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Mr. Edward J. Ennis,
Director Alien Enemy Control Unit,
Department of Justice,

Washington D.C.

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Before submitting my appeal to you for consideration allow me to extend my hearty respects to you and pray for your health and happiness as you have been the best friend of us, the citizens of the United States of America.

It is my great honor, that I was born in the United States of America the doctrine of which, that is based on humanity and justice. I have been educated and trained in an American institution and college. My idea and ideology are entirely American and I have been endeavoring to do my utmost as a citizen of this country.

I have devoted all my time in my own business as the proprietor and Manager of the "Maikai Curios Co., which manufactures and wholesales Hawaiian Curios with it's trade name registered at Honolulu.

My grandfather Gasuzaimon Akizaki came to Hawaii as a Japanese subject, but gave his life for the developements of industry in Hawaii. It is my great honour and pride that my grandfather became soil of his country of adoption. My father Yoshio, 44 years of age and my wife are the citizens of the U.S.A. by birth and are proud of their citizenship. I am therefore, the third generation in my family lineage since settled in Hawaii and I am proud of my citizenship.

Unfortunately, I am now interned at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, with other Japanese subjects, although I have never betrayed or have done anything harmful to my country. Probabely I am detained because due to my father's profession as Shinto-Minister. However since 1937 he also devoted most of his time in retail Grocery business. I have no connection with my father's occupation. It must have been some mistake, that I was arrested and have been detained as a " dangerous subject". I am just wondering how it could happen to a loyal citizen of whom I believe myself one.

I never had Japanese training or had any relation or obligation whatsoever to Japan. Several weeks ago I communicated with hon. Samuel King, our delegate to Congress from Hawaii and made an appeal. He generously replied to my letter stating that he was then back in Hawaii, but as soon as he would be in Washington he would try his best to present my case to the proper authorities. I am very grateful for his thoughtfulness. However I would appreciate very much, if you will kindly make your favourable consideration upon my appeal for release or parole and oblige me.

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March 12, 1942
 L.T. Kagawa
 Camp McCoy
 Sparta, Wisconsin

Hon. Delegate Samuel W. King
 Washington, D. C. Delegate to Congress
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Delegate King:

Dear Mr. King:

Will you pardon my writing you a personal letter when you are so busy and the country needs you most. I heard already from Honolulu Hawaii and my wife, Mrs. I am a loyal U.S. citizen have been turned into
 You will notice from the above address that I am detained in the camp now, transferred from our beloved city, Honolulu.

As you know, Mr. King, I am always and have been a good American citizen and I am still good American in my heart. I don't know why I am detained. If I am detained here because of my dual citizenship then it is no fault of mine. Constitution gave me the absolute sacred rights as American citizen upon my birth. I am one of the citizen of 30,000 that signed the request to Secretary Hull in regards to the simplification on dual citizenship expatriation method, which you kindly presented in behalf of the group to Secretary Hull. As a law abiding citizen my five children are not registered with any other country of their birth, they are all educated in every way as fine American citizen. Because I had some dealing with Japanese business that can't question my loyalty disqualified my right as good American citizen. As you kindly helped so much towards to our undertaking of new store located at King and Bethel St; International Enterprises, Ltd. (I have resigned from the company as president on December 1940, since I am the General agent for Occidental Life of California) if this is the reason of my arrest, then it has nothing to do with my loyalty. If I am allowed to say, this is the time for unity and every well thinking American's responsibility is to uphold the principle of democracy and liberty, which we Americans treasure most. I have preached and lead all these years among my race of American citizens to know and understand the spirit of our country and after declared war, I wrote so many letters including my brother at Tulane University to stand by and give our life to American. I wrote so many letters to the fact that our beloved America is standing on the crossroad to defend American democracy and the American citizen of Japanese descent should give their life to defend the country, not only from the standpoint of American citizen but this is the time and only chance to show our absolute loyalty to the country so that the next generation of our race will be accepted as fine Americans without prejudice or suspicion.

