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July 9, 1942

SUBJECT: Japanese (Nisei-Kibei) Questionnaire.

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff G-2, (CIB) Western Defense Command
and Fourth Army, Presidio of San Francisco, California.

1. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the memorandum form for the Nisei-Kibei questionnaire, some 1500 of which forms were turned over to Mr. McGovern, W.C.C.A. Manager for Camp Harmony, the Japanese Evacuation Camp at Puyallup, Washington.
2. These forms were taken down by Commander Luke S. May of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Thirteenth Naval District and Major Kellogg on June 25, both officers being in civilian clothes and contacting no one except Mr. McGovern and two of his assistants. As per telephone conversation this date between Major Kellogg and Major Gustorf, James Sakamoto, Mayor of Camp Harmony started to distribute these questionnaires for execution under the auspices of the Japanese American Citizens League, but due to internal friction in the Camp, and apparently to questioning of Sakamoto's authority, none of the forms have been executed. Mr. McGovern advised Major Kellogg over the telephone yesterday that Sakamoto is apparently "behind the eight ball" with the other Japanese because of his attempt to have these forms executed.
3. As has previously been stated to your office, this questionnaire form was devised by a committee composed of Major Kellogg, Lt. Commander Madden, head of the Japanese desk, Office of Naval Intelligence, Thirteenth Naval District and Special Agent B. S. Gordon of the Seattle Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation. This office emphasized, at the time having these questionnaires completed came up several weeks ago, that it has no authority in the matter and that the Army must not appear in the picture unless specific authority is given by General De Witt or your office. The form was devised as a preliminary step in the event permission is granted to have these forms executed. Mr. Gordon, of the Japanese Squad of the Seattle Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated he had previously unofficially discussed such a questionnaire with the Japanese American Citizens League, and the officials of that League had appeared to be very pleased with the prospect of compiling this information, and had stated that unless the Army directs the work to be done, the J.A.C. L. would have it done themselves. This has not worked out due apparently to an undercurrent of friction at Camp Harmony of which this office has previously advised you. The forms were mimeographed jointly by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Office of Naval Intelligence in Seattle.
4. As you know the Office of Naval Intelligence, Thirteenth Naval District, has been directed by its superiors in Washington to compile

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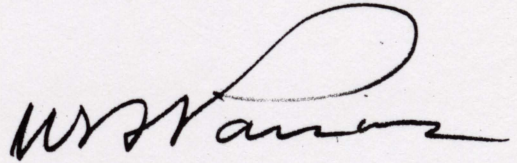
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information about all Kibei in the Japanese Evacuation Camps. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is also very much interested in compiling as much personal history data as possible with particular reference to the Kibei.



W. B. PARSONS,
Major, M. I.,
Officer in Charge.

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Sakamoto circulated this questionnaire in June-July 1942 in Camp Harmony w/o success, due to "internal friction"
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JAPANESE-AMERICAN CITIZENS
(NISEI-KIBEI) QUESTIONNAIRE

1. NAME: _____
 (Last) _____ (Given Japanese) _____ (Given American) _____
 Have you ever used or been known by any other name? If so give names and places where such names were used. _____
2. ADDRESSES:
 - (a) Immediately prior to evacuation: _____
 (Street or RFD) _____
 (City) _____ (State) _____
 How long at above address? _____
 - (b) Previous residence: _____
 (Period Occupied) _____ (Street or RFD) _____
 (City) _____ (State) _____
 - (c) Other prior addresses since 1930: (Most recent first)

(Period Occupied)	(Street or RFD)	(City)	(State)
(Period Occupied)	(Street or RFD)	(City)	(State)
(Period Occupied)	(Street or RFD)	(City)	(State)
3. BIRTH: _____
 (Day) _____ (Month) _____ (Year) _____ (City) _____ (County) _____ (State) _____
4. CITIZENSHIP: U.S. _____ Japan _____ DUAL _____
 If not a dual citizen, give date of expatriation _____
 and date or number of Japanese Foreign Office Bulletin announcing the granting of such expatriation _____
 Are you a registered voter _____ Where _____ Precinct No. _____
5. SEX: Male _____ Female _____
6. MARITAL STATUS: _____
 (Single) _____ (Married) _____ (Divorced) _____ (Widower) _____ (Widow) _____

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Wife's Maiden Name _____

Wife's birthplace _____

Husband's birthplace _____

7. FATHER'S NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street or RFD) (City) (State)

Birth: _____
(Day) (Month) (Year) (Town or City) (State or Prefecture)

8. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street or RFD) (City) (State)

Birth: _____
(Day) (Month) (Year) (Town or City) (State or Prefecture)

9. OTHER RELATIVES IN U.S.: (Own Children, Brothers, Sisters, Uncles, Aunts, Cousins)

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

10. OTHER RELATIVES OUTSIDE OF U. S. :

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

Relationship _____ Name _____ Address _____

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Employer _____ Address _____ Position Occupied _____
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13. DESCRIPTION:

Height _____ Weight _____ Color of Eyes _____
 Color of Hair _____ Complexion _____
 Scars or distinguishing marks _____
 Type of glasses worn _____

14. Do you suffer from any illness or disease? If so, describe _____

15. OCCUPATION OR BUSINESS:
 (a) Are you now in possession of a passport or other travel documents? _____
 (b) If so, by what country was it issued _____ When _____
 Where _____ Expiration date _____

16. Selective Service Registration Number _____ Classification _____
 Board No. _____
 At _____

17. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

18. Have you ever reported to or registered with the consular representative
 of any foreign country for military, naval, or other governmental service?
 Date _____ Where registered _____
 Result of registration _____

19. Have you ever been a member of, connected with, or registered for, the military
 naval, other armed forces, or other governmental service of any foreign
 country? _____ If so, give details _____

20. How many trips to Japan? _____

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21. Record of Departures and Reentries.

(A) Left U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

REENTERED U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

(B) Left U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

REENTERED U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

(C) Left U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

REENTERED U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

(D) Left U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

REENTERED U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

(E) Left U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

REENTERED U.S.A. Through _____
 (City) (Day) (Month) (Year)

22. What other foreign countries have you visited?

Where _____ When _____ Length of Stay _____

Where _____ When _____ Length of Stay _____

Where _____ When _____ Length of Stay _____

23. What Foreign languages do you speak?

Language _____ Do you speak it fluently? _____ Do you write it well? _____ How did you gain this ability? _____

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24. RELIGION: Christian _____ Denomination or Sect _____

Buddhist _____ Denomination or Sect _____

Shinto _____ Denomination or Sect _____

Other _____ Denomination or Sect _____

If more than one check both.

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25. Organizations, associations, unions, clubs, etc., of which you have been a member during the last 10 years: (Cultural, Social, Educational, Athletic, Business, Ex-service, Prefectural, Community, Savings, etc.)

Name _____ Nature (See Above) _____ Address _____

Name _____ Nature _____ Address _____

Name _____ Nature _____ Address _____

Name _____ Nature _____ Address _____

Name _____ Nature _____ Address _____

Name _____ Nature _____ Address _____

26. Have you ever been arrested for other than a minor traffic violation? _____

If so, give details: When _____ Where _____ By Whom _____

When _____ Where _____ By Whom _____

27. Give names and addresses of five persons, other than relatives or employers mentioned above, who have knowledge of your character, experience and habits.

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

Name _____ Address _____

28. Name of person to be notified in case of emergency _____

Post-Office address _____ Telephone _____ Relationship _____

(B) I have read the above questions and I have answered them to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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