

Dear Patron:

We regret that the enclosed photocopies are the best we were able to obtain using our normal reproduction process. This is caused primarily by the age and faded conditions of some of the documents from which these copies are made.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY



DECLASSIFIED  
NND 978084  
AUTHORITY  
BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

146-13-2-82-51

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Alien Enemy Questionnaire

ALIEN  
REGISTRATION NO.

4940785

(For office use. Do not write in this space)

GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

Your cooperation in giving as completely as you can, the information requested in this form, will assist the Government in deciding upon your status as an alien enemy and in determining whether you should be released, paroled, or interned. An original and three copies of this form are to be filled out and the original sworn to before a notary public.

If you wish, you may take an extra copy of the form to use while you are securing the information. Then, when you are sure that you have answered all the questions clearly on this sample form, you may copy your answers on the four forms which are to be submitted.

Any immigration officer will be glad to explain the questions to you and assist you in filling out this form. The answers to the questions, however, must be your own answers and not those suggested to you by any other person. If you do not have room to answer certain of the questions in the space provided, you will find two blank sheets at the end of the form on which you may also write. All questions must be fully answered. If you write on these blank sheets, however, be sure to give the number or numbers of the questions which you are answering.

Be sure to answer every question. If you do not know the answer to certain of the questions and cannot find out, write "I do not know," and then explain why you cannot secure the information.

Your attention is called to Section 5392 of the United States Revised Statutes (Title 18, Section 231 U. S. C.) which provides that whoever having taken an oath in any case authorized by law subscribes to any material matter which he does not believe to be true is guilty of perjury and shall be fined not more than \$2,000 and imprisoned not more than 5 years. A false answer to any of the questions may affect the decision on your release, parole, or internment.

1. Name and nationality TAKISAKI TAMOTSU SEBASTIAN  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Address 320 - 12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington

3. (a) When were you born? September 5 1882  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

(b) Where were you born? In or near the town or city of Uyeda in the province or state of Hagano in the country of Japan

4. (a) Of what country are you a citizen or subject? Japan  
(Country)

(b) How did you acquire your present citizenship? (Check in appropriate square.) By birth :  
Naturalization : Otherwise

(If you check "Otherwise," explain your answer in this space)

(c) If you are a naturalized citizen of any country, state the place and date of your naturalization:  
(Place) (Month) (Day) (Year)

Docketed

Q-211

4. (d) Have you previously been a citizen of any other country? No If so, list on table below the  
 (Yes or no)  
 country or countries of which you have been a citizen, the periods of your citizenship in each  
 and the methods by which you acquired such citizenship.

COUNTRY	PERIOD OF CITIZENSHIP		METHOD OF ACQUIRING CITIZENSHIP (check one)		
	From (year)	To (year)	Birth	Naturalization	Otherwise (state how)
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

5. (a) Have you ever used or been known by any other name? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, give all such names and indicate the places at which you used or were known by such other names:

-----  
 (Name) (Place)

-----  
 (Name) (Place)

-----  
 (Name) (Place)

6. (a) Give all other addresses at which you have lived in the United States and indicate the times at which you lived at such addresses:

CITY OR TOWN	STATE	COUNTRY	FROM—		TO—	
			Month	Year	Month	Year
Bellevue	Wash.	King	Sept.	1910	March	1927
Seattle	Wash.	King	Sept.	1927	April	1942
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

(b) Give all addresses abroad at which you have lived for more than 1 year since your birth.

CITY OR TOWN	PROVINCE OR STATE	COUNTRY	From—		To—	
			Month	Year	Month	Year
Uyeda	Nagano	Japan	Sept.	1882	March	1901
Tokyo		Japan	March	1901	Sept.	1907

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

7. Give a personal description of yourself:

- (a) Race Japanese (b) Color Yellow (c) Sex Male  
 (d) Height 5'5" (e) Weight 145 (f) Color of eyes Brown  
 (g) Color of hair Gray (h) Do you wear glasses? Yes Reading  Generally   
(Check one)  
 (i) Do you have any scars, marks, or other physical characteristics that will aid in identification?  
Scar on face  
 (j) Do you suffer from any illness or disease? Yes  
(Yes or no)  
 (k) If so, describe Diabetes

PERSONAL HISTORY

8. (a) Give the name and location of the schools you attended and state how long you attended each:

Uyeda grade and high school, Uyeda, Japan, 13 years  
Tokyo Foreign Language School, Tokyo, Japan, 2 years

(b) What degrees do you hold and from what colleges or universities? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

9. What languages do you speak, read, or understand? English, Japanese  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

10. In the table below, state the facts concerning all of your entries into and departures from the United States. If you cannot remember the exact date of an entry or a departure, give the closest approximation.

*Be sure in all cases to list your first and last entries into the United States.*

List, also, all other entries and departures which you have made, with the following exceptions:

(a) List only such trips to Canada or Mexico in which you were out of the United States for 1 month;

(b) If you are or have been residing in Canada or Mexico and have made short visits to the United States, list only those visits in which you were in the United States more than 1 month.

Number of entry (a)	Place of entry into United States (b)	Means of transportation. If by ship, give name. If you cannot remember name of ship, give name of steamship line. (c)	ENTRIES INTO UNITED STATES						State whether you traveled as passenger, seaman, stowaway, or if otherwise, state how (h)	Were you admitted as permanent resident, visitor, in transit, government official, student, treaty merchant, seaman, or if otherwise, state how (i)
			Approximate date of entry. (Be as accurate as possible.) (d)			Were you inspected and admitted by immigration officers? Answer yes or no (e)	State (yes or no) whether you were in possession of passport. If "yes," state name of government which issued passport (f)	State whether you were in possession of immigration visa, nonimmigrant visa, transit certificate, limited entry certificate, reentry permit, border-crossing card, or if other document, describe (g)		
			Month	Day	Year					
1	Seattle	N. Y. K. Line	Jan.	24	1907	Yes	Yes, Japan		Passenger	Student
2	Seattle	Manila Maru	July	14	1917	Yes	Yes, Japan		"	Permanent
3	Seattle	Heian Maru	Sept.	5	1937	Yes	Yes, Japan		"	"
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

Explain here the nature, period, and frequency of entries and departures omitted under exceptions (a), (b), and (c) of the instructions at the top of the page. If necessary use blank space.

DECLASSIFIED

WWS 978084

AUTHORITY BY FM

DATE: 1-35

is more than  
to the United  
1 month.

(c) If you are or have been a seaman, list only the first and last of your entries into or departures from the United States as a seaman. Be sure to list all other entries and departures, however. In all cases in which you omit to list entries and departures under exceptions (a), (b), and (c) above, explain in general the nature, period, and frequency of such entries and departures in the space provided below the table.

DEPARTURES FROM UNITED STATES

Number of departure (l)	Place of departure from the United States (k)	Destination (country) (i)	Means of transportation. (If by ship, give name. If you cannot remember name of ship, give name of steamship line.) (m)	Approximate date of departure. (Be as accurate as possible.) (n)			State (yes or no) whether at the time of your departure you intended to reside permanently abroad (o)
				Month	Day	Year	
1	Seattle	Japan	Manila Maru	Dec.	10	1916	No
2	Seattle	Japan	Hikawa Maru	June	20	1937	No
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

sheets at end and mark your answer "Question 10."





11. (a) Are you now in possession of a passport or travel documents in the nature of a passport? Yes  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state by what country it was issued, its number, when and where it was issued, when and where it was visaed, and the date of its expiration.

Japan, No. 331013, issued Nagano-ken, April 20, 1916; no visa; no expiration date.

(c) If the last passport issued to you has expired, have you applied to any consulate for its renewal?  
 -----

(d) If so, state the result of such application -----

12. Are you registered under the Alien Registration Act of 1940? Yes If so, state when and where and give your Alien Registration card number. (Yes or no)

Seattle 49A0785  
 (Date) (Place) (Card number)

13. (a) Are you registered under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, and if so, state when and where you registered No

(b) State the precinct, ward, city or county, and State appearing on your Registration Certificate.

