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INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Nov. 9/45

Our File No. 14533

Full Name NAGATA (Naka) Mrs. Shichitaro
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 01069

Male - ☒ Female
(check)

Age Aug. 31, 1891

Former Address 2330 Hall St., City

Date Evacuated July 2/42

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - ☒ National
(check)

Present Address

21 Sunbar Rd., Toronto, Ont.

☒ Married - Single
(check)

Name of Wife -

Name of Husband Shichitaro #01063

Name of Mother Deceased.

Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16

See husband's sheet.

Requested by

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Registered with Custodian

(Yes or No)

Additional Information

GENERAL SUMMARY

File: 14533

June 18, 1949

Re: Naka (Mrs. Shichitara) NAGATA
Reg. No. 01069

Mrs. Nagata is the wife of Shichitara Nagata, XI. 159, former manager and treasurer for a number of Japanese companies.

Mrs. Nagata did not sign either a JP or a J Card. However, the sum of \$1,700.00 was found in the safety deposit box of C. Fukukawa, which box had been under the control of and was used by Shichitara Nagata. Mr. Nagata stated that these funds belonged to his wife. After some investigation the Custodian transferred these funds to the account of Mrs. Nagata, on August 2, 1943.

The sum of \$159.60 was transferred to the account of Shichitara Nagata to erase a debit in his account. The debit was due to remittances made to Mrs. Nagata for maintenance. The balance of the \$1,700.00 was remitted to Mrs. Nagata to cover living expenses of herself and her family.

No funds remain to the credit of this woman.

Liabilities of this woman and her family have been paid.

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File #159 & 14533

MEMORANDUM

August 2nd, 1943.

TO: ACCOUNTANT

Re: Shichitaro Nagata (Released P/W A-551)
and Mrs. Naka Nagata.

FROM: MR. K. W. WRIGHT

Mr. Shears has given consideration to and recommends transfer of \$1700.00 at credit of Chuhei Fukukawa (Japan) to account of Mrs. Naka Nagata, File #14533, for maintenance of family. These funds are believed to be family savings and money sent Mrs. Nagata from her mother and sisters and was held in Fukukawa's safety deposit box in safe keeping.

Will you, therefore, be kind enough to take care of this transfer.

All future payments for maintenance and rent should be charged to Mrs. Nagata's account.

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K. W. WRIGHT

9524 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alta.,
August 24th, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: re - Nagata Family Employment

I wish to thank you for the letter of August 6th and I apologize for not replying sooner regarding the employment of our family, but I had waited until I could find some possible solution to the problem.

Since our departure from Vancouver it has been my sincere wish to have my family secure employment of some form in order that the family may at least work for their school fees. In this latter connection I have written to the Edmonton Public School Board and have been notified that the fees of last year will be continued for each child. I have enclosed a letter from the Board in this regard. But unfortunately neither my husband nor my daughter could find suitable work with the situation as at present. My husband, handicapped with a special illness and unable to do hard work could find no light work. Shinko obtained for a limited time work at the Oliver Mental Hospital but became ill after one month. Fusako, unable to obtain work has remained at home to assist me as I have not been well. In her place, her brother Kaneyasu, has managed to obtain a small job during the school holidays and has been working about one month.

As suggested in your letter, to return to an interior town project under the aid of the B. C. Commission is contrary to my main purpose - to educate all my children in Canadian ways and customs. Unfortunately the severe climate particularly in winter has been unsuitable for the health of my children, my husband and myself and we have encountered numerous medical bills during the past year.

Reading of the experiences of the Japanese in the East - that not only Niseis but also the Japanese Nationals have been successful without difficulty to obtain employment I have thought the movement to Toronto more economical. The general expenses would be the same as that of Edmonton and furthermore the fact that my husband would be able to work would be of great help. If this movement to Toronto meets with your approval, my daughters and my husband would move first to Toronto to arrange house and school plans.

