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BUREAU POWELL STREET
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. 11030

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: NARUSE, David YoshiroHOME ADDRESS: 1134. Powell Ave., Vancouver, B. C.SEX: Male AGE: 17 Former Address: P. O. Box 170, Steveston, B. C. REGISTRATION No. 05639OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Student, Richmond High School. MARRIED? NoNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: noneADDRESS: noneNAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: noneADDRESS: none

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I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 26th day of June 1942.WITNESS: D. W. Chope.

(Signature)

D. Y. Naruse

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date July 23/43

Our File No. 11030

Full Name NARUSE David Yoshino
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 05639

Male - Female
(check)

Age Dec. 25, 1924

Former Address P.O. Box 170, Steveston, B.C.

Date Evacuated June 30/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(check)

Present Address Westmount, P.Q.

Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife —

Name of Husband —

Name of Mother nee WASHIMOTO Name of Father Kintaro #03704

Names of Children under 16 Saku #03705

Requested by ECN Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Student

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10th June, 1947.

Mr. David Yoshio Naruse,
Registration #05639,
377 Wellesey Street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant.

Your own file indicates that you were not the owner of any property left in the protected area, the property to which you refer being registered in the name of your brother, Henry Kanao Naruse. Correspondence has been carried on from time to time with him and he is of course aware that his property was sold to the Director, the Veterans' Land Act.

Mr. W.J. Smith advised us that Mr. Henry K. Naruse was in Vancouver in March 1944 and that satisfactory arrangements were made in regard to the shipment of certain effects left in his care. In July last Mr. Smith informed us that he was vacating the property.

It does not appear therefore that beyond acknowledging your letter any further reply is required. We note your intention to communicate with the authorities at Ottawa, but as you doubtless know, the sale of Japanese properties was carried out under Government policy, the sale to the Veterans' Land Act being made between two Government Departments.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FCS/PMH

Mr. George Peters
506 Royal Bank Bldg.
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ans.	
Signature	Peters

377 Wellesley St
Toronto, Ont.
June 3/47.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that our residence at Steveston B.C. has been disposed off, without, of course our consent. The reference re this property is under your file no. 11009.

It is also obvious that the 'Custodian' who claimed to look after the property for the duration of the war, prior to evacuation of Japanese Canadians, had lied, and has done nothing in the way of looking after such properties. I know a person, or persons responsible for such matters who without any consent of the owner, dispose of such a thing as one's home and feel that they have not committed a crime, is beyond my comprehension. If I take it, of course, that you people are not Christians and that you do not believe in democratic principles because it is obvious that acts such as these are without a doubt. un-Christian and un-democratic.

A friend of ours, a family by the name of Smith, had been living in our house ~~so~~ during war time but, I have heard that they have been "ousted" from the house sometime near the beginning of this year, 1947.

The Smiths have lived in our house and have cared
for the house all the while during wartime and even
after the war, up to January, 1947. Yet in January, 1947,
our property was taken away from the Smiths. Why
such actions? Will you be kind enough to explain
the reasons behind all such actions? To me, it certainly
seems to be an undemocratic ~~and~~ method.

Meanwhile I will do my best to inform Ottawa,
and possibly to some of the ~~the~~'s Members of Parliament,
who are democratically minded and who are upholding
the 'Japanese-Canadian property' question, on how
poorly the 'Custodian' has, and apparently still is,
handling the properties owned by Canadians of
Japanese descent.

Very truly yours,
David Namise