-----  
 (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

(c) State how you have been classified and whether or not you have applied for or received deferment from training in service under the Act because your services are necessary in a civilian occupation -----

(d) What exemption, if any, was claimed by you? -----

14. What is your Social Security number? None

15. (a) Have you ever been arrested abroad for any reason whatever or charged with a crime? No  
 (Yes or no)  
 If so, fill in the following table:

DATE OF ARREST OR CHARGE	PLACE	NATURE OF OFFENSE	DISPOSITION: INCLUDING SENTENCES IMPOSED AND FACTS REGARDING PAROLE
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----

(b) Have you ever been arrested for any reason whatever or indicted while in the United States?  
No If so, fill in the following table:  
 (Yes or no)

DATE OF ARREST OR INDICTMENT	PLACE	NATURE OF OFFENSE	DISPOSITION: INCLUDING SENTENCES IMPOSED AND FACTS REGARDING PAROLE
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----

EMPLOYMENT—BUSINESS

16. Do you have any special scientific or other knowledge, training, or skill? Describe fully \_\_\_\_\_  
English language

17. What is your occupation? Retired (no occupation)

18. By whom are you employed? None

19. What is the business address of your employer? -----

20. How long have you been so employed? Retired in September 1940 from grocery business

21. What is the nature of your work? -----

22. What is your salary? None

23. (a) In the table below give the facts requested regarding any employment you have had in the United States.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	NATURE OF YOUR WORK	EARNINGS PER WEEK (approximate)	PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT			
			From—		To—	
			Month	Year	Month	Year
<u>Farming at Bellevue about 15 years</u>				<u>1909</u>		<u>1924</u>
<u>Grocery business at Seattle about 15 years</u>				<u>1925</u>		<u>1940</u>
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

(b) In the table below give the facts requested concerning the last three positions of employment you have held abroad:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	NATURE OF YOUR WORK	EARNINGS PER WEEK (approximate)	PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT			
			FROM—		TO—	
			Month	Year	Month	Year
Student until coming to U. S.						

24. (a) Have you been employed in any capacity on Government contracts related to the United States national defense program? No

(b) If so, give full details, stating what work you personally performed in connection with such contracts

25. (a) Have you ever been employed by the WPA? No If so, fill in the following table:  
 (Yes or no)

REGIONAL OFFICE	ADDRESS	FROM—		TO—	
		Month	Year	Month	Year

(b) Have you received assistance in the United States from any relief agencies? No  
 If so, fill in the following table: (Yes or no)

NAME OF AGENCY	ADDRESS	FROM—		TO—	
		Month	Year	Month	Year

26. Have you been engaged in business for yourself in the United States? Yes If so, fill in the following table: (Yes or no)

NAME OF CONCERN	ADDRESS	NATURE OF BUSINESS	MONTHLY INCOME YOU DERIVE	PERIOD	
				FROM—(Year)	To—(Year)
Garden Grocery	320 - 12th, Seattle	Grocery	About \$50	1927	1940

27. Have you been engaged in business for yourself abroad? No If so, fill in the following table: (Yes or no)

NAME OF CONCERN	ADDRESS	NATURE OF BUSINESS	MONTHLY INCOME YOU DERIVE	PERIOD	
				FROM—(Year)	To—(Year)

28. Do you now own your own business? No (Yes or no)

29. If so, under what name do you do business? -----

30. If you operate under a registered trade name, state where and when such name was registered  
 -----

31. State your business address -----

32. What is the nature of your business? -----

33. How long have you been in such business? -----

34. How many persons are employed by you? -----

35. (a) Are any of your employees aliens? ----- (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of all alien employees and the country to which each is subject.

(Name)	(Address)	(Country)
(Name)	(Address)	(Country)
(Name)	(Address)	(Country)
(Name)	(Address)	(Country)
(Name)	(Address)	(Country)

36. (a) Are any of your employees naturalized citizens of the United States?                       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of such naturalized employees, and, if you know, the place and date of naturalization of each:

(Name)	(Address)	(Place)	(Date)

37. State the approximate amount of your annual gross and net business: Gross                       
Net                     

38. (a) Did you ever file a Federal or State income-tax return? Yes  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state when and where you last filed such return Tax Commission, Seattle, Oct. 1940

39. (a) Are you a member of a partnership? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of your partners:

(Name)	(Address)

40. (a) Are any of your partners aliens?                       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names of such alien partners and the country to which each is subject.

(Name)	(Country)

41. (a) Are any of your partners naturalized citizens of the United States?                       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names of such naturalized partners and, if you know, the place and date of naturalization of each:

(Name)	(Place)	(Date)

42. State the partnership business address -----

43. What is the nature of the partnership business? -----

44. How many persons are employed by the partnership? -----

45. (a) Are any of the partnership employees aliens?       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of such alien employees and the country to which each is subject:

(Name)	(Address)	(Country)
-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----

46. (a) Are any of the partnership employees naturalized citizens of the United States?       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of such naturalized employees and, if you know, the place and date of naturalization of each:

(Name)	(Address)	(Place)	(Date)
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----

47. State the approximate amount of the gross and net annual partnership business:

Gross ----- Net -----

48. (a) Did the partnership ever file a Federal or State income-tax return?       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state when and where such return was last filed -----

49. (a) Is your business incorporated? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, give the following information:

(1) Name of the corporation -----

(2) Corporate address -----

(3) State in which incorporated -----

(4) Date of incorporation -----

(5) Nature of the business -----

(6) Names and addresses of incorporators:

-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)

(7) Names and addresses of officers:

-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)

(8) Names and addresses of directors:

-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)

(9) Names and addresses of principal stockholders:

-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)

50. (a) Are any of the foregoing incorporators, officers, directors, or principal stockholders aliens? -----  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names of such aliens and the country to which each is subject:

-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)  
-----  
(Name) (Address)

51. (a) Are any of the foregoing incorporators, officers, directors, or principal stockholders naturalized citizens of the United States?         
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names of such naturalized citizens, and, if you know, the place and date of naturalization of each:

(Name)	(Place)	(Date)

52. (a) Does any foreign government or commercial or political organization, association, partnership, corporation, or other group, or any foreign individual, directly or indirectly, have any financial or other interest in the said corporation or direct or determine its financial or other affairs?         
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, explain fully \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

53. (a) How many persons are employed by the said corporation?         
\_\_\_\_\_

(b) If any of the employees of the said corporation are aliens or naturalized citizens of the United States, state the names and addresses of such employees and in the case of aliens, indicate the country to which each is subject and in the case of naturalized citizens, the place and date of naturalization of each, so far as known to you:

(Name)	(Place)	(Date)

54. State the approximate amount of the corporation's annual gross and net business:

Gross        Net

55. (a) Did the said corporation ever file a Federal or State income-tax return?                       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, when and where was such return last filed?                       
-----  
-----

56. What was your average annual income during the past 5 years from the business described above?  
                      
-----

57. (a) Do you have any other business connections?                       
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, explain fully                       
-----  
-----  
-----

58. (a) Do you have any other source of income?   No    
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, explain fully                       
-----  
-----  
-----

59. (a) Do you have any bank accounts or safe-deposit boxes in the United States?   No    
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state with respect to each such bank account, the name and address of the bank, the type of account (savings, checking, etc.), and the name in which such account is carried and with respect to each such safe-deposit box the name and address of the bank and the name in which such safe-deposit box is rented   No    
-----  
-----  
-----

60. (a) Do you have any bank accounts or safe-deposit boxes in any foreign country?   No    
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state with respect to each such bank account, the name and address of the bank, the type of account (savings, checking, etc.), and the name in which such account is carried, and with respect to each such safe-deposit box, the name and address of the bank and the name in which the safe-deposit box is rented                       
-----  
-----  
-----

61. (a) Have you recently made any withdrawals from any of the said accounts or safe-deposit boxes?

