Co. (Statutory Declaration dated 30th April, 1942, against Sagi KONISHI, Sechelt).

We have no record of any person named Sagi KONISHI. According to our records there were 3 brothers in the Konishi family of Sechelt, Saiji, Shoji and Sanji, their ages at time of evacuation being 29, 27 and 25 respectively. On the basis of previous correspondence with you the above claims have been carried in the file of Sanji (our File 10874), and we note that you now wish to have them transferred to that of Saiji (our File 10875), and this is being done today.

Saiji KONISHI was accidentally drowned at Lejac on the 2nd March, 1945. Steps are being taken to have this Estate administered.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/P.

SECHLT RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL

SECHLT, B. C.

Oct. 23, 1946.

Office of the Custodian
Japanese Evacuation Section
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
VANCOUVER.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Konishi Property.

May I refer you to a letter from your office, dated July 20/42 (Cf. files 10873 & 10875) acknowledging an agreement made between Sanji Konishi and the Oblate Fathers dated May 20/42; also to a list of chattels signed before the Justice of Peace May 5/42 by the above parties.

Now, whereas the present incumbent of the Konishi farm, Mr. Hyde, is using the chattels and equipment left on the farm, and, whereas certain chattels including the livestock were removed to the Sechelt Residential School for safekeeping and are still at the school would you kindly instruct me as to the following:

FIRSTLY: When Mr. Hyde purchased the farm did he at the same time acquire all chattels etc. If not what are my obligations regarding the equipment present on the farm and being utilized by Mr. Hyde; also the chattels now present at the school?

SECONDLY: Whom must I contact to effect a settlement regarding the above chattels so that I might be free of all obligations regarding these chattels etc.

Yours truly,

"H. F. Dunlop" O.M.I.

H. F. Dunlop, O.M.I.
Principal.

10873 & 10875.

November 8th, 1946.

Rev. H. P. Dunlop, O.M.I.,
Principal,
Sechelt Residential School,
Sechelt, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Mrs. Hana KONISHI, Reg. #08880 (Mother)
Saiji KONISHI, Deceased. (Son)

We are in receipt of and thank you for your letter of the 23rd ultimo on the subject of the personal property left under your care by the above evacuees.

The chattels, including farm equipment, on the premises when the real property was sold to The Director, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, were not included in that sale.

We note that you desire to be free of all obligations connected with the Konishi chattels and, subject to the reservations mentioned hereunder, we would suggest that you contact Mrs. Hana Konishi, and any other member of the family concerned, and secure their approval to your following the same procedure as that outlined.

The policy of the Dominion Government is, as you know, one of liquidation of evacuee assets in the protected areas of British Columbia. This is being accomplished by: (1) shipment to owners, at their expense, if such a course is practical, and requested; (2) sale through the medium of competitive bidding at public auctions; or (3) on the basis of values established by qualified independent appraisers.

Our records show Saiji Konishi, Reg. No. 08878 (File 10875) to have died at Lefse on the 2nd March, 1945. The proceeds of all liquidated assets that can be definitely identified as his, must, therefore, go to the credit of this Estate Account in our books, for delivery to the Official Administrator appointed by the Court to administer the estate, the residue of which will be paid, either through this office or direct, to the beneficiaries entitled to receive same.

All other funds derived from the liquidation of the chattels under your care should also be sent in to this office for the credit of the accounts concerned. We might here add that there are no restrictions on the release to evacuees of the free balance of their accounts and such balances are being freely released to all requesting them.

(Over)

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10872 & 1287.

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December 5th, 1946.

Mrs. Hana KONISHI, #08880,
Mr. Sanji KONISHI, #00333,
Mrs. Saiji KONISHI, #08879,
Miss Aki KONISHI, #08881,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Sir and Mesdames:

Re: Your Agreement with Oblate Fathers, Sechelt, B. C.

In a letter dated October 23rd, the Rev. H. F. Dunlop, Principal of Sechelt Residential School, expressed the desire of the Oblate Fathers to be relieved of their obligations under the Agreement made with you on the 25th May, 1942.

