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QUADRUPLICATE

CERTIFICATE OF THE LOSS OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE UNITED STATES

(This form has been prescribed by the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 501 of the Act of October 14, 1940, 54 Stat. 1171.)

APPROVED BY
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
February 17, 1956

Consulate General of the United States of
America at Kobe, Japan } ss:

I, Maida F. Stotts, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief,

Shizu TSUJI (Nee Taguchi) was born at Vacaville,
(Town or city) (Province or county)
California, on February 13, 1923;
(State or country) (Date)

That she resides at 32 Matsue, Wakayama, Wakayama Ken, Japan;
(Street) (City) (State)

That she last resided in the United States at Vacaville,
(Street) (City)
California;
(State)

That she left the United States on xx in April 1928;
(Precise date should be given)

That she acquired the nationality of the United States by virtue of birth in the United States;
(If a national by birth)

in the United States, so state; if naturalized, give the name and place of the court in the United States before which naturalization was granted and the date of such naturalization)

That she has expatriated herself under the provisions of Section 401 (e) of Chapter IV of the Nationality Act of 1940 by voting in the Japanese political election of October 1, 1952;
(The action causing

expatriation should be set forth succinctly)

That the evidence of such action consists of the following: Her sworn statement of
(Here list the sources of information)
January 6, 1956.

and such documentary evidence as may be available concerning the action causing expatriation of the individual concerned)

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my office seal this 26th
day of January, 1956.
(Month)

[SEAL]

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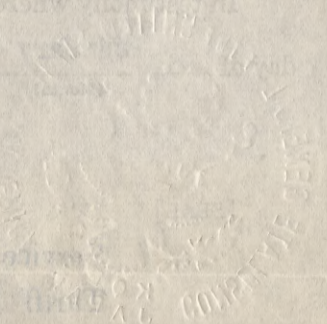
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Maida F. Stotts
(Signature)
Maida F. Stotts
Vice Consul of the United States of America
(Title of officer)

CERTIFICATE OF THE LOSS OF THE NATIONALITY OF THE UNITED STATES

The certificate should be executed in quadruplicate. Two copies thereof should be sent to the Department, one of which should be the original, and two should be retained in the files of the office in which it was executed. After the Department of State shall have approved the certificate it will so advise the appropriate diplomatic or consular officer, who will thereafter make a notation on the two copies retained by him to the effect that the certificate has been approved by the Department under the date of the instruction to the diplomatic or consular officer and who will thereafter forward a copy of such certificate to the person to whom it relates.

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(OVER)

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Consulate General,
24 Kyo-machi, Ikuta Ku, Kobe,
April 6, 1956.

REGISTERED

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji,
32 Matsue,
Wakayama Shi.

Madam:

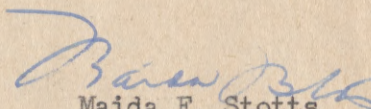
There is enclosed your copy of the Certificate of the Loss of the Nationality of the United States executed here on January 26, 1956 and approved by the Department of State on February 17, 1956.

You are hereby notified that you have the privilege of appealing to the Board of Review of the Passport Office, Department of State, with regard to the decision that you have lost your American nationality. Your appeal must be based on other than hardship or humanitarian grounds; otherwise, it cannot be entertained. If you have new or additional evidence to submit, or if you have legal grounds for believing that your case merits reversal of the decision, you may present the appeal through a Foreign Service office, or a duly authorized attorney in the United States. No formal application for reconsideration need be made but a statement should be submitted, in duplicate in either English or Japanese, preferably under oath, giving the grounds of the appeal and should be supported by such documentary evidence as may be available.

Your statement should be complete; outlining in detail each reason you have for believing that the Department of State's action in approving your loss of American nationality was incorrect. You should explain in detail the circumstances which surrounded your performing the act which caused loss of your American nationality; include all pertinent documentary evidence available. If the act which caused your expatriation was the result of mistake, coercion, or duress, you should explain the circumstances, giving precise names and dates. It would be to your advantage if you appeared here in person when submitting your statement.

Very truly yours,

For the Consul General:


Maida F. Stotts
American Vice Consul

Enclosure:

Certificate of the Loss of the
Nationality of the United States.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Consulate General,
24 Kyo-machi, Ikuta Ku, Kobe,
July 26, 1956.

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji,
32 Matsuye,
Wakayama.

Madam:

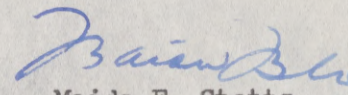
The receipt is acknowledged of your statement regarding the circumstances under which you voted in the Japanese political elections held in 1952 and 1953 together with a supporting certificate.