I still believe the above stated reason and pray for fairly on the part of other American and praying every day for my freedom so that I'll be able to serve the country properly because we owe so much to the American.

As to my character and ability please refer to Occidental Life Ins. C. of Los Angeles, Calif. The entire officers of the company are my business personal associates for many years.

Thanking you for your kind consideration, I remain.

sgd.

Lawrence T. Kagawa

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April 25th, 1942.

Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

I hereby submit my petition to you, to be considered in case of an exchange of civil internees between the United States of America and Japan, at the earliest possible opportunity. Following are all the pertinent data about my person and the reasons for my wish to be exchanged to Japan:

Name: Shozo Kawakami, 466 No. King Str. Honolulu, T. H.
Age: 54 years.
Occupation: Merchant.
Military Connection: None.
Domicile in U.S.A.: Entered Hawaii on April 20, 1907.
I was arrested on December 7th, 1941 and am at present interned at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Reasons for petition:
I have an aged mother (79) and a sister who is ill. Their principal means of support has been my remittance to them from Hawaii, however due to my present internment this has been stopped. They have to undergo a lot of hardships therefore and I beg you to exchange me to Japan at the earliest possible opportunity.

I thank you, and hope for an early reply.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Shozo Kawakami
Shozo Kawakami

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April 25th, 1942.

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Department of Justice,

Washington D.C.

I hereby submit my petition to you, to be considered in case of an exchange of civil internees between the United States of America and Japan, at the earliest possible opportunity. Following are all the pertinent data about my person and the reasons for my wish to be exchanged to Japan:

Name: Gikyo Kuchiba, 1727 Fort Street, Honolulu T.H.

Age: 60 years

Profession: Buddhist Bishop.

Domicile in U.S.A.: I arrived in Honolulu on September 1935 as Bishop of the Honpa Honjwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Military Connection: None

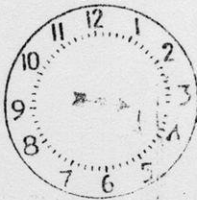
I was arrested on December 7th, 1941 and am at present interned at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Reasons for this petition:

My wife and two children (son 13, and daughter 9) and also the family of my dead brother are all in Japan and their principal means of support has been my remittance to them from Hawaii. Due to my internment this has been stopped and I am afraid that they are encountering many hardships. Therefore, in order to be able to support them it is imperative that I return to Japan at the earliest possible moment.

I pray for your favorable, early consideration
respectfully yours

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Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. April 18, 1942
To: Attorney General,
Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Sir, as mentioned in my previous letter of April 15th, I earnestly

I, Motoichi Matsuda, being a Japanese and coming temporarily to Hawaii in Nov. 1939 as an international merchant by status, have been the manager of The Yokohama Specie Bank Hawaii Branch, for the last two years, and interned there last December, and transferred to here last month with others together.

Fortunately, yesterday, I was informed that, in near future, there will be clearing exchange of some hundreds of mutual internees, including diplomats and other honorary civilians, between America and Japan, through intermediation of some neutral country.

Being myself 53 years old, and having 80 years old invalid mother in Japan, I earnestly and eagerly hope to go back to Japan possibly soon.

So, at this opportunity, I heartily beg to request you to pick me up and include me among the Japanese to be sent back to Japan, and if it is not your proper business, will you please pass my this application to the proper institution or officials and kindly help to the above heartfully begged effect.

By the way, I should mention here that my sub-manager, Mr. Nihei Miyamoto, & per-pro. manager, Mr. Eiichiro Hiromitsu, are also staying here, both hoping to go back to Japan together if possible. If you please give your kind consideration upon them too, and take the same process.