No  
(Yes or no)

(b) Have you recently authorized any other person to withdraw funds from any of the said accounts or safe-deposit boxes? No  
(Yes or no)

(c) If so, state the names and addresses of such person or persons:

-----  
-----  
-----

(d) Is any of the said persons an alien or naturalized citizen of the United States? -----  
(Yes or no)

(e) If an alien, state the country to which he or she is subject -----

-----

(f) If naturalized, state when and where -----

-----

(g) State the amounts of the funds withdrawn -----

-----

(h) What was the purpose of such withdrawals? -----

-----

-----

(i) Were such funds applied to the purposes for which drawn? -----  
(Yes or no)

(j) If not, state the purpose for which used -----

-----

(k) State the names of the banks and indicate the accounts or safe-deposit boxes from which such withdrawals were made -----

-----

-----

-----

(l) State the names and addresses of the persons, organizations, or other groups to which such funds were paid -----  
-----  
-----  
-----

62. (a) Do you own any stocks, bonds, or other securities? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, list the stocks, bonds, or other securities so owned -----  
-----  
-----  
-----

63. (a) Do you hold or own any mortgages, mortgage certificates, or other obligations? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, give full particulars -----  
-----  
-----  
-----

64. (a) Do you hold any promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names, addresses, and United States citizenship status of the makers of such notes or evidences of indebtedness and state fully the duties, amounts, and due dates of such notes and the circumstances under which such notes were acquired by you -----  
-----  
-----  
-----  
-----

65. (a) Do you own or have any interest in any property in the United States? No If so, specify all such property in the following table: (Yes or no)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	PLACE WHERE LOCATED	APPROXIMATE VALUE OF YOUR INTEREST
Furniture and personal effects in your home.....	.....	
Automobile bought by you in 19.....	.....	
Real estate.....	.....	(Fair market value)
Insurance.....	.....	(Cash surrender value)
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	

(b) Do you own or have any interest in any property abroad? No If so, specify all such property in the following table: (Yes or no)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	PLACE WHERE LOCATED	APPROXIMATE VALUE OF YOUR INTEREST
Furniture and personal effects in your home.....	.....	
Automobile bought by you in 19.....	.....	
Real estate.....	.....	(Fair market value)
Insurance.....	.....	(Cash surrender value)
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	
.....	.....	

CITIZENSHIP STATUS

- 66. (a) Have you filed a "Declaration of Intention" to become a citizen of the United States? No  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, state when and where -----
- 67. (a) Have you filed a petition for naturalization? No  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, when and where? -----
- 68. (a) Have you ever been refused or denied naturalization? No  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, explain fully -----
- 69. How long have you lived continuously in the United States? 34 years
- 70. If you have never applied for naturalization, state the reasons why Japanese

MARITAL STATUS

- 71. Indicate by (X) whether you are—  
Single \_\_\_\_\_; married \_\_\_\_\_; widowed X; separated \_\_\_\_\_; divorced \_\_\_\_\_; remarried \_\_\_\_\_
- 72. If married, give the following information about your first wife (husband):
  - (a) What was your wife's full maiden name? Miyoko Takehana
  - (b) What is or was your first wife's (husband's) nationality? Japan, died 1937
  - (c) When and where was your wife (husband) born? Japan
  - (d) If your wife (husband) was an alien, when and where did she (he) enter the United States?  
July 14, 1917, Seattle, Washington
  - (e) Was she (he) naturalized, and if so when and where? No
- 73. If your wife (husband) was previously married, give name, nationality, occupation, and country of residence of her (his) former husband (wife) -----
- 74. If your present wife (husband) is employed, state by whom, the business address of the employer, the nature of the employment, and salary received -----

77. State your father's full name and, if living, his present or last-known address \_\_\_\_\_

Takesaburo Takisaki

78. Where and when was your father born? \_\_\_\_\_

Japan, about 1863

79. Of what country is or was your father at any time a citizen or subject? \_\_\_\_\_

Japan

80. If your father is or was a naturalized citizen of the United States, state when and where he was so naturalized \_\_\_\_\_

Was never in U. S.

81. If your father is now living in the United States, state when and where he entered this country \_\_\_\_\_

-----

82. If your father has visited the United States, state the date and port of entry as to each such visit \_\_\_\_\_

Never visited U. S.

83. If your father is employed, state the name and address of his employer, the nature of the employment and salary received \_\_\_\_\_

Died about 1917

84. State your mother's full maiden name, and if living, her present or last known address \_\_\_\_\_

Sato Nakasawa

85. Where and when was your mother born? \_\_\_\_\_

About 1850, Uyeda, Japan

86. Of what countries is or was your mother at any time a citizen or subject? \_\_\_\_\_

Japan

87. If your mother is now living in the United States, state when and where she entered this country \_\_\_\_\_

Never was in U. S.

88. If your mother has visited the United States, state the date and port of entry of each such visit \_\_\_\_\_

-----

89. List on the table below the facts requested as to all your other immediate relatives (brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, or first cousins) presently in the United States.

NAME (a)	ADDRESS (b)	RELATIONSHIP (c)	NATIONALITY AT BIRTH (d)	OCCUPATION (e)	EMPLOYER (f)	ADDRESS (g)	ENTRIES INTO Place
None - - - - -							





OTHER ACTIVITIES

91. (a) Have you registered as an agent of your foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the date of such registration and the name of your foreign principal -----  
 -----

92. (a) Have you ever reported to or registered with the consular representative of any foreign country for military, naval, or other governmental service? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state when and where you so registered, the name of the country, and the result of such registration -----  
 -----

93. (a) Were any of your visits to the United States in any way connected with or caused by the military, naval, or other governmental service of any foreign country or because of any position held by you in such foreign service? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, explain fully -----  
 -----

94. (a) Have you ever been a member of or in any way directly or indirectly connected with the military, naval, or other armed forces of any foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the name of the Government, the branch of the service in which you served, your rank, the dates of your enlistment and discharge, and the nature of your discharge:

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	BRANCH OF SERVICE AND RANK	ENLISTED		DISCHARGED		NATURE OF DISCHARGE
		Month	Year	Month	Year	
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

95. (a) Are you a reserve officer or reserve member of the military, naval, or armed forces of any foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the name of the country in which you are a reserve officer, the branch of the service, and your rank -----

(c) Have you received any notice, directly or indirectly, that you would be called into the active service of such foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

96. (a) Have any of your relatives served in the military, naval, or armed forces of any foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of such relatives and their relationship to you, and the country served, the branch of their service, the dates of their enlistments and discharges, and the nature of their discharges -----

97. (a) Are any of your relatives reserve officers or reserve members of the military, naval, or armed forces of any foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of such relatives, their relationship to you, the country served, the branch of the service, their rank -----

(c) Have any of your relatives, to your knowledge, received any notice, directly or indirectly, that they would be called to the active service of such foreign country? No  
 (Yes or no)

98. (a) Have you ever held, or do you now hold a position in the employ or service of a foreign government? No  
 (Yes or no)

If so, give below the name of the government, the nature of the position, and the period of such employment or service.

NAME OF GOVERNMENT	NATURE OF POSITION	FROM—	To—
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----

(b) Was your last entrance into the United States in any way caused by or connected with any such governmental position? No If so, explain fully -----  
 (Yes or no)

99. Have any of your relatives (including wives, husbands, parents, brothers, sisters, or children) ever held, or do they now hold any position in the employ or service of a foreign government? No  
 (Yes or no)

If so, give the names of such relatives and their relationship to you, the name of the government, the nature of the position, and the period of such employment or service.

NAME OF RELATIVE	RELATIONSHIP	POSITION	GOVERNMENT	FROM--	TO--
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

100. (a) Have you ever assisted any alien entering the United States? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, state full particulars -----  
 -----  
 -----

101. State the names and addresses of all organizations of which you are now or within the past 5 years have been a member, and explain fully your participation in the activities of such organizations. Also state the names and addresses of its officers, times and places of meeting, and total membership.