Although you did not so state at the time of your interview here on January 6, 1956, you allege in your new statement that the food situation was very critical and that a rumor, to the effect that food ration might be cut to the persons who failed to participate in those elections, prompted you to vote. It is true that the food situation was unfavorable in early years of 1946 and 1947 and that such a rumor may have misguided the people. However, food situation was greatly improved when you voted in 1952 and 1953 and it is incredible that such a rumor was still prevailing in your neighborhood. In addition, although you claim that you cast blank ballots in all those elections, it is considered that the depositing of a blank ballot in the ballot box, whether it is marked or blank, does constitute voting.

Inasmuch as no evidence to indicate that your act of voting was under circumstances amounting to duress, it is the opinion of the Consulate General that your appeal does not merit consideration by the Board of Review of the Passport Office.

Very truly yours,

For the Consul General:


Maida F. Stotts
American Vice Consul

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
Tokyo Bank Building (South Entrance)
24 Kyo-machi, Ikuta-ku, Kobe, Japan



Mrs. Shizu Tsuji,
32 Matsuye,
Wakayama

Handwritten Japanese characters: 津島 (Tsuji)

Handwritten Japanese characters: 32 (Matsuye)

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STRANDEES

Please read this questionnaire carefully and then print, type or write your answers legibly to the following questions.

- a. State your fully name. Shigeru Tsuji
- b. Male? Female? Maiden Name? Tajuchi
- c. Birth place? Vacaville, Calif. Birth date? 7/13/1923
- d. Was your name ever registered with a Japanese Consulate for the purpose of reserving your Japanese nationality? yes
When? March, 1923 Where? San Francisco - Japanese Consulate
- e. Have you ever renounced Japanese Nationality? no When? _____
Where? _____
1. What schools did you attend in Japan? Nishiwaki Shogakko
Where? Nishiwaki, Wakayama-ken
State the years you attended those schools. 1930 - 1938
2. State the periods you visited Japan and the purposes of each visit. _____
when I was 5 years old March 4, 1928
When did you last return to Japan? March 4, 1928
Why did you return to Japan? my parent decided to return permanently as his father was ill. Father returned US again 1937
3. Did you have a U.S. Passport at the time you last went to Japan? I do not know
Have you that passport now? none What became of it? _____
- What other documents did you then have to establish your identity as a U.S. citizen? certificate copy of birth
Do you have those documents now? no What became of them? Kobe
US consulate - have filed with them. Did you then have a visa from a Japanese consul? I do not know Have you that visa now? none
What became of it? _____
4. Did you then have a Japanese passport? none Do you have it now? _____
What became of it? _____
5. Why were you in Japan when the war started on Dec. 7, 1941? I was then 18 years of age working in a doll factory at Kyoto
Since my mother passed away I had to support my young brother - he was attending school at this time
What was your occupation in Japan when the war started on Dec. 7, 1941?

working in Kyoto making Japanese dolls - Mr Seijiro Nani
was my employer
Where were you then living in Japan? Keiyomizu, Kyoto, Japan

6. Are you married or single? yes What is the name of your spouse
(wife or husband)? Yasukiyo Tsuji Where does your
spouse (wife or husband) live? Nahamachi, Wakayama-shi, Japan
When were you married? 3/25/1945 Where were you married?
Nahamachi, Wakayama-shi What is the citizenship of your spouse
(wife or husband)? Japanese citizen Where was your spouse
(wife or husband) born? Nahamachi, Wakayama-shi
Name and address of your father? Ta Masuzo Tsuji -
P.O. Box 73, Vacaville, Calif What country is he a citizen? Japan
Name and address of your mother? Naniye
Tsujichi - now deceased Of what country is
she a citizen? Japan

7. Names, birthdates and birthplaces of each of your children?
Kazuyo Tsuji 2/2/1946, Nerouki Tsuji - 4/3/1953
Nahamachi, Wakayama-ken
Tokuho - 9/16/1956 - at same place

RE: VOTING

8. Since returning to Japan have you voted in any elections? yes
Where? Nahamachi, Wakayama Years you voted? 1952 + 1953
In what elections? Shugiin

Why did you vote in those elections? my relative was running for
school board, and I was urged to vote for him. At which time I
voted for Shugiin. - Naniye, Tokuko - my brother was running for

Shugiin
"representative"
9.
Out
lower
house

Did you receive any instructions to vote? yes From what sources?
I had to vote for her relative
I received a notice to vote from my children Were the instructions printed?

yes What Allied military officers told you to vote? none
Did you vote because of
printed instructions of the Army of occupation?