Believing in your merciful consideration and trusting your kindest treatment,

Yours faithfully,
Motoichi Matsuda

I am remaining,

Yours Sincerely,

Lock Box 7600-A
Chicago Post Office
Chicago, Illinois

/s/ Motoichi Matsuda (Internee)
Camp McCoy,
Wisconsin, U.S.A.

MOTOICHI MATSUDA

April 23, 1942.

Attorney General,
Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

As mentioned in my previous letter of April 18th, I earnestly desire to go back to Japan as soon as possible.

If you please pay your merciful consideration upon the following circumstances, and please pick me up and include me among the Japanese, which to be sent back to Japan in clearing exchange of mutual internees between America and Japan in the nearest future:

1. My name: Motoichi Matsuda.
2. Age: 53 years old.
3. Occupation: A clerk of the Yokohama Specie Bank since 1917.
4. Life in America: Came temporarily to Hawaii in Nov. 1939 as an international treaty merchant by Status, have been the manager of Hawaii Branch of that Bank until arrest.
5. When arrested: On Dec. 7, 1941, in Honolulu, and transferred to here last month with others together.
6. Family: All family members live in Tokyo, Japan, and no relatives in America.
7. Military duty or connection: Nothing at all.

Trusting your kindest treatment and awaiting your earliest notice to me to the above heartily desired effect, I am remaining,

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Motoichi Matsuda
(Internee)
Camp McCoy, Wisconsin

PS: Besides I should beg your kindest consideration upon my assistants, Mr. N. Migamoto & Mr. E. Horomitsn, as well.

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Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

April 24, 1942.

I hereby submit my petition to you, to be considered in case of an exchange of civil internees between the United States of America and Japan, at the earliest possible opportunity. Following are all the pertinent data about my person and the reasons for my wish to be exchanged to Japan:

Name: Shinri Sarashina, 1727 Fort Str. Honolulu T.H.
age: 52 years.
Profession: Buddhist Priest.
Military Connection: None.
Domicile in U.S.A. arrived at Honolulu in 1916 as a priest of the Honjwanji sect. of Buddhism.
Arrested December 7th, 1941 and now interned at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin.

Reasons for petition:

On account of illness my wife returned to Japan with our five children in 1936 and I have been sending the money necessary for their subsistence until the outbreak of this present conflict. I am much concerned about their present condition and should like to return to Japan as soon as it is possible under these circumstances.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Shinri Sarashina

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Lock Box 7600-A
Chicago Post Office
Chicago, Illinois
April 24, 1942.

Department of Justice
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I, Tamio Senzai, interned Japanese National, hereby request your kind consideration to give me a first chance to depart from the U.S. for the repatriation.

My status is as follows:

1. Name: Tamio Senzai.
2. Born: Nov. 5, 1913 at Matsue, Japan.
3. Occupation: Clerk of the Sumitomo Bank of Seattle, Seattle, Washington.
4. Address: 802-3rd Ave., Seattle, Washington. Detained by F.B.I. agent to the Immigration & Naturalization Service Station, Seattle, Wash., on Dec. 31, 1941. Transferred to Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, N. D. on Feb. 7, 1942. Transferred to Camp McCoy, Sparta, Wisc. on Mar. 5, 1942 to be interned.
5. Status: Entered under Paragraph 3 (6) of the Treaty of Commerce on Sept. 19, 1938, to join the branch office of the Sumitomo Bank, Ltd., Osaka, Japan, at the port of San Francisco, Calif., which was the first and last entrance to the U. S.
6. PassPort: No. 353,572. Dated: Aug. 17, 1938. Issued by: K. Ugaki, Imperial Japanese Minister of Foreign Affairs. Visaed: American Consulate at Nagasaki, Japan. (PassPort taken away by an Immigration officer at Bismarck, N. D.)
7. Alien Registration: No. 3972506 (Card taken away by an Immigration officer at Bismarck, N. D.)
8. Selective Service: Order No. 2034. Class: 4-C. Local Board No.: 89. Address: 380-18 Ave., San Francisco, Calif. (Permission issued by the Local Selective Service Board, Seattle, Wash., has been sent to the Department of State, attached with the application for permission of departure from the U.S.)
9. Application for the permission of departure from the U.S.: Has been filed to the Department of State, Washington, D. C., in the last part of Nov., 1941, in order to embark for Japan per M.S. Tatuta Maru, which was to sail from Los Angeles, Calif., on Dec. 16, 1941.
10. Taxes: Income Tax was paid at the Deputy Collector's Office, Seattle, Wash. up to Dec. 3, 1941 (no source of income thereafter). There are no other taxes payable whatsoever.