St. Francis Xaviour of St. Vincent Du Paul Society, Vice President--total  
members about 12. P. Chiyo, President; A. Yamanouchi, Treasurer--meeting  
every Sunday at Maryknoll Mission, 17th and E. Jefferson

102. (a) Does such organization engage in military or naval drills or similar activity, or own or use fire-arms or other implements of war? No  
 (Yes or no)

(b) If so, explain fully -----  
 -----

103. (a) How long have you been a member of such organizations? 10 years
- (b) Are you an officer of such organizations and if so, state the offices held Vice President
- (c) What are your duties as such officer? To help the president

104. (a) Does the organization maintain records? Yes  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, in whose custody are such records kept?  
Father Tibesar, 17th and E. Jefferson Street  
(Name) (Address)

105. (a) What are the dues of the organization? No dues
- (b) Does the organization make any assessments or collection funds other than dues? Yes  
(Yes or no)
- (c) To what purpose are funds collected by the organization applied?  
Charity work
- (d) Does the organization send funds abroad? No  
(Yes or no)
- (e) If so, explain fully to whom such funds are sent and the methods of transmittal employed  
-----

106. (a) Is the organization affiliated with any foreign organization? No  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, state the name of such foreign organization and give full particulars concerning its purposes, offices, and organizational set-up -----

- (c) Is such foreign organization affiliated with any foreign government? No  
(Yes or no)

107. (a) Do you read any foreign language newspaper? Yes  
(Yes or no)
- (b) If so, state the name of such paper and where you usually procure it  
Great Northern Daily News, at home

108. State the names of all organizations of which the members of your family are members, giving the names and addresses of such organizations, the names and addresses of the officers of such organizations, their purposes, and the manner and extent of the participation of your family in the activities of such organizations None except student body of their schools

109. (a) Have you ever belonged to any organization, the purpose of which, or one of the purposes, has been the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence? No  
(Yes or no)

(b) If so, state what organizations -----  
-----

110. Have you ever engaged in preparing or distributing foreign propaganda of any kind? No  
(Yes or no)

111. Why did you come to the United States? To study English  
-----

*Tanotsu Takisaki*  
/s/ Tanotsu Takisaki  
(Signature of alien enemy)

Sworn to before me this 27  
~~21st~~ day of January, 1942.

16-25713-1



~~/s/ Arthur Skelton~~ *Arthur Skelton*  
~~Arthur Skelton~~  
~~Immigrant Inspector~~ *notary Public*

DECLASSIFIED  
NND 978084  
AUTHORITY  
BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

(You may use both sides of this sheet to continue your answers to any questions which you do not have room to answer on the form itself. Be sure to state the number of each question you are answering.)

DECLASSIFIED  
WMB 978084  
AUTHORITY  
BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

(You may use both sides of this sheet to continue your answers to any questions which you do not have room to answer on the form itself. Be sure to state the number of each question you are answering.)

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"THE ATTORNEY GENERAL"  
AND REFER TO  
INITIALS AND NUMBER

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

JW:mjp

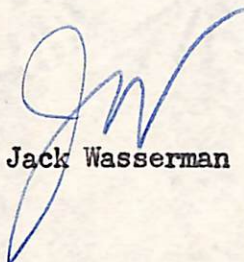
146-13-2-82-51

June 3, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Re: Tomatsu Takisake

The above named subject is a  
diabetic and his case should be ex-  
pedited when received.

  
Jack Wasserman

Docketed MNC  
6-4

FILED  
BY RM  
ON JUN 8 1942

146-13-2-82-51

FOR DEFENSE



BUY  
UNITED  
STATES  
SAVINGS  
BONDS  
AND STAMPS

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

FILE NO. **100-5670**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/7/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/21;3/26/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. F. TREMAYNE</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED</b> <b>TAMOTSU TAKISAKE, with alias</b> <b>Tamotsu Takisaki</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J</b> <b>ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject a Japanese alien was arrested at Seattle, Washington on January 21, 1942 and placed in custody of Immigration Service, Seattle, Washington pursuant to a Presidential warrant issued for his arrest as a dangerous alien enemy. Subject was born in 1882 in Japan and first entered the United States in 1908. He has served as an instructor in Japanese kendo or fencing for Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and is a member of that organization, mere membership in which warrants the internment of a Japanese alien in the absence of special countervailing factors, according to instructions received from the Attorney General.

FILED  
 BY [initials]  
 On **MAY 11 1942**

- P -

**Reference:**

Teletype from the Seattle Field Division to the Bureau dated 12/16/41.

Report of Special Agent JAMES P. O'CONNOR, Seattle, Washington, dated 11/22/41.

**Details:**

The title in this case has been changed to add the spelling of subject's last name as TAKISAKI to the previously reported spelling of TAKISAKE.

*File  
 Cooke*

Docketed MNG  
 5-8

MAY 7 '42 AM

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
<p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 Bureau</li> <li>2 USA, Seattle</li> <li>1 USI&amp;NS, Seattle</li> <li>1 ONI, Seattle</li> <li>1 G-2, Seattle</li> </ul> <p>3 Seattle</p>		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">146-13-2-82-51</p> <p style="color: blue;">DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</p> <p style="color: blue;">MAY 7 1942</p> <p style="color: blue;">DIVISION OF RECORDS</p> <p style="color: blue;">ALIEN ENEMY UNIT</p> </div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 10px; right: 10px; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">EIVE</div> <div style="position: absolute; top: 10px; right: 10px; color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.5em;">ENEMY CONTROL</div>

On January 21, 1942, Special Agents JAMES T. DUGGAN and HAMILTON C. DOWELL took into custody under an Executive Warrant TOMATSU TAKISAKI, 320-12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, and with his signed permission to conduct a search of his premises and retain any letters, papers or materials being essential to this case, the following were obtained:

3 letters written in Japanese directed to Mr. TAKISAKI from Japan

1 picture of a Japanese officer in uniform claimed by TAKISAKI to be his wife's nephew

TAKISAKI stated that he was born September 5, 1882 in Japan and that he has two brothers and one sister living in Japan and first came to this country in 1908. He returned to Japan about 1916 for a period of 18 months and then returned to the United States.

In 1936 he made a visit to Japan which lasted for about 4 weeks. TAKISAKI stated that his wife is dead and that he has 7 children ranging in age from 10 to 24 years; that the names of his children are as follows, in order of their age from the oldest to the youngest:

- MARY - Miyoko
- TERESA - Yukiko
- JAMES - Taro
- RAYMOND - Jiro
- EMELDA - Hanako
- GRACE - Kazuko
- AGNES - Yuriko.

TAKISAKI advised that his son JAMES, who is a senior in high school in Seattle had been able to arrange attending school half of each day and care for the grocery business the other half and that as a result of his internment JAMES would probably be forced to leave school.

The following information concerning subject's pro-Japanese activities is contained in the files of the Seattle Field Division:

Confidential Informant SE-201 on July 28, 1941, advised that Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, Japanese kendo or fencing club, employed as an instructor TAMOTSU TAKISAKE. The "North American Times", a Japanese language newspaper published at Seattle, Washington, in its April 21, 1941 issue, reported that an outdoor tournament was to be held on April 27, 1941 by Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and that TAMOTSU TAKISAKE would act as umpire for this event. The news article also stated that YUKI SATO, Seattle Japanese Consul and president of the Seattle Chapter of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, would give a lecture at the tournament and that CHUSABURO ITO and SHINJIRO MORITA would also speak.

Confidential Informant SE-249 advised that the subject was, in his opinion, pro-Japanese in his sympathies and that, as a matter of fact, it would be almost impossible for the subject to be other than loyal to the Japanese emperor in view of his long activity and leadership in kendo which emphasizes the importance of the Japanese race and which is a Japanese Government sponsored activity. Concerning the activities of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, Confidential Informant SE-233 has advised that kendo play follows an extremely fanatical and nationalistic ritual based upon ancient Japanese history, drawing on the code of the Samurai, the ancient warrior class of Japan. The code of the Samurai was that those warriors owed blind loyalty to their leaders and it also subscribed to the theory that the Japanese emperor is divine and that all people of the Japanese race have some degree of divinity. It should be further noted that the Attorney General has instructed that mere membership in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai is sufficient grounds for internment of a Japanese alien in the absence of special countervailing factors because of the fact that the organization is subject to the control of the Japanese Government and is of a subversive character. The Seattle Dai Nippon Butoku Kai was originally organized by Japanese Consul OKAMOTO when he was stationed at Seattle, and all succeeding consuls have been ex officio president of the organization, due to the fact that the organization is sponsored by and integrated in an international organization of kendo clubs directed by the Japanese Government.

- P E N D I N G -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
January 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARD J. ENNIS  
DIRECTOR, ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

RE: TAMOTSU TAKISAKE

For your information the above captioned subject, a Japanese alien, was apprehended by the Seattle Field Division of this Bureau on January 20, 1942, upon the authority of a Presidential warrant and is presently in the custody of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at Seattle.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

FILED  
BY V.S.  
On FEB 13 1942

"Deskoted"

146-13-2-82-51  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEB 3 1942 A.M.  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

RECORDED

C.B.P.