What were you told would happen to you if you didn't vote?

What did you believe would happen to you if you didn't vote?

10. What Japanese officials instructed you to vote? none
Were those instructions printed ones? _____ Verbal? _____

11. State the names and addresses of the neighbors who told you to vote
as much as the sister of the candidate was watching
me who had voted or not, I felt I had to go & vote as she
was checking on all the people in our area
What did they tell you would happen to you if you didn't vote?
I felt if I did not vote our family would be ostracized by the
people in our area.

12. What did you believe or fear would happen to you if you didn't vote?
That my husband business, which (Lose ration card? yes)
was being making would also be affected if I did not vote.

RE: KOSEKI REGISTRATION

13. Was your name registered in a family Koseki in Japan? yes
When? March, 1923 Where? San Francisco, Calif By whom?
father Did you personally apply to be registered
ed in a Koseki? no When? _____ Where? _____
Where did you go to apply to be registered? _____
When? _____ Why did you apply to be registered? _____

14. If someone other than you personally registered your name in a
Koseki state who it was who registered you. Mary's Tozuchi
What relation is that person to you? father
Why were you registered in a Koseki? I do not know why.

15. Were you registered in a Koseki since your last return to Japan because
if you were not registered you would not have been given a ration card?
none or would not have been given an address to receive
mail? _____ or would have been punished, and, if so, by whom?
_____ and why? _____

Were you registered because of fear that if you weren't you would suffer
in some form? _____ such as would not be issued a ration card?

_____ State what other reasons caused you to register. _____

RE: CONSCRIPTION

16. Were you conscripted in the Japanese armed forces? _____
When? _____ In what branch of service? _____
What was your address at the time you were conscripted? _____
_____ With whom were you then
living? _____
What was your occupation at that time? _____
Name and address of your employer at that time? _____

- Place where you then were working _____
If you were attending school at that time state the name of the school
_____ State type of school _____
Were you then single? _____ Married? _____
17. What was the first notice you received that you had to register for the
draft under the Japanese draft law? _____
Was it a written notice? _____ Verbal notice? _____
What was the date of that notice? _____ Have you that
notice? _____ (If so, attach it to this questionnaire). What did
that notice instruct you to do? _____

18. Where did you report to the draft authorities? _____
Were those draft authorities civilians? _____ or Japanese military
authorities? _____ Were you given a medical examination by the draft
authorities? _____ Where? _____ When? _____
What other notices did you receive from the draft authorities? _____

- State whether you received those notices by mail or whether they were
personally delivered to you. _____
19. Did you inform the Japanese civilian draft authorities that you were a
U.S. citizen? _____ When? _____ Where? _____
Who was present? _____

If you told that personally to a civilian draft officer state the name of the officer and his title _____

What is his present address? _____

What did he say to you when you stated you were a U.S. citizen? _____

Will he be willing to give you an affidavit stating those facts? _____

20. Did you inform the Japanese military draft authorities that you were a U.S. citizen? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

If you told that personally to a Japanese military draft officer state the name of the officer and his grade or rank, _____

What is the present address of that officer? _____

Will he be willing to give you an affidavit stating those facts? _____

21. If you didn't tell the civilian or military draft officers that you were a U.S. citizen why didn't you do so? _____

What did you fear would happen to you if you told him (or them) you were a U.S. citizen? _____

Were you afraid to tell the conscripting civilian officers -- or military officers -- that you were a U.S. citizen? _____ Why? _____

22. Did you tell the civilian conscripting officers that you did not wish to serve in the Japanese armed forces? _____ When? _____

Where? _____

To what officers did you tell that? _____

_____ State their names and addresses _____

Will they be willing to give you affidavits stating that fact? _____

23. Did you tell the military authorities -- or civil authorities -- that you did not wish to serve in the Japanese armed forces? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

To what officers? _____

State their names and present addresses

ses

Who was present at the time?

Will any of them be willing to give you an affidavit stating the fact you notified those authorities you did not wish to serve in the Japanese armed forces?

Did you write any letters to the civilian or military draft authorities stating that you were a U.S. citizen and not subject to conscription in the Japanese forces? Date of letter

(If you did, attach a copy of that letter to this questionnaire.)

What did you fear would happen to you if you refused to be conscripted?

24. Did you fear you would be punished by the Japanese civil authorities for refusing to obey the draft law? What penalty or punishment did you fear you would be subjected to if you refused?