Thanking you in advance for kind attention to this matter,
I am,

Yours very faithfully,
/s/ Tamio Senzai
Tamio Senzai

SAMUEL F. OAKLEY,
Maj. Int.,
Asst. Provost Marshal

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Locked Box 7600-A
Chicago Post Office
Chicago, Illinois
April 24, 1942.

Department of Justice
Immigration & Naturalization Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I, Eiiti Takahasi, interned Japanese national, hereby ask for your kind consideration in giving me a chance to depart from the United States for the repatriation at the earliest opportunity. My status is as per attached list.

Yours faithfully,

/s/Eiiti Takahasi

1. Name: Eiiti Takahasi.
2. Born: Feb. 19, 1902 at Tokyo, Japan.
3. Occupation: Staff member of the Nippon Yusen Kaisya, Tokyo, Japan. Acted as the Purchasing Agents for the said company's Seattle Branch Office, Seattle, Washington.
4. Address: c/o Holland Hotel, 504-4th Ave., Seattle, Washington. (Dec. 1941). Locked Box 7600-A, Chicago Post Office, Chicago, Illinois (At present).
5. Status: Temporary visitor admitted for one year at Seattle, Washington, on Nov. 17, 1940. Application for extension of time of stay acknowledged by Immigration & Naturalization Service, Seattle, Wash. File 434/556, Nov. 14, 1941. The said application was denied by Washington, D.C. and I was detained by Immigration Service, Seattle, on Dec. 12, 1941. Hearings was held in late December, 1941. I made petition to Washington, D.C. that I will leave the United States by the first vessel available by my own expense instead of being deported. Hearings was held by the Enemy Alien Hearing Board at Seattle on Jan. 8, 1942. Transferred to Bismarck, N.D. in Feb. 1942. Transferred to here in March, 1942 as an internee.
6. Remarks: A. Alien Registration Card—Application was filed at the U. S. Consulate, Yokohama, Japan, in Oct. 1940. The card has not arrived yet.
B. No Army or Navy concern with myself.
C. Application has been sent to the Dept. of State, Wash. D. C. for the permission of departure from the U. S. per M.S. Tatuta Maru which was to sail from Los Angeles, Calif. on Dec. 16, 1941.
D. Income Tax \$320.51 was paid at Seattle, Wash. on Dec. 4, 1942.
E. My passport has been taken up by the Immigration Service, Seattle, Wash.
F. My family is in Yokohama, Japan.

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HEADQUARTERS
THE ALIEN ENEMY INTERNMENT CAMP
CAMP MCCOY, WISCONSIN

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November 17, 1942.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Japanese Internee.

TO : PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
Alien Enemy Division
Washington, D. C.
(Through Channels)

1. Internee Tsunekichi Namba ISN-10-12-J-97-C1, Japanese, requests that he be transferred from the Alien Enemy Internment Camp at Camp McCoy to an Internment Camp with other Japanese. He is the only Japanese being held here at this time.

HORACE I. ROGERS
Lt. Col. Infantry,
Commanding Officer
A.E.I. Camp.

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Headquarters Sixth Service Command, SOS, Internal Security Division,
Provost Marshal Branch, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois.
Nov. 19, 1942. TO: War Department, SOS, The Provost Marshal General,
Washington, D. C.

E. R. B.