*Filby J. of Br.*



C-35

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Office of District Director  
Spokane 8, Washington

1000-2697

AR 4940785

REPORT OF ALIEN ENEMY

C.O. 39/3304

Name TAKISAKI Tamotsu Sebastian Japanese  
(last) (first) (middle) (Nationality)  
Alias \_\_\_\_\_ (Sex) Male  
Birth place Nyeda, Nagans, Japan Date 9/5/82  
Occupation Grocer Same  
(Time of apprehension) (on 12-6-41)  
Address 320 - 12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington  
(Time of apprehension)  
Same  
(on 12-6-41)\*

Next of kin 2 brothers and 1 sister  
(Relationship) (Name)

FILED  
PK  
DEC 7 1945

Addresses unknown in Japan

Apprehended F. B. I. Seattle, Washington 1/20/42  
(Agency) (Place) (Date)

Received by INS Seattle, Washington 1/20/42  
(Place) (Date)

\*(Fill in for Japanese only)

Status Location

Previous Parolee Previous 1115 West 4th, Spokane, Washington  
Alien enemy proceedings  
Present terminated Present 1115 West 4th, Spokane, Washington

Effective date of change November 15, 1945

Remarks: Not deportable.

Subject has two sons and five daughters all citizens of the United States.

November 28, 1945

(Date of report)

F. S. NOONEY

*F. S. Nooney*

Docketed DM  
File DM

- Prisoner of War Information Bureau, OPMG, WD.  File
- Special War Problems Div., State Dept.  U. S. Attorney, Spokane, Wash.
- Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit  F. B. I., Seattle, Wash.
- Chief, Inform. Serv. & Files Sec., C.O.
- Assistant Commissioner for Alien Control, C.O.  Navy Intelligence, Seattle, Wash.

146-28-9-82-51

FILE ADD

R E C O N S I D E R A T I O N

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF OF THE REVIEW SECTION

October 1, 1945

D.J. File No. 146-13-2-82-51  
Western District of Washington

S. L. I

TOMATSU TAKISAKI

PREVIOUS ACTION: Parole

PENDING: Parole reports, several recommending continued parole; the latest recommending release.

RECOMMENDATION OF REVIEWER: Release

CHARGE: Suspicion of pro-Japanese sympathy and activity

EVIDENCE: Subject was born in Japan in 1882. He had 15 years grade and foreign language school in Japan; speaks Japanese and English. He entered the United States in 1907; made return trips in 1917 and 1937. He has been employed as a grocer and farmer; earnings not stated. He does not list the value of any property. His wife is deceased; has 7 children, all born in the United States. His father is deceased; mother listed as living in Japan. He was a member of St. Francis Xaviour of St. Vincent Du Paul Society, being vice-president. He read the Great Northern Daily News.

NOV 13 '45 PM

RECEIVED 16 1945  
ALIEN CONTROL UNIT  
FILED  
A M

FBI report dated Seattle, April 7, 1942, notes that subject served as an instructor in Japanese Kendo or fencing for Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and that he was a member of that organization, the report noting that mere membership in that organization warranted internment, in the absence of countervailing factors. On search of his premises agents found three letters in Japanese; picture of a Japanese officer, which he said was his wife's nephew. CI SE-429 said that subject in his opinion was pro-Japanese in his sympathies and as a matter of fact it would be almost impossible for subject to be other than loyal to the Japanese Emperor in view of his long activities and leadership in Kendo, which emphasized the importance of the Japanese race and which is a Japanese Government sponsored organization. This informant said that Kendo followed a fanatical, nationalistic ritual based on ancient Japanese history - the code of the Samurai, whose members were blindly loyal to their leaders and believe the Japanese Emperor is divine.

The Board recommended parole. The United States Attorney recommended internment. The Board mentioned his age - 60; that his return trips were to visit; that his children do not have dual citizenship;

Docketed DM

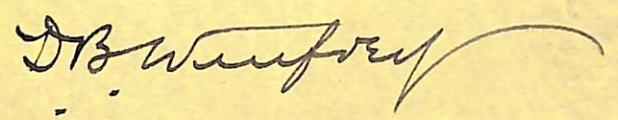
that he was a member of the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Maryknoll Catholic Church and that he admitted four contributions to Japanese agencies. The summary notes he was reported as a member of the Butoki Kai but subject denied membership, admitting he had been a paid instructor in Japanese fencing for four years; said he was suffering from a disease which prevented active fencing. The subject made a good impression on the Board, expressing a fervent desire for peace; deplored the unfair action of Japanese at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Dennis comments that subject did not know how he felt about the war - did not want Japan to lose; that he was at the Japanese Consul's house for a New Year's party and was active in the Butoku Kai as a teacher; that he contributed to Japanese war relief.

Parole reports have been transmitted under date of March 9, 1943, November 4, 1943, May 20, 1944, October, 1944, March 15, 1945, and August 22, 1945. These reports note that subject is afflicted with diabetes which renders him unable to do physical work, the family being supported by subject's son and daughter. It also notes check with a former employer and supervisor, as well as sponsor and numerous other persons. None of the persons interviewed had derogatory reports. It is noted that subject in October 1944, was employed by a music company, repairing pianos and his employer commended him. With the exception of the last report, continued parole is recommended, the last report recommending release.

CONCLUSION: The reviewer concurs in the last recommendation of the I. & N. Service that subject be released. He is past 60 years old; is not capable of much physical activity; has been in the United States since 1907 and has 7 American born children. The only evidence of pro-Japanese sympathy is that he was reported as a member of the Butoku Kai and taught Kendo - Japanese fencing - and that he was rather non-committal at the hearing as to which country he wanted to see win the war. His length of residence in this country; several American born children, age and condition, as well as the fact that hostilities have ceased with Japan, appear to warrant his release.

DEW:ei



RECONSIDERATION

MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF OF THE REVIEW SECTION

October 1, 1945

D.J. File No. 146-13-2-82-51  
Western District of Washington

TOMATSU TAKISAKI

PREVIOUS ACTION: Parole

PENDING: Parole reports, several recommending continued parole; the latest recommending release.

RECOMMENDATION OF REVIEWER: Release

CHARGE: Suspicion of pro-Japanese sympathy and activity

EVIDENCE: Subject was born in Japan in 1882. He had 15 years grade and foreign language school in Japan; speaks Japanese and English. He entered the United States in 1907; made return trips in 1917 and 1937. He has been employed as a grocer and farmer; earnings not stated. He does not list the value of any property. His wife is deceased; has 7 children, all born in the United States. His father is deceased; mother listed as living in Japan. He was a member of St. Francis Xaviour of St. Vincent Du Paul Society, being vice-president. He read the Great Northern Daily News.

FBI report dated Seattle, April 7, 1942, notes that subject served as an instructor in Japanese Kendo or fencing for Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and that he was a member of that organization, the report noting that mere membership in that organization warranted internment, in the absence of countervailing factors. On search of his premises agents found three letters in Japanese; picture of a Japanese officer, which he said was his wife's nephew. CI SE-429 said that subject in his opinion was pro-Japanese in his sympathies and as a matter of fact it would be almost impossible for subject to be other than loyal to the Japanese Emperor in view of his long activities and leadership in Kendo, which emphasized the importance of the Japanese race and which is a Japanese Government sponsored organization. This informant said that Kendo followed a fanatical, nationalistic ritual based on ancient Japanese history - the code of the Samurai, whose members were blindly loyal to their leaders and believe the Japanese Emperor is divine.

The Board recommended parole. The United States Attorney recommended internment. The Board mentioned his age - 60; that his return trips were to visit; that his children do not have dual citizenship;

that he was a member of the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Maryknoll Catholic Church and that he admitted four contributions to Japanese agencies. The summary notes he was reported as a member of the Butoki Kai but subject denied membership, admitting he had been a paid instructor in Japanese fencing for four years; said he was suffering from a disease which prevented active fencing. The subject made a good impression on the Board, expressing a fervent desire for peace; deplored the unfair action of Japanese at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Dennis comments that subject did not know how he felt about the war - did not want Japan to lose; that he was at the Japanese Consul's house for a New Year's party and was active in the Butoku Kai as a teacher; that he contributed to Japanese war relief.