25. Did you fear also that the Japanese military authorities would punish you if you refused to be conscripted? What punishment did you fear they would subject you to?

26. Did you apply for a deferment, postponement or delay of your conscription?

When? Where?
To what office? Did you do this verbally?

in writing? (If in writing attach a copy of that letter or memorandum to this questionnaire.) If you haven't a copy state the language and contents of that letter or memorandum

Were you afraid to apply for a deferment, postponement or delay in your conscription? Why?

What did you fear would happen to you if you did? _____

What answer were you given to this request? _____

Was it a verbal answer? _____ Was it a written answer? _____

(Attach a copy of your written answer to this questionnaire.) If you haven't a copy state the substance of that answer _____

27. Did you make a second request for deferment, postponement or delay? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

To whom and to what office? _____

What answer did you receive? _____

Was this answer verbal? _____ written? _____ (Attach the letter or copy of the answer you received.)

28. What date were you conscripted (drafted) into the Japanese armed forces? _____

Where were you conscripted? _____

What was your first rank or grade in the armed forces of Japan? _____

29. Were you required to take an oath of allegiance to Japan at the time of conscription? _____

Where did you serve in the Japanese armed forces? _____

Did you receive any promotions in the Japanese armed forces? _____

When? _____

To what rank or grade? _____

Did you take an oath of allegiance to Japan at the time of promotion? _____

How long did you serve in the Japanese armed forces? _____

When were you released from services in the Japanese armed forces? _____

While in the service did you participate in any skirmish or battle against the U.S. armed forces? _____

Against what other Allied armed forces did you participate in any skirmish or battle? _____

Where? _____

In what battles? _____

Did you surrender and were you a prisoner of war? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

To what U.S. or Allied troops? _____
When were you released from detention? _____
Where were you when released? _____

RE: APPLICATION TO RETURN TO U.S.

30. Before or after war first broke out on Dec. 7, 1941, did you apply to a U.S. Consul or the U.S. Embassy in Japan to return to the U.S.? none
When? _____ Where? _____
To what consulate or embassy? _____
Did you apply to the Swiss, Swedish or other consular or diplomatic office to send you back to the U.S.? _____ When? _____
Where? _____ To what office? _____
What answer did you receive? _____

31. Before war broke out on Dec. 7, 1941, or afterward, did you apply for boat passage to return to the U.S.? none When? _____
Where? _____ To what company or office did you apply for transportation to return to the U.S.? _____
Did you make that application orally? _____ Did you make it in writing? _____ (If it was in writing attach a copy of your letter or application for such passage to the U.S.) Did you receive booking on any boat that was to take you to the U.S.? _____
On what date were you to sail? _____ From what port? _____ Name of ship? _____
If you didn't apply for passage to return to the U.S. state why you didn't do so. _____

Although I wanted to return I had to support my young brother, who was born in Japan - He was born in Japan 1928 - & was 13 years of age.

RE: APPLICATION FOR INTERNMENT

32. Did you apply to the Japanese authorities during the war to be interned as a U.S. citizen? no When? _____
Where? _____ To what office did he apply? _____

What answer did you receive to your request? _____

Was the answer a verbal one? _____ Was it in writing? _____

(If in writing, attach the letter or memorandum to this questionnaire.)

If you do not have a copy of the letter or memorandum, state in substance what the writing stated. _____

RE: REGISTRATION AS ALIEN IN JAPAN

33. Before, during or since the war have you been registered as a U.S. alien in Japan? none When? _____ Where? _____
- Were you registered with a U.S. Consul or U.S. Embassy in Japan as a U.S. citizen? _____ When? _____ Where? _____
- Were you required to report to the Japanese police? _____
- When? _____ Where? _____ How often? _____
- Did the police visit you? _____ When? _____
- Where? _____ How often? _____

RE: EXPATRIATING ACTIONS

34. Have you ever filed with any office in Japan any affidavit or statement claiming or stating that you were a Japanese citizen? none
- When? _____ Where? _____
- For what purpose did you file that? _____
- Have you ever applied for or received any benefit or right in Japan that is granted only to Japanese citizens? none When? _____
- Where? _____ What was the right or benefit you were applying for? _____ Did you receive that right or benefit? _____ When? _____
35. Have you ever applied to a Japanese government office or officer for a Japanese passport? none When? _____
- Where? _____ Did you receive it? _____

When? _____ For what purpose did you use it? _____

What became of that Japanese passport? _____

36. Have you, since returning to Japan in 1946 been naturalized as a Japanese citizen? none If so, what steps did you take to become naturalized as a Japanese citizen? _____

To what office did you make that application? _____

When? _____ Where? _____

Were you naturalized? _____ When? _____

What document did you receive showing you were naturalized? _____

Date of that document? _____

37. Have you, since returning to Japan been employed by the Japanese Government or any agency of the Japanese Government? none
If so, name the office by which you were employed and the dates of your employment _____

RE: SERVICE TO U.S.