As to the University Education, my daughters wishing to be registered for this coming session have made their application to the University Registrar and have written to the B. C. Commission. However as stated in the enclosed copy of the letter from the Commission, to grant a permit the Commission must have evidence of the ability of my daughters to carry on in Toronto. In this regard I would like to ask your aid in giving your approval as evidence and in connection with the movement of the family I beg to ask your co-operation in our favour and hope that we shall be able to obtain a favourable reply as soon as possible before the opening of the school term both in the University and the public schools.

Yours truly,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

P. S. If we should run out of funds we will borrow from the Queen Charlotte Timber Holding Company the amount that consists of my husbands unpaid special allowance for the last 10 years.

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9524 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alta.,
September 14th, 1943.

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Your File #159 - Legal Dept.

We are in receipt of your letters of Sept. 11 and wish to thank you for your services, particularly for the possibility of our movement to Toronto and the granting of the Cameron Lake Claim of Mr. Nagata.

As explained in the telegram sent to you last night, the two eldest daughters will leave first to make arrangements for the house, registration to university and the public schools. Could you please send, therefore the money to cover the expenses as follows:

1. SHINKO	Tourist Class	\$55.30	Ticket	
		<u>10.00</u>	Bed	
		\$65.30		
2. FUSAKO		<u>65.30</u>		\$130.60
3. Travelling Expenses (train expenses, baggage)				50.00
4. Toronto Expenses				<u>50.00</u>
a. Rooms				
b. Rental Deposit				\$230.60
c. School Deposit				
University Registration, etc.				

As we expect to receive a reply from the R.C.M.P. today, the rest of the family plan to leave here by the end of this week and thus could you send the money to cover the following as soon as possible;

1. FARE TOURIST CLASS			
A. Tickets			
1. 5 Adults 5x55.30	276.50		
2. 2 children 2x28.25	<u>56.50</u>		\$332.00
B. Bed 4 Beds-10x4			<u>40.00</u>
	Forward		\$372.00

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9524 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta
September 20, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 15th with the enclosed cheque for \$450.00 to cover the cost of travelling expenses of the family to Toronto. Certain difficulties have arisen which prevent us leaving for Toronto today as arranged, and we are sending you the letter from Mr. Russel that explains our position. We would like to leave before the end of the month as the winter session of school has already begun in Toronto. Again, another month's rent will soon have to be paid. Both Shinko and Fusako arrived safely in Toronto early this morning and are staying at the Y.W.C.A., 76 Pembroke Street.

With reference to Shinko's account of \$2100.00 of which my husband wrote to Mr. Field some time ago; I believe that the amount has already been transferred to the Custodian to the credit of my husband.

Yours truly,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

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BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Lethbridge, Alberta
September 17, 1943

Mr. Shiehitaro Nagata, #01063,
9524 - 109 A Avenue,
EDMONTON, Alberta

Dear Sir:

Consideration was given to your general application to proceed to Toronto, and on the authority of the Commissioner, instructions were forwarded to the R.C.M.P. at Edmonton to issue permits for your two elder daughters to proceed to Toronto forthwith.

We are prepared to approve of permits for the transfer of the balance of the family to Toronto, when we shall have heard from our Supervisor there that arrangements for their reception in Toronto are satisfactory. Will you therefore see that your daughters report to our representative Mr. Trueman at 174 Spadina Ave., Toronto, as soon as they have made satisfactory arrangements for the reception of the balance of the family group. These arrangements must include the provision of suitable accommodations, as may be found by your daughters after they, themselves, are located in Toronto.

Upon receipt by us of information from Mr. Trueman by letter, that there is no objection to your transferring to Toronto, we will approve of issuance of permits to enable this to be done.