Parole reports have been transmitted under date of March 9, 1943, November 4, 1943, May 20, 1944, October, 1944, March 15, 1945, and August 22, 1945. These reports note that subject is afflicted with diabetes which renders him unable to do physical work, the family being supported by subject's son and daughter. It also notes check with a former employer and supervisor, as well as sponsor and numerous other persons. None of the persons interviewed had derogatory reports. It is noted that subject in October 1944, was employed by a music company, repairing pianos and his employer commended him. With the exception of the last report, continued parole is recommended, the last report recommending release.

**CONCLUSION:** The reviewer concurs in the last recommendation of the I. & N. Service that subject be released. He is past 60 years old; is not capable of much physical activity; has been in the United States since 1907 and has 7 American born children. The only evidence of pro-Japanese sympathy is that he was reported as a member of the Butoku Kai and taught Kendo - Japanese fencing - and that he was rather non-committal at the hearing as to which country he wanted to see win the war. His length of residence in this country; several American born children, age and condition, as well as the fact that hostilities have ceased with Japan, appear to warrant his release.

DEW:ei

FILE 180

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
39/3304

TO : Mr. Edward J. Ennis, Director  
Alien Enemy control Unit, Washington, D. C.  
DATE: September 17, 1945

FROM : N. D. Collaer, Acting Assistant Commissioner  
For Alien Control, Central Office

SUBJECT: TOMATSU TAKISAKI, D. J. File: 146-13-2-82-51

*with  
Parle 8.6-42*

Attention: Mr. A. B. DuBois

There are transmitted herewith copies of reports of investigations dated March 9, November 4, 1943; May 20, October 14, 1944; March 15, and August 22, 1945, relating to the conduct and activities of the above-named parolee.

This transmittal is for your information and any action you may deem appropriate.

*N. D. Collaer*

RECORDED

*file  
12-9*

Enclosures

146-13-2-82-51  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SEP 18 1945  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

Docketed **IM**

RECEIVED UNIT

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Spokane, Washington

March 9, 1943

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI  
D.J. File No. 146-13-2-82-51  
C.O. File No. 39/3304  
Spokane file No. 9075/1-293  
Date parole ordered: 8/6/42  
Date Parole effected: 8/31/42

Report of investigation in the case of TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, alien enemy parolee, 1115 West 4th Avenue, Spokane, Washington, conducted in accordance with Central Office letter of January 6, 1943, file No. 39/100.

Supplementing sponsor's and parolee's reports in this case, several residents in Spokane, Washington, having knowledge of the subject's conduct, attitude and activities during the period of his parole have been contacted, and their comments relative thereto are below-outlined.

On February 8, 1943, Mrs. KATHERINE CLAUSEN, West 1707 Pacific Avenue, the parolee's sponsor, was interviewed at her home. She advised that the subject had been quite conscientious in reporting to her regularly and that in addition to her contacts with him on those occasions she had been at the Takisaki home at various times. She stated that efforts had been made on her part to secure employment for the subject but that due to his professed inability to perform physical labor she had so far been unsuccessful. In addition, she stated that she had assisted in securing the release of the subject's son James (Taro) from the Minidoka War Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, and that she has frequently contacted all members of the Takisaki family residing in Spokane in connection with her church activities. Mrs. Clausen expressed her faith in the subject's trustworthiness and expressed the opinion that he had no subversive tendencies.

On the same date Deputy Sheriff EMIL VECCHIO of the Spokane County Sheriff's office stated that there had been no reports whatsoever relative to the subject parolee referred to that office.

On February 13, 1943, Officer August H. BETTINGER of the Spokane City Detective Division advised that no reports relative to the subject had been received in that office.

On February 17, 1943, Mrs. KIYO YUASA, 1101 West 4th Avenue was interviewed relative to her knowledge and contacts with the subject. Inasmuch as Mrs. Yuasa was unable to speak and readily understand the English language, her son MITSU acted as interpreter. Mrs. Yuasa is a native and citizen of Japan, Alien Registration No. 3794517, apparently a lawful resident of the United States. She advised that her son George married Miyoka Takisaki on December 23, 1942. She stated that her son George had been acquainted with the Takisaki family in Seattle, Washington, prior to their moving to Spokane but that she had not become acquainted with the subject until following his release on parole he had called at her home to thank her for the assistance which she had given to his minor children during the period of his detention. She stated the subject had been in her home approximately once a week since the time of his release

MAR 13 1943

but that to her knowledge and belief he had very few other acquaintances and contacts in Spokane. She expressed the opinion that Mr. Takisaki was a responsible and trustworthy person. Mitsu Yuasa advised that the subject parolee had been quite active in soliciting the younger Japanese boys who called at his home, visiting the Takisaki children, to attend the Catholic Church.

COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER

The subject has resided at 1115 West 4th Avenue, Spokane, Washington, since the date of his release on parole, in a house rented by him from a local real estate agency. At the present time there are no residents in this house other than the subject and the younger members of his immediate family. However, Shuzo Fujimura, alias John S. Fujimura, roomed with the subject at that address from November 16, 1942, until about March first of this year. Mr. Fujimura is the subject of Spokane File No. 9075/1-419, Alien Registration No. 2681374, and is apparently a lawful resident herein, who formerly resided at 403 10th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington, and evacuated from the Pacific Coast to Spokane in March, 1942, pursuant to a blanket evacuation order by the War Department. No evidence of any subversive or unAmerican activities on the part of Mr. Fujimura have been called to the attention of this office, and his present employer, Mr. James Ray, proprietor of the James Ray Garage has recommended him to me very highly, advising that the Union Oil Company had recommended Mr. Fujimura to him in the first instance. Mr. Fujimura has advised that he was acquainted with the subject parolee in Seattle, Washington, and had roomed with him here in order to assist the Takisaki family financially through the room rent which he paid. There is no reason to believe otherwise.

The subject parolee has not been employed since his release from detention, and claims that his being afflicted with diabetes renders him unable to do physical tasks. The family apparently exists on the money earned by the son Jiro, who is employed at a local cleaning establishment, and his daughter Hanako, who is employed at the Okawa Hand Laundry. The subject recently made application to the United States Attorney for a permit to travel to the Minidoka War Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, for the purpose of visiting his older daughter, who is a resident of such camp. He has advised that if a permit were issued he would not remain in that camp over three or four days before returning to Spokane and that the reason for such visit is purely of a social nature. To date the travel permit requested has not been issued.

From all available information the subject has confined himself almost exclusively to his home with the exception of regular church attendance and infrequent attendance at local theaters. Therefore, persons having knowledge of his conduct and activities are limited. The subject's sponsor, Mrs. Katherine Clausen, has shown personal interest in his welfare and has kept herself well informed as to his activities. Her monthly reports have been very satisfactory.

MAR 13 1943

The subject has appeared at this office in person to make his regular reports, and during interviews at such times he has responded in an open, frank manner and appears to be well adjusted to his present circumstances. He has expressed a desire to open a small antique shop here in Spokane.

In response to our letter to the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation they advise that no pertinent data concerning this subject is contained in the files of that Bureau that has not been previously furnished.

In view of my investigation and the entire record in this case I recommend that parole be continued.

  
Byron G. Johnson  
Chief District Parole Officer

MAR 1954 

November 4, 1943

In the case of TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, Japanese Parolee  
C.O. File No. 39/3304  
Spokane File No. 9075/1-293  
D.J. File No. 146-13-2-82-51  
Parole Period: February to October, 1943.

In accordance with Central Office letter of January 6, 1943, file No. 39/100, investigation was conducted in this case, relative to his conduct, attitude and activities during the above-mentioned period of parole. Such investigation supplements Sponsor's and Parolee's reports, and investigation conducted in February, 1943, by an officer of this Service.

Statements and opinions of persons interviewed are outlined below.

Mrs. KATHERINE CLAUSEN, West 1707 Pacific Avenue, Spokane, Washington, advised on October 22, 1943 that the subject had been reporting regularly to her, and in addition to these contacts, she saw him nearly every Sunday as the parolee regularly attended the same church as she. She stated that in her opinion, Takisaki at all times abided by the terms of his parole and with other regulations governing the conduct of aliens of enemy nationality and that he never seemed to do any traveling, always remaining at home with his family. Mrs. Clausen said she often visited the Takisaki home in connection with her sponsorship of the subject and church activities and had never been given reason to be suspicious of him or to doubt the advisability of parole in his case.