38. Have you worked for the United States Government or Allied Military authorities while in Japan? none For what service? _____
In what capacity? _____ Where did you perform your work? _____
Dates of your employment _____

39. Have you ever served in the armed forces of the U.S.? _____
In what branch? _____ When? _____
Period of service _____
Where did you serve? _____
Date you received an Honorable Discharge _____
Serial No. _____ What other members of your family (father, children, brothers, or sisters) served in the armed forces of the U.S.? none

40. State their names, relationship and branch of the armed forces in which they served or are serving _____

RE: OTHER DATA

41. What is your occupation now? housewife
Where do you work? _____
What property do you own in Japan? none
Nature of that property? _____
Estimated valuation of that property? _____

42. Name of your nearest relative in the U.S. and address _____
father, Masuyo Taguchi, P.O. Box 23, Vacaville, Calif
To what address do you intend to return to in the U.S.? to my father's
place

43. Have you filed an application with a U.S. Consul in Japan for a U.S. passport? yes When did you file it? Oct, 1955
With what U.S. Consul did you file it? Kobe, Japan
(Attach a copy of the application you filed with the U.S. Consul)
What reasons did the U.S. Consul give you for refusing to issue you a passport? noted in Japanese passport of 1952
and 1953

(Attach the letter of refusal the U.S. Consul sent to you.)

44. Did you take an appeal from the Consul's refusal? yes - but was not
When? considered at all (Attach a copy of that appeal to this questionnaire.) What decision was made on that appeal? _____

(Attach a copy of that decision to this questionnaire.)

Date: July 25, 1957

Shizu Tsuii

Signature

32 Buechi
Nakamaichi, Matsuyama-shi
Japan

Address

none
Telephone Number

Wm. H. Hoar

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Coffin case

Rt 11 Box 23
Winters, Calif

Paul had can vote

in pm

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of path of MS
again

Call Henry Shaw

Winters & see
in the case & see
if she is still on
paper?

Also did she cast blank?
ballots last time?

Chayo.

What does

Mrs. Tsuji state
as her ~~text~~ in Japan

re voting

Nothing in the text ~~is~~ giving reasons^s for voting; she merely states she voted in an election. c.w.

Shizu Tsuji continued.

May 13, 1958

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji
32 Banchi, Nakamachi,
Wakayama-shi, Japan

Dear Mrs. Tsuji:

On March 31, 1958, the U. S. Supreme Court held in the case of Perez v. Brownell that an American citizen who votes in a "political election" in a foreign country loses his U.S. citizenship if he voted voluntarily even though he did not know he would lose his citizenship by so voting. However, if the voting was caused by duress, coercion or undue influence it was involuntary and would not cause him to lose U.S. citizenship.

To prove that your voting was involuntary the State Department will require evidence that you voted under duress, coercion or undue influence. It will require a statement from you, under oath, stating the reasons why you voted. Affidavits from other persons having knowledge of the fact that you were forced to vote and that you voted because of fear of punishment if you didn't can be used to support your statement.

If you voted because you were notified or heard that General MacArthur or SCAP or the U.S. or Allied military officers had ordered all residents in Japan to vote and you believed and feared that if you didn't vote that you would be punished for violating military orders your voting was involuntary. (The State Department also may take the view that voting in Japan while it was occupied by the Allied Powers did not constitute voting in a "political election" in a "foreign state".) If you voted because Japanese municipal officers notified you and you believed and feared that you as a resident must vote or be punished under Japanese law or by order of the Occupation authorities, your voting was involuntary. If you voted because you were notified by the Occupation authorities, or by Japanese civil authorities or by Japanese neighbors that you would be deprived of a ration card if you didn't vote and you believed and feared you would be deprived of a ration card and might starve if you didn't vote your voting was involuntary. If you were notified to vote and you voted because of other fears of what would be done to you or what would happen to you if you failed or refused to vote your voting was involuntary.