Yours truly,

B. C. SECURITY COMMISSION

A. E. Russell

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cc: Mr. Trueman; R.C.M.P. Edmonton

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9524 - 109 A Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
Sept. 21, 1943

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel to the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I am very sorry asking again about money matters but it is for us, most pressing and urgent. We gave your first cheque of \$300.00 to Shinko in full as they needed for room and board in Toronto. Later you sent us a cheque for \$450.00 to pay for the travelling expenses of the balance of the family. This is not enough to cover the cost of Transportation as I will explain further on. Again the delay in obtaining our permit have raised our grocery, gas, light, and water bills. According to the railway regulations anyone of twelve years of age or over is charged as adult fare. Because of this everyone of our family would have to pay adult fare, but David the youngest might be able to get on as a child.

Here are the ages as follows:

David.....12 years
Elizabeth.....13 years
Martha.....14 years
Michael.....15 years
Mark.....18 years
Mother & Father.full fare

Could you please send, therefore the remaining balance of the money to cover the cost as follows:

1. FARE DAY COACH

a. Tickets

1. 6 adults 6x55.30	331.80
2. 1 child	28.25
	360.05

b. Bed 4 beds 10x4	40.00
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2. EDMONTON EXPENSES

a. Bills to be paid

National grocery bill	40.00
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Forward...	440.00
b. Gas, light and water	20.00
c. Dr. Johnson	6.00
d. Travelling	50.00
Taxi, Transfer, freight	
e. Telegrams re arrangement of house	10.00
3. Expenses on train	
Food, baggage, cash	<u>50.00</u>
	\$576.05

Our total expenses require above sum at the least and we appreciate it, if you would send the balance of the \$576.05 which would be \$126.05.

Trusting we hear from you in return a favourable reply.

Yours very truly,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

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9524 109 A Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta.,
Sept. 26, 1943

Mr. K. W. Wright,
Counsel For Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 21st and reference to the disposal of furnace I will arrange with the landlord.

Finally my daughters have been accepted by the University of Toronto, and perhaps they must be waiting for your letter as the entrance fees are past due. For this I wish you would pay out from Shinko's account as I believe the balance of my account is not sufficient.

I have herewith enclosed a telegram just received, telling us that they found a house with aid of the bursar of the University, although, it seems quite more than we hoped but should we turn down this offer and staying here with the expectation that they may find later a suitable dwelling at less expense; the result, not only five children being delayed at Toronto public schools, but in addition, our maintenance will cost in double from now on. Therefore, we would rather accept this house in Toronto as temporary dwelling and we would like to move out of Edmonton as soon as possible, pending with your approval.

In fact there is only a few days left until the beginning of October and our clothes, kitchen utensils, some beddings are already partly packed for shipment and I sincerely wish you would assist us so we can leave here before the October rental falls due.

Trusting that we may hear with a favourable reply,

Yours truly,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

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Legal Department

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
September 28th, 1943

The B. C. Security Commission,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: The Nagata Family

Gentlemen:

With reference to our letter of the third instant and your letter of the ninth instant in which you stated that the Commission would permit the Nagata Family to proceed to Toronto, we beg to advise you that since that time we have remitted to this family the sum of \$876.05 for travelling expenses, leaving a balance of \$254.35 remaining to the credit of Mrs. Nagata.

It was our understanding that the removal to Toronto was so that Mr. Nagata and the two older daughters could obtain lucrative employment, as the family funds were running out. In fact, we have previously brought to their attention the necessity of the family becoming self-supporting. We have now received a letter from the two older daughters, who have proceeded to Toronto ahead of the rest of the family, requesting the sum of \$415.00 to cover University of Toronto fees for the coming session, and as noted in our first paragraph, we do not have sufficient funds available to make this remittance.

As advised in our letter to you of September 11th, it is probable that there will be an additional sum of approximately \$2400.00 available for the family shortly, but at the time of writing, this transaction has not been completed, and we feel that this money should be used sparingly by the family until they are earning sufficient for their needs.

We are placing this matter before you so that you can advise your Supervisors of the condition of the family's finances.