Mrs. Clausen seemingly takes a great deal of interest in the subject parolee's case, advising him, making efforts to secure work for him and otherwise assisting him in establishing a new home. In my opinion, she would, without a doubt, report any violation of parole or other regulations on the part of the parolee to this Service.

On the same date, RALPH SMITH, Criminal Deputy at the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, advised that no reports concerning the subject parolee had been received in his office.

Mr. RALPH BUCKLEY, Spokane County Identification Officer also advised that there was no record relative to the subject parolee in the files of the Identification Bureau.

City Police Identification Officer GEORGE BERG advised on the same date that his Bureau had no record relative to Mr. Takisaki.

On October 29, 1943, Mr. ROY GOODMAN, owner of the Goodman Piano Company, West 909 Riverside Avenue, of this city, stated he had heard nothing but the best regarding the subject; that Takisaki had been employed by him for approximately six months and during that time had performed very satisfactory work; that nothing had ever come to his attention, causing him to be suspicious of the parolee or to think that he was acting as other than loyal to the United States. Mr. Goodman

said that the parolee never seemed to associate with any one any more than necessary and seemingly had not made any friends in Spokane. He further advised that as he had seen the parolee at least twice a day except Sunday, since employing him, he had become quite well acquainted with him; therefore, he would recommend that Takisaki be allowed to remain on parole, thereby being of more benefit to the United States than he would be if interned.

On the same date Mr. ALFRED CROWSTON, employee at the Roy Goodman Piano Shop, under whose supervision the parolee works, advised that since coming to work with him, Takisaki had given no indication of disloyalty to the United States nor had he been given cause to be suspicious of the subject in any way. Mr. Crowston further said that Takisaki resided only a short distance from his place of employment and never seemed to have any outside activity or interests other than his work and family. He said that he and the parolee frequently discussed the war situation and due to these discussions, he was of the opinion that Takisaki was in favor of the United States winning the present war. He advised that insofar as he knew, and inasmuch as the parolee's attitude indicated loyalty to the United States, he was of the opinion that the subject should be allowed to remain on parole.

None of the persons listed above are in any way related to the subject parolee.

COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER

The subject parolee resides at 1115 West Fourth Avenue, Spokane, Washington, and is employed at the Goodman Piano Repair Shop. He is apparently satisfied with his place of employment and reconciled to his present position. Mr. Takisaki is not in the best of health and the light work he is doing at his present place of employment is apparently much to his liking.

The parolee reports regularly in person to this office and upon interview at such times, seems to be fairly well satisfied and at no time has given any indication of having violated any of the terms of his parole or being subversive in any manner.

Mrs. Clausen, the subject's sponsor, conscientiously submits the required reports in this case and as she has quite an interest in his welfare, it is obvious that she is a suitable sponsor for the subject.

The subject parolee's outside activities are apparently very limited; therefore it is not possible to contact many persons having personal knowledge of his conduct and activities. However, inasmuch as he resides in Spokane and is frequently in contact with officers of this Service, it is thought that any suspicious act or violation of the parole would have come to the attention of this Service, either through such contacts, his sponsor or other local law enforcement agencies. It is therefore thought that he is complying with the terms of his parole and with the regulations governing the conduct of aliens of enemy nationalities.

In view of this investigation and the entire record in this case, I recommend that the subject parolee be allowed to remain on parole with no change in the conditions and terms thereof.

jhg;ma

*John H. Gregory*  
John H. Gregory  
District Parole Officer

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Spokane File No. 9075/1-293  
Central Office No. 39/3304

Spokane 8, Washington  
May 20, 1944

District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Spokane, Washington

Re: TAKOTSU YAKISAKI, Japanese Alien,  
who was paroled on August 6, 1942

Report of investigation in the case of the above-named alien  
enemy parolee made at Spokane, Washington on May 17, 18 & 19 1944

SYNOPSIS AND COMMENT

Subject has resided at West 1115 Fourth Avenue with his family of six children since released to Spokane on parole. He appears to not have many close acquaintances although he does attend church regularly at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church which is located at West 1115 Riverside. He is well accepted in the neighborhood and apparently has not been molested in any way nor has he been the object of any unfavorable comments insofar as is known. It was the opinion of all persons interviewed that his conduct had been satisfactory and nothing of an adverse nature was developed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the subject be allowed to continue his parole under the same conditions as before.

EMPLOYMENT AND ADDRESS OF PAROLEE

The subject is employed by Roy Goodman who operates a music store and piano repair business at West 909 Riverside. However, the parolee's place of employment is located at the corner of Fourth and Maple which is the work shop where pianos and furniture are reconditioned.

RESULTS OF CHECKS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

All local law enforcement agencies were contacted and none of them had any record of reports regarding the subject.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Relationship to parolee</u>
Tamotsu Takisaki	W 1115 4th Ave., Spokane	Piano refinisher	Parolee
Mrs. Katherine Clausen	1707 W Pacific, Spokane	Housewife	Sponsor
Roy Goodman	W 909 Riverside, "	Music Agency	None
Alvin Anderson	S 530 Madison, "	Upholsterer	None
Charles Dellugge	S 330 Madison "	Prop. Auto Top Shop	None
Howard T. Ball	S 327 Jefferson "	Funeral Director	None
Mrs. Dodd	S 327 Jefferson "	Funeral Director	None
Pete Atkins	S 324 Madison "	Retired	None
Alfred Crowston	W 3628 Heroy St. "	Piano Repairman	None

INFORMATION OBTAINED

MRS. KATHERINE CLAUSEN, sponsor of the parolee was interviewed on the seventeenth instant at which time she stated that she saw subject almost every Sunday at church in addition to his scheduled reports to her as she and the subject both attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church which is located at West 1115 Riverside. She said that his wife was now deceased but that she thought all his children now reside with him at his home in Spokane. In fact, she knew that two younger daughters were still attending school. Mrs. Clausen did not think the subject had many friends with whom he associated inasmuch as his children and church activities occupied most of his time, also, that his health was not of the best. She said that in her opinion Mr. Takisaki was a dependable and honest man and she had observed nothing in his activities or attitude that would indicate that he was in any way disloyal to the United States or not deserving to be paroled.

ROY GOODMAN, the subject's employer, was interviewed on the eighteenth instant at which time he stated that Mr. Takisaki was a very good workman and seemed quite industrious. In fact he knew of several occasions where he had worked longer than was required of him because he chose to do so. Mr. Goodman said that the better he became acquainted with the subject the more confidence he had in him. He felt that he was not only dependable but in his opinion above suspicion as he had seen nothing that would make him in any way uneasy about his conduct or attitude. Mr. Goodman stated that the present salary paid to the subject was \$35 a week for a 42 hour work week.

MR. ALVIN ANDERSON and CHARLES DELLUGGE were interviewed on May 18 at the Inland Auto Top Shop which is located across the street from the subject's home and both stated that they were acquainted with Mr. Takisaki and had talked with him on various occasions, that although neither one of them regarded the Japanese race with much favor they did think that the subject had conducted himself in a very credible fashion during the time that they had known him. He appeared to be a good worker and his family was very well



Page 2  
District Director  
Spokane 8, Washington

9075/1-293  
May 20, 1944

INFORMATION OBTAINED (Continued)

behaved. They had never seen any activities that would make them uneasy or suspicious in any way.

MR. HOWARD F. BALL and MRS. DODD of the Ball and Dodd Funeral Home were interviewed on the eighteenth instant and they both stated that although they were not well acquainted with the subject they did see him going to and from work and knew that he had several children residing with him. They both said that they had never engaged him in any conversation but that everything about his household appeared to be in order and that he seemed to enjoy a respected position in the neighborhood. It was noted at this time that Mrs. Dodd was particularly opposed to the Japanese race and their residence in the neighborhood so it would seem that had she observed anything unusual she would not have hesitated to mention it.