If you already have applied to a U.S. Consul in Japan for a U.S. passport or you are about to do so it will be necessary for you to make a complete statement to the Consul, under oath, revealing the reasons why you were compelled to vote. In that statement you must explain the fears that drove you to vote in order to prove to the Consul that you were under threats or mental pressure to vote

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

November 13, 1957

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji
32 Banchi, Nakamachi,
Wakayama-shi, Japan

Dear Mrs. Tsuji:

The U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., recently heard re-arguments it had ordered to be made in three cases pending before it testing the law passed by Congress which provided that service by a U.S. citizen in a foreign army was an act of expatriation costing such persons loss of U.S. citizenship. A final decision and opinion probably will be handed down by the Supreme Court within the next three months time.

It is possible that the Supreme Court may decide in those cases that the U.S. law which provides that service in a foreign Army costs a U.S. citizen his U.S. citizenship may be void on its face or as applied for being contrary to the U.S. Constitution. It is also possible that it may decide that a U.S. citizen who was drafted into the armed forces of Japan during the war did not obey voluntarily but only under the compulsion and duress of the draft law of Japan which provided for punishment for violations of that draft law.

Therefore, until the U.S. Supreme Court decides the cases now pending before it and which it has taken under submission it is best that no immediate steps be taken by you to obtain a U.S. passport. If the Supreme Court decides the cases favorably it is possible that a U.S. Consul thereafter may issue a U.S. passport to you without further complications. Therefore, I suggest that you wait patiently until the Court decides those cases and I will notify you promptly of its decision and of its effect on your citizenship status and if it then becomes necessary for you to take legal steps to have your U.S. citizenship determined I shall inform you and proceed to take the necessary steps.

Very truly yours,

WAYNE M. COLLINS

ATTORNEY AT LAW

MILLS TOWER, 220 BUSH STREET

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE GARFIELD 1-1218

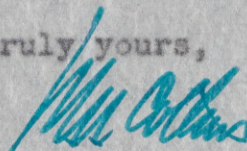
and that your voting was involuntary because it was caused by your fear of some form of punishment being inflicted upon you if you didn't vote, such as punishment by the Occupation military authorities, or by the Japanese police or other civil authorities, or by the loss of some right such as being deprived of a ration card.

You must keep a written copy of any statement you make or have made to the U.S. Consul which explains the reasons why you voted and you should send a copy of it to me.

If the U. S. Consul and the State Department can be convinced by your own statement, under oath, supported if possible by affidavits of other persons acquainted with the facts, that you voted because of your fear of punishment in some form from the Occupation authorities or from the Japanese authorities or your fear of the loss of a ration card the State Department should hold that you did not lose your U.S. citizenship and should issue a U.S. passport to you. (If the State Department denies you a U.S. Passport an application thereafter can be made for a Certificate of Identity to enable you to return to the U.S. to have a U.S. District Court decide whether or not you lost your citizenship by voting in Japan.)

I would thank you to let me know by return mail whether you have applied for a U.S. passport and, if so, what decision the Consul has made on it.

Very truly yours,



WMC:ss

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California
Telephone: Garfield 1-5827

July 23, 1958

Same letter sent (VIA AIRLETTER)
1-23-59 (sent to Kono)

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji
32 Banchi, Nakamachi,
Wakayama-shi, Japan

Dear Mrs. Tsuji:

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28. Did your husband serve in the Japanese Army?
29. When was he released from the Japanese Army?
30. Isn't it true that your husband ordered you to vote in 1952?
31. Isn't it true that your husband ordered you to vote in 1953?

32. Was your father living in Japan with you during the war?
33. Was your mother living in Japan with you during the war?

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AFFIDAVIT OF SHIZU TSUJI

My name is Shizu Tsuji, nee Taguchi. I live at 32 Banchi, Nakamachi, Wakayama-shi, Japan, with my husband Yasukiyo Tsuji and three minor children. I was born in Vacaville, California, on February 13, 1923. My father lives in Vacaville, California. My mother is dead.

On March 4, 1928, my father being ill and desiring to return to Japan, my parents took me to Japan. My father returned to the United States in 1937. When war broke out I was stranded in Japan and was then just 18 years of age and working in a doll factory in Kyoto. As my mother had passed away I had to work to support my young brother and myself. My young brother was born in Japan and was attending school at the time. We had no chance of leaving Japan and getting back to the United States. My brother was an alien because born in Japan and getting back to the United States. /I had no money and also couldn't return just before the war for lack not only of money but because there was no way to get a board a ship. After ~~the~~ the outbreak of war we were stranded and suffered ~~hardship~~ hardship and privation.