Since dictating the above, we have received a letter from

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9524 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alta.,
Sept. 30, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the cheque for \$126.05, the balance of the travelling expenses, also your letter of the 28th enclosing the copy of a letter to the B. C. Security Commission of the 28th instant. We have read both letters through until we have the full meaning, and I wish to thank you for considering on our behalf. I myself believe that the rentals of \$90.00 to \$110.00 monthly are out of line with our present financial standing and have already written to my daughter asking her to look for a more reasonably priced house.

I am indeed glad you have written since to the B.C. Security Commission on my behalf, for it may help us to find a cheaper dwelling. As you state in your letter of the 28th instant to the B.C. Security Commission there may be a house with more reasonably priced living quarters but should we wait until such quarters are available our maintenance would be doubled and school will be delayed.

By staying here a cost of \$240.00 would have to be met monthly; \$90.00 a month for room and board would have to be paid by my daughters in Toronto, also \$150.00 a month would have to be maintained here. On the other hand, by moving to Toronto, should we rent the \$90.00 house, there would be \$190.00 monthly.

I beg to remind you the fact that on our arrival in Toronto we will endeavour to find a more reasonably priced home.

As we rented this present house on the 6th of July, the rent should become due on the 6th of October and therefore I wish you would hold back the rent till that time. I would like you to send the monthly maintenance as usual.

My husband intends to seek employment in Toronto and both my daughters will be able to work after completing their University session some time in April and will support the family earn their fees as well.

I received the document of release and upon completion of release of the claim against the Cameron Lake Logging Company Ltd., in the presence of a notary, which my husband already sent by airmail to P.S. Ross & Sons, the cheque also will be returned after being signed by Shinko. Lectures have begun in Toronto and I would be very pleased if the fees past due are sent when the amount is transferred from Shinko's account. Yet, if you are unable to do so please let me know as the matter is most urgent.

Yours sincerely,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

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9524 - 109 A Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta.,
Sept. 30, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
912 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have received today a special delivery letter of the 29th and a night letter of the 30th stating that the former rent of \$95.00 has been lowered to \$75.00 monthly on account of some defects in the heating system. By remaining in Edmonton for some time yet, we may find more reasonably priced living quarters, but we cannot wait as stated in the previous letters and therefore I have decided to rent the house. To obtain rental of this house my daughter paid \$50.00 from her book money and to replace this I have sent her by wire \$50.00 from my travelling expenses. Thus, to make up for the deficit in our travelling expenses please send me the October maintenance at your earliest convenience.

My daughters are attending the University and can scarcely spare time to look for houses. Consequently further delay would naturally increase the cost of living and soon another month's rent will fall due.

In her night letter, she wrote us that the fees have not arrived yet, although she has your letter. But, knowing that the transfer of the account of the Cameron Lake Logging Company has since been arranged, please send the fees at your earliest convenience and advise me accordingly.

As you know the agreement on the rental of the house has been just concluded by a partial deposit. Therefore, I shall be most grateful to you for any assistance to secure the permit through the B. C. Security Commission.

Yours truly,

"MRS. NAKA NAGATA"

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TRINITY COLLEGE
Toronto

October 4, 1943

P. S. Ross & Sons,
Chartered Accountants,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of October 2nd with reference to Miss Shinko and Miss Fusako Nagata. I note that the affairs of this family are being administered by the Custodian's Office at Vancouver, B. C., and that you are communicating with them, and that they will probably write to us about them.

As I understand the matter, the father and mother and four children, including the above named girls, desire to move to Toronto. I have now ascertained that they desire to rent a house, and bring their own furniture from Edmonton. It is not very easy for us to give them assistance in this matter unless we know what their financial position is, and whether the Custodian's Office at Vancouver or some other competent authority, is willing to sanction the lease of such a house. We should also be glad to have some information about the payment of fees in the University of Toronto, and how these girls' living expenses are to be met. At present they are staying at the Y.W.C.A. house known as Pembroke House on Pembroke Street, Toronto.