In replying to this letter we advised the Oblate Fathers that the Dominion Government's policy of liquidation of evacuee assets in the protected areas of British Columbia was being carried out by: (1) shipment of personal property to owners, at such owner's expense, where this was practical and so desired; (2) sale by auction, net proceeds being credited to owner's account; (3) sale on the basis of qualified independent appraisals, net proceeds being credited to owner's account; and he was informed that this office had no objection to the Oblate Fathers following the same procedure, after consulting you.

We are now in receipt of a further letter, dated the 3rd instant, enclosing cheque for \$533.00, made up as follows:

\$400.00	8 cows @ \$50.00 each
\$ 50.00	1 bull
\$ 25.00	1 sow
\$ 30.00	30 chickens @ \$1.00 each
\$ 28.00	7 cords of wood @ \$4.00 per cord
<u>\$533.00</u>	

Before accepting this cheque we desire to know: (A) Are the above prices acceptable to you? (B) To whose account you wish these funds credited. It would be appreciated if you would let us have this information in a jointly signed letter.

In addition to the above chattels, which were removed to the School's own farm for better attention, there was a substantial list of chattels, including household effects and farm equipment, left on your farm. The Real Property (land and buildings) was, as you know, purchased by The Director, Soldier Settlement and Veterans' Land Act, who later sold the property to a Mr. Hyde, who has been in possession for some time, and is, we understand, using some of the farm equipment.

(Over)

Mrs. Hana KONISHI, et al.

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December 5th, 1946.

Some of the personal property included in above list was of little value to start with, and the normal process of wear and tear will have accounted for much more, but there doubtless remains some articles with a saleable value and the Oblate Fathers should now liquidate these, as outlined above, in order that the net proceeds may be made available to the proper party or parties and these accounts closed. As this liquidation and the termination of your Agreement with the Oblate Fathers is a matter for direct negotiation between you, we are sending a copy of this letter to the Rev. H. F. Dunlop, and desire to be advised of results in due course.

For your convenience in replying to questions (A) and (B) above, we enclose a stamped addressed envelope and would appreciate a prompt reply.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Office of the Custodian.

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c.c. to The Rev. H. F. Dunlop.

MEMORANDUM

File 10874.

TO: Miss Charlotte Girard.

FROM: Mr. R. G. Bell.

May 7th, 1947.

Re: Sanji KONISHI - Reg. No. 00333.

Please transfer the proceeds (\$11.60) from sale of milk bottles, credited to this account on April 26th, 1944, to the account of the mother, Mrs. Hana KONISHI, Reg. No. 08880, File 10873, in which all the family's farm chattels are carried.

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Accounting Department:

Charge to File 10874 and credit to File 10873, Mrs. Hana KONISHI, Reg. No. 08880:

Sale of milk bottles and cases to R. L. Summers, April 26, 1944 \$11.60

Transferred, May 8, 1947.

C. Girard

cc

Upper Fraser B.C.
Dec 23, 1947.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
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File No.	10274
Ans.	
Referred	Bell

Dear Sir: —

I am just writing you few lines to ask you if you can take this matter up. I have just seen these ad in the newspaper, so I am writing to you. They want to know the Registration No. 00333 claimant address at the time of his evacuation is Schell B.C. Present address is Upper Fraser B.C.

My claim for the real property and building, equipment, & livestock household equipment, etc is \$15,000.00 nothing less. Will you take this up with the office of the custodian at once they want the claims to be in before Dec 31st 1947. If they want the inventory I have it with me been sign and sealed by Justice of Peace, so I have what I will trust you until I hear from you.

Yours truly

S. Konishi

Upper Fraser B.C.

10874.

January 14th, 1948.

Mr. Sanji KORISHI,
Registration No. 00333,
Upper Fraser, B. C.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo.

You did not declare any real property to the Custodian at the time of your evacuation and the only personal property declared by you was a 1929 model Ford car.

Your deceased father's farm at Sechelt is carried in your mother's file, and if she desired to file a claim with the Commissioner appointed by the Government we hope it has been made out in accordance with the requirements outlined in the advertisement from which you derived your information, and that it was correctly addressed to the Japanese Property Claims Commission.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,
Administration Department.

RGB/JS