~~During~~

~~From~~

Following the end of the war and from 1946 ~~until~~ until sometime after the peace treaty was signed and ~~until~~ until Japan ~~became~~ was given the rights of a nation there was a food shortage, at first very serious and later on not so critical after the Occupation forces brought in food supplies. But everything essential to sustaining life was rationed and we underwent great hardship and privation. The food situation did improve but ~~food~~ food was rationed

*Shizu
Council
of Japan*

RE: Tsuji, Shizu Mrs.

1/19/59

SYCAMORE 5-2511 Win-
Telephoned Mr. Hiroshi Henry Akao for ters,
new address; Mr. Akao says that her father,
Mr. Taguchi returned to Japan, / Will send in
address by mail.

C.W.

*Send letter to new address
no letter 7/23/58*

Route 1, Box 23
Winters, California
January 19, 1959

Mr. Wayne M. Collins
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Collins:

Since you called this afternoon, I am letting you know the address of Mrs. Tsuji. I don't know the house number but if you write to this address it will get there safely.

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji
Nakamatsue Nakayama Shi
Japan W

Yours truly,

Henry Akao

AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT

*11/19/59 Jole
Sycamore
5-2511*

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
)
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA : ss
)
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO)

HIROSHI HENRY AKAO, being first duly sworn, depose and says:

1. That he is an American citizen by naturalization and 48 years of age, and has been a legal resident of the United States for the past 31 years. His present residence and permanent mailing address is Route 1, Box 23, Winters, County of Yolo, State of California.

2. That since the date upon which he became a citizen of the United States, he has always maintained his citizenship which is evidenced by the certificate No. 731256, issued on July 5, 1955, by the District Court of the United States at Sacramento, California.

3. That he is married and the name of his wife is RYUKO AKAO, an American citizen by birth, 39 years of age; that we are residing at the above designated address and that his wife has heard read this affidavit of support and concur therein and join in each of the allegations made in the said affidavit of support, vouching for the support of SHIZU TSUJI and her family, who are applying to the American Consul in Kobe, Japan, for permission to enter the United States for permanent residence.

4. That the following are the only persons dependent in anyway upon him for support:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	AGE
RYUKO AKAO	Wife	39
HENRY TO AKAO	Son	19
RUTH Y AKAO	Daughter	17
NANCY H AKAO	Daughter	13
JAMES I AKAO	Son	11
DAVID M AKAO	Son	6

5. That he is employed by T.H. Roth of Woodland, California as a fruit ranch foreman at Winters, California since 1945; that his annual net income is approximately \$7,000.00.

6. That his net worth is approximately \$20,000.00 including \$351.84 cash in checking account and \$13,357.81 in the savings account, certified by Mr. J. E. Rollins, Pro-Assistant Cashier of Bank of America hereto attached and made a part hereof. No liabilities.

7. That he knows personally SHIZU TSUJI, who resides at Nakamatsuye, Wakayama City, Wakayama prefecture, and who desires to return to the United States for permanent residence.

8. That he solemnly swear that he will receive and care for her and family, and will at no time allow them to become charges of the United States or any State, Territory or Subdivision thereof, and that he can and will pay the cost of their transportations and incidental expenses from Japan to Winters, their final destination in the United States.

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9. That he freely incurs this obligation because of his friendship, and it is his desire to assist her in every possible way to return to the United States.

10. That he is making this affidavit for the purpose of inducing the United States Consular and Immigration authorities to issue her and family a visa and admit them to the United States.

11. That he has never given before any affidavit in behalf of any persons.

Hiroshi Henry Akao
HIROSHI HENRY AKAO - AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 27th day of October, 1955

Percy J. Masaki
Notary Public in and for the County
of Sacramento, State of California
My commission expires 9-24-1957

- 1) 本書類記入年月日 昭和30年11月3日
- 2) 氏名 辻 三三
- 3) 出生地及出生年月日 アメリカ, カルフォルニア 大正12年2月13日
- 4) 私のアメリカに於ける最後の住所 アメリカ, カルフォルニア
- 5) 私が最後のアメリカを去つた年月日 昭和3年4月
- 6) 下記の一つに印(✓)するに

(✓) 私はパスポートを管理し後三、四ヶ月以内のアメリカに
行きた。

() 私はアメリカ市民として登録し当分の内地に滞在した。

7) 私は下記の行動を (~~した~~) (しな) : 若し行動をしなればその下に線を引く

- a. アメリカ市民権を放棄した
- b. 日本軍隊に入隊した
- c. 日本政府又はその代行機関で勤務した
- d. 私は21才後の日本の国籍を得た
- e. 日本の選挙をした