I shall be very grateful if you will pass this letter on to the Office of the Custodian, as it may give them a better picture of the situation than that contained in my previous letter.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,

"F. H. Cosgrave"
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Y. W. C. A.
76 Pembroke Street,
Toronto,
October 6, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel to the Custodian,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I have at least been successful in renting a house at seventy-five dollars a month at 22 Dunbar Road, unfurnished. However, the owner, Mr. Henderson, requests that he wants a one year lease from us for his protection and that this lease be signed by the party from whom the rent will be sent. I had explained the manner by which the rent was mailed by you and thus he wished that you would sign this lease. I had thought of signing this lease myself but I think that the whole matter will be safer if placed in more experienced hands than mine as my father is in Edmonton. Could you therefore communicate with Mr. Henderson at 73 King St. W and make arrangements for the signature. If, however, you think that it would be better that I sign the lease would you please write to me and I will do so as you advise. Though the rent is higher than that of Edmonton, I rented the house as it is impossible to get a house lower than this price for a family of our size.

I have also enclosed a receipt from Trinity College for sum of \$400.00 to cover our University fee. As it was not enough, the Registrar will send to me in due course the cost of gowns, transfer of records, laboratory fee, which I will mail on receipt to you.

I have also enclosed my account of the expenses since I left Edmonton. As we have not enough to buy all the books (though second-hand on the whole) could you therefore send as soon as possible the sum of \$50.00 to cover books and carfare and \$14.00 for our room at Y.W.C.A. to be paid on Monday, October 11 as at present I have not enough to make the payment.

Sincerely,

"Shinko Nagata"

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TRINITY COLLEGE
Toronto

October 12, 1943

File 152
Legal Dept

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Dept. of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Re: the NAGATA family

Dear Sir:

I am writing to acknowledge your letter of October 5th in which you refer to my letter of September 23rd and to Mr. Field's reply to me of October 2nd. By this time Mr. Field will probably have passed on to your my later letters with reference to this matter.

The present proposal is to rent, not purchase a house in Toronto. Mr. Nagata's daughters have seen a house which would be suitable for the family, and are anxious to rent it. It is situated at 21 Dunbar Road, Toronto. The rent is \$75.00 a month, and the house is partially furnished. The owner of this house is Mr. F. A. Henderson of 73 King St. West and 21 Dunbar Rd., Toronto, and he is naturally anxious to know who is to sign a lease, and who is to be responsible for the payment of the rent. He would also like to have his own position clarified, in view of the fact that the Nagatas are of Japanese race. He does not anticipate any objection from the neighbouring property owners, but if there should be anything like this he would like to have his own position made perfectly clear. So far I have been unable to get definite information on these points, and I shall be very much obliged if you would write to me and tell me who should sign a lease and be responsible for the payment of the rent, and what Mr. Henderson's position would be.

Unless a suitable house can be rented in Toronto I do not see how the other members of the Nagata family can come here. Mr. Nagata's daughters are at present living at the Y.W.C.A. House known as Pembroke House on Pembroke Street, Toronto, and attending the University of Toronto.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

"F. H. Cosgrave"
Provost

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Legal Dept.

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 14th, 1948

The Reverend Dr. F. H. Congreve,
Provost of Trinity College,
Trinity College,
Toronto, Ontario

Re: The NAGATA Family

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the twelfth instant crossed ours to you under yesterday's date, enclosing a copy of a communication forwarded to Miss Nagata, under date of the ninth instant.

It was our understanding that the removal to Toronto was to enable Mr. Nagata and the two daughters to obtain lucrative employment, and we have repeatedly brought to their attention the need of the family becoming self-supporting.

The funds at the credit of this family amount to approximately \$1865.00, and in our opinion, these funds should be used sparingly until they are earning sufficient for their needs. The Custodian will remit monthly sums for maintenance for such time as the amount at credit is expended, but you will understand from this that the Custodian cannot be a party to a lease.

They are now paying \$50.00 per month rent in Edmonton, so that an advance to \$75.00 per month is not a serious matter, provided income is derived from some source in the near future.

We have requested Mr. Truman, the Toronto Representative of the B. C. Security Commission, to call upon Miss Nagata and are awaiting his report.

Yours truly,

K. F. BRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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9524 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alta.,
Oct. 13, 1943

K. H. Wright, Esq.,
Counsel for the Custodian,
Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

I regret very much annoying you concerning the transfer of our family. Unfortunately, a disturbance occurred recently in Toronto and Mr. Trueman, supervisor of Japanese replacement in Toronto states that no permit could be granted at present until the incident was fully clarified, thus causing further delay in our departure.

My daughter interviewed Mr. Trueman occasionally since, asking special reconsideration of our case and pointing out that our permit had been applied for prior to this incident and was under the impression that everything had been favourably arranged except the rental of a house in Toronto. However, we did not pay much attention, as we believed it had been thoroughly investigated by the B. C. Security Commission officials of which I would like refer to your kind advice of September 11th.

I wish therefore, you would be kind enough to get in touch with Mr. Collins, who gave us his opinion that permission would be favourably considered to my family, if suitable dwelling could have been found later when he had a long distance phone call with Shinko Nagata in Lethbridge.

As you know now, the renting of a house has already been arranged as well as the lease for one year at 22 Dunbar Avenue, Toronto.

For your reference, I enclose the letter of my daughter received today informing the situation as it stands and also a clipping concerning the incident.

Thanking you in advance, for any assistance you may render and enable us to accomplish our plan as soon as possible,

Yours very truly,

"Shichitaro Nagata"

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Legal Department

912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.
October 15th, 1943

Mr. Shichitaro Nagata,
9324 - 109 A Avenue,
Edmonton, Alberta

Dear Sir:

We have your communication of the 13th instant, with
enclosures, and we now return the letter received from your daughter,
Fusako.

It is noted that Mr. Truman, in his communication of
the 8th instant, suggested that the matter of your transfer should
stand until the City Council at Toronto have rendered their decision.
Under the circumstances, we think it would be advisable for you to
abide by this advice.

Yours truly,

E. H. BRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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5524 - 109 A Ave.,
Edmonton, Alta.,
Oct. 24, 1943

K. W. Wright, Esq.,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my gratitude and thank you for your assistance in obtaining the permit to let the balance of our family proceed to Toronto which received from the Royal Mounted Police, Edmonton, October 22nd.

With the cheque for the sum of \$400.00 which has been held for some time by myself, I have purchased our tickets for Toronto and we are scheduled to leave here on November 3rd.

In order to maintain the schoolwork, the children have been attending school for a month, the cost being charged by the School Board was \$28.50 and I have arranged same to be forwarded to you. Kindly pay this at your earliest convenience.

I have handed over to Mr. Huff the cheque for the October rent and believe the receipt was sent by him. As we will no longer reside here, the November rental will commence on the Toronto house of which I will communicate with you on my arrival in Toronto.

I sent to my daughter the other day a cheque for \$200.00 and the receipt for the same should have already been mailed.

Yours sincerely,

"Mrs. Naka Nagata"

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912 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.,
October 30, 1943.

Mrs. Naka Nagata,
22 Dunbar Road,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Madam:

As requested in your communication of the 28th instant we attach hereto cheque in your favour in the amount of \$75.85 to cover rent for the month of November on your Toronto residence.

We wish to advise that this cheque represents the balance of funds at your credit.

Yours truly,

K.W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

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21 Dunbar Road,
Toronto, Ontario
April 6, 1944

Frederick Field, Esq.,
The Custodian
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir,

I am certain that everything is being done in regard to granting of our Queen Charlotte claim and believe that perhaps some decision has already been made.