8) 私は下記の二頁 (日本に在りて居る) を私と同時に申請した。

<u>氏名</u>	<u>続柄</u>	<u>出生地</u>	<u>出生年月</u>
<u>辻 カズヨ</u>	<u>長女</u>	<u>和歌山県和歌山市</u> <u>松江32</u>	<u>昭和21年2月2日</u>
<u>辻 ヒロキ</u>	<u>三男</u>	<u>同上</u>	<u>昭和28年4月3日</u>

備考: 醫書に依りし上の者はアメリカ市民の資格は無い
た入。私はアメリカで出生後五年間居た。

7) a. アメリカに居住した期間

大正12年2月13日 — 昭和3年4月

b. 日本^等他の国に居住した期間

昭和3年4月 — 現在迄

c. 貴女は何時頃永久的にアメリカに帰ったのか

出来るだけ早く

d. 結婚年月日

昭和21年2月2日

e. 父母の出生地及出生年月日

父: 田口マツウ: 和歌山県海草郡西脇野村 磯脇

明治22年1月5日

母: 田口ナミエ: 和歌山県海草郡西脇野村 磯脇

明治30年8月8日

f. 婿又は妻の出生地及^生出生年月日

和歌山県和歌山市松尾32, 大正3年3月16日

g. 父母のアメリカ居住期間

母: 大正6年 — 昭和3年

父: 明42年 — 昭和2年, 昭和6年 — 昭和11年, 及

昭和13年 — 現在

h. 子供、兄弟、姉妹の出生地及出生年月日

タカズヨ 和歌山県和歌山市松尾32, 昭和21年2月2日

タカコトキ " " " 昭和28年4月3日

田口ナミエ 和歌山県海草郡西脇野村 磯脇28 昭和3年8月16日

c. アメリカに居住する人々貴女の出生地及出生年月日等々

関する資料を提供出来る方は名を此所に

田口マツウ P.O.Box 23, 7770111 松尾ナミエ

赤尾コエ " " "

✓ アイックブロー 学歴

ナニ

10. 和は () 横浜 (✓) 神戸で申請した

11. 和は下記に住所氏名を日本字及英字で
記す

和歌山県和歌山市松江 2532

辻三郎

WAYNE M. COLLINS
Attorney at Law
Mills Tower, 220 Bush Street
San Francisco 4, California

January 23, 1959

(VIA AIRLETTER)

Mrs. Shizu Tsuji
32 Nakamatsue, Wakayama Shi
Japan

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27. In what year did you last receive rations under a rationing card or rationing system? *still receiving on a rationing Card*
28. Did your husband serve in the Japanese Army? *yes*
29. When was he released from the Japanese Army? *August 1945*
30. Isn't it true that your husband ordered you to vote in 1952? *yes*
31. Isn't it true that your husband ordered you to vote in 1953? *yes*
32. Was your father living in Japan with you during the war? *no, he was in the U.S.A.*
33. Was your mother living in Japan with you during the war? *she was deceased (about 1935)*

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss

(VIA AIRMAIL)

April 2, 1959

Mr. Toraichi Kono
301 Wada Building
Nakajo-machi
Hiroshima, Japan

Dear Mr. Kono:

I am enclosing copies of letters I have written to each of the following named strandeas in Japan requesting them to answer certain questions for me so that I might prepare affidavits for them:

<u>Name and address</u>	<u>Date letter sent</u>
DOYE, Katsuso Honmachi, Yano-machi Aki-gun Hiroshima, Japan	August 25, 1958
HADA, Misuye Mrs. 6903 Nakano-mura, Aki-gun Hiroshima-ken, Japan	August 25, 1958
TSUJI, Shizu Mrs. Nakamatsue, Wakayama-shi Japan	January 23, 1959

None of the above-named strandeas has answered the questions I put to them although I have sent several letters to each of them. Unless they answer the questions I will not be able to prepare proper affidavit forms for them to submit to the U.S. Consul in Japan or directly to the Board of Review of the Passport Office in Washington, D.C.

I would be grateful if you would contact the above persons and obtain from them the answers to the questions contained in the letters I sent to them, copies of which are enclosed for your records.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss
Encs.

November 4, 1960

Mr. Hiroshi Henry Akao
Rt. 1, Box 23
Winters, California

Dear Mr. Akao:

I would be very grateful if you would let me know whether or not Mrs. Shizue Tsuji has returned to the United States. If she has not done so, I wish to write her a letter explaining to her that she may in the future have a good chance to recover her citizenship even though she voted in Japan in 1952 and 1953.

Very truly yours,

WMC:ss
Enc. Enc.