However, since your last correspondence we have received notice of the termination of our lease at the above residence, the owner due to some financial difficulties having been forced to offer the house for sale. We are faced with almost a hopeless situation in dwelling conditions in Toronto. As you must probably be acquainted from newspaper reports, the housing shortage, particularly so in rental houses, is so acute that many tenants have been forced to take temporary dwelling in tents outside and the like with termination of leases and agreements falling due this month.

Earlier, we had planned to move, knowing that the rental of \$75 was too much but with the house in such a suitable district, within walking distance to all schools, university and shopping area, much of the expenses in car fare and school lunches were cut down and a saving of almost \$35 were used to cover other expenses. Often there were cheaper houses in a still more rental district but with a family our size such houses could not be rented. Therefore we were thankful to have been able to rent the house for \$75 and would have remained here, had it not been for the circumstances afore mentioned.

We have tried since in spite of all conditions to find another house but have an almost impossible situation. Perhaps this is more so due to the conditions. Other Orientals have been forced by acute circumstances in housing to buy houses; though I am not at all certain of such possibilities in legal realm, however they have been paying enough cash as down payment and paying the balance in very easy terms as rent. I, particularly am not at all enthusiastic about the solution of the problem by purchasing but I find now that I am faced now, as others with no other solution than to purchase. The owner, too, knowing our predicament has offered his house to us but we have not as yet thought it fit to be considered.

I am quite fully aware I must sacrifice almost a full year's rental for the cash down payment, ranging usually from 1500 - 2000. I am also aware

that even purchasing houses are difficult since many others have followed purchasing as a solution to their condition. I am thus vitally concerned and in fact almost bewildered as to our next procedure within the very limited time.

We will of course need some money, to make any sort of agreement and though Mr. Nagata does obtain something in the near future, it will not cover or will barely cover the monthly rental, with his ill health wages centering around \$60 a month prior to advancement. I beg therefore that you will endeavour to settle the claim as soon as possible in our favour.

I realize that perhaps we would have made a greater saving by following the plan of others by going to an interior settlement plan. Yet, I believe that expensive everything may have been, my wish in educating the children as far as possible has proved worthwhile - my daughters graduating within a year or so and then able to carry on the support of the family.

We have tried as far as possible to keep within limits of our monthly allowance of \$175, including the rent and have tried to cut down as much of our outside expenses as far as possible. However there are several bills covering medical attention the past few months and also since we have bought coal again on Saturday an extra cost of \$39 totalling to \$60, falling due this third week of April.

Mr. Wright has notified us that our account is now clear in his office. Would you therefore, if the claim has not been settled, kindly permit us to borrow \$150 from the Queen Charlotte Company, which I shall return when my daughters work this summer.

I appreciate more than I am able to express here, everything that you have done for our family and particularly the proceeds of the sale of the radio which was given credit in our account.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration enabling the allowance to be sent this month and I am more than ashamed that this was necessary to keep our family going. My family and I shall never forget this kindness.

I feel truly that I am greatly indebted to you for your concern over our family since we left Vancouver and apologize for continually referring you to our debts but I do know that you understand our situation and hope that perhaps I shall be hearing from you in return, that everything will be settled soon both financially and otherwise, as we are anxiously waiting your reply.

Yours truly,

"Mrs. Nagata"

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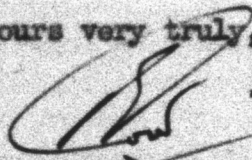
Mr. Frederick Field,
P. S. Ross & Sons,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Mr. Field:

I am returning herewith letters of Mrs. Naka NAGATA
and Shichitaro NAGATA, dated July 15th, 1948.

We have looked through our records, and as previously
advised you, we can find no trace whatever of any wrist watch having
been handed over to the Custodian's custody, neither for Mrs. NAGATA
or any other Japanese.

Yours very truly,



B. Good,
Office of the Custodian.

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