MR. ALFRED CROWSTON, who supervises the subject's work in the shop at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Maple Street stated when interviewed on the eighteenth instant that his associations with subject had been very satisfactory. He said that he was a particularly good workman and that he was very industrious and seemed well satisfied with the work he was doing. He stated that his personal acquaintance with the parolee over the period of a year had made him feel that he was entirely trustworthy and probably more loyal to this country than he was to Japan. Mr. Crowston stated that he did not base this opinion on any particular statement but rather on the subject's general attitude toward many things that had to do with the war and various conversations they had had. Also, the subject had expressed the opinion that he thought it was extremely unfortunate that the Japanese government had taken some of the steps it had because it would handicap Japanese who were loyal to the United States for many years to come. He said that he had met Mr. Takisaki's son and son-in-law and they seemed to have a good normal outlook and seemed to fit in well with the American way of life. Mr. Crowston added that he felt that it was entirely appropriate that the subject be allowed to continue in his present parole status as he had observed absolutely nothing that would make that decision seem improper.

The subject of this file was interviewed on the nineteenth instant at his place of employment at the corner of Fourth and Maple. He stated that he was well satisfied with his work as he was familiar with this type of work and enjoyed it. Also, he received fair wage and had been treated quite considerably by his employer. The subject has six children living with him, his wife being deceased. His oldest daughter, Mary, is married and she and her husband, Mr. Yuwasa, also reside with the Takisaki family. One son, James, is employed in the used car business. Raymond works for the American Laundry and also a daughter, Emelda, is employed there. He has a daughter, Kayuko, attending Merrycliff Catholic High School in Spokane, and a younger girl, Yuriko, attends Our Lady of Lourdes Grammar School. The subject stated that he felt that he was rather

Page 3  
9075/1-293  
May 20, 1944

INFORMATION OBTAINED (Continued)

fortunate inasmuch as he had been able to secure a place to live where his family could reside with him and also have convenient and satisfactory employment. He added that the neighbors had been very considerate and that he had been subject to no embarrassment of any kind because of his race. Mr. Takisaki did express the desire, if possible, to be released from the terms of his parole but added that if this were not convenient he would not feel badly disappointed.

On interview the nineteenth instant, PETE ATKINS stated that he had seen the subject on numerous occasions and also was acquainted with his two younger girls. Mr. Atkins said that of course he did not know what took place within the Takisaki home but as a whole their conduct seemed to be very commendable and he had observed absolutely nothing that would make a person uneasy or suspicious of their actions. Mr. Atkins added that his wife had talked with the two younger daughters quite frequently and had been very well impressed with their actions and conduct.

Homer T. Dean

HOMER T. DEAN  
Immigrant Inspector

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Spokane File No. 1000-2697  
Central Office No. 39/ 3504

Oct  
1942

District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Spokane, Washington

Re: TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, Japanese AR 4940785 Alien,  
who was paroled on August 6, 1942

Report of investigation in the case of the above-named alien  
enemy parolee made at Spokane, Wash. on Oct. 15, 14 1942.

SYNOPSIS AND COMMENT

Parolee has been a resident of the United States since 1907 and has resided here since except for two trips to Japan. He was apprehended by the Fed. Bureau of Investigation on January 20, 1942 at Seattle, Wash. The subject was detained at Fort Lincoln and received an order of parole from the Attorney General under date of August 6, 1942. He was paroled to Spokane, Wash. and has remained here since that time living with his family and six children at W. 1115 Fourth Ave. He regularly attends Our Lady of Lourdes, Catholic church at W. 1115 Riverside. Nothing was found during this investigation which would tend to indicate that parolee was violating his parole agreement.

RECOMMENDATION

That parole be continued.

EMPLOYMENT AND ADDRESS OF PAROLEE

The subject is employed as a piano refinisher for the Roy Goodman Music Company, located at W. 909 Riverside, Spokane, Wash. Subject works at the repair shop of this company located on Fourth and Maple, Spokane. He resides at 1115 Fourth Ave. Spokane, Wash.

RESULTS OF CHECKS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Local police and county sheriff offices were contacted and nothing was found which would indicate that he has been arrested or that any complaints have been made against him.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Relationship to parolee</u>
Tamotsu Takisaki	1115 W. Fourth Ave.	Piano Refinisher	Parolee
Mrs. Kathryn Clausen	W. 1707 Pacific	House wife	Sponsor
Alvin Anderson	S. 303 Madison	Upholsterer	None
Charles Dellugg	S. 303 Madison	Proprietor of Auto Top Repair	None
Roy Goodman	W. 909 Riverside	Music agency	None

INFORMATION OBTAINED

Parolee was contacted at his place of work on Fourth and Maple street in Spokane and reported that he was getting along fine with his work. He was working alone at the time of his interview and stated that sometimes there is another man who works with him but who spends some of his time at the Music store. Parolee states that he has never had any trouble with people he has come into contact with or worked with or that he has done nothing which would cause anyone to be against him. He states that he is satisfied with his job and likes the work very much.

Mrs. Kathryn Clausen, parolee's sponsor, states that he reports to her regularly and classes him as dependable and honest. She sees him regularly as they both attend the same church, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church located at W. 1115 Riverside. Mrs. Clausen said that she had observed nothing in his activities or attitude that would indicate that he was not living up to his parolee's agreement or that he was dangerous to the best interests of the United States.

Alvin Anderson and Charles Dellugg were both interviewed at the same time and place as they occupy the same shop which is across the street from the subject. They both report that they are aware of the subject and that what they have seen of his home life, they could find nothing to criticize. They state that several Japanese families live in the neighborhood and although they did not like to admit it, the Japanese made good neighbors as they are quiet and mind their own business. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Dellugg could not recall anything that would lead them to be suspicious or doubtful of the activities of the parolee.

Roy Goodman, the parolee's employer, reports that he is very satisfied with his work and that he feels that the parolee has proven himself to be trustworthy, honest and extremely loyal. He said that Mr. Takisaki has tried very hard to be satisfactory and has been more than willing to do his share of the work, working overtime many times and not claiming any overtime pay. Mr. Goodman said that he feels that parolee has proven himself and has done nothing which could be considered dangerous to the interest of the United States.

*William J. Howard*

Immigration and Naturalization  
United States Department of Justice  
Spokane 8, Washington

F. S. Nooney, Acting District Director  
Spokane, Washington  
Ralph R. Shadle, Patrol Inspector  
Spokane, Washington

March 15, 1945  
Spokane File No. 1000-2697  
Central Office No. 39/3304  
AR No. 4940785

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, Japanese Alien who was Paroled on August 31, 1942

The Report of Investigation in the case of the above-named alien enemy parolee was made at Spokane, Washington on March 9, 1945.

SYNOPSIS AND COMMENT

Subsequent to the last report of investigation submitted on October 24, 1944, the subject parolee has continued his employment as a piano refinisher for the Roy Goodman Music Store. This work is performed at the refinishing shop of the above-mentioned store which is located at Fourth Avenue and Maple Street in this city.

Information obtained by interviews and a search of the subject's files reveals that apparently he has performed no travel away from Spokane. He does not visit any people in the city and is abiding by all the regulations governing alien enemies and his Parole Agreement. He is conducting himself in a proper manner, and he has aroused no suspicion in the minds of the people with whom he comes in contact. He produced evidence of his having registered for Selective Service.

The parole reports file in this case reveals that both he and his sponsor are reporting to the District Parole Officer as required by the agreements, and it is the opinion of the investigating officer that, although he has made no direct contribution to the war effort, his being on parole is not detrimental to the best interests of this country.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that parole under the present existing conditions be continued.

EMPLOYMENT AND ADDRESS OF PAROLEE

The subject is employed as a piano refinisher at Fourth and Maple in this city, and resides with his family at W. 1115 Fourth Avenue.

RESULTS OF CHECKS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

A complete check of the records at the offices of the Chief of Police and the County Sheriff reveals no record of any violations by the subject.

Immigration and Naturalization Service  
 United States Department of Justice  
 Spokane 8, Washington

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI - 1000-2697

PERSONS INTERVIEWED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Relationship to parolee</u>
Mrs. Katherine Clausen	S. 1819 Grand Blvd.	Housewife	Sponsor
Mr. Roy Goodman	S. 2503 Manito Blvd.	Owner and Manager of a Music Store	None
Mr. A. L. Crowston	W. 3628 Heroy	Piano Tuner	None
Mr. Jack Gray	W. 1802 Eighth Ave.	Salesman	None
Mrs. Dan Logue	W. 1111 Fourth Ave.	Housewife	None
Mr. Tamotsu Takisaki	W. 1115 Fourth Ave.	Piano Refinisher	Parolee

INFORMATION OBTAINED

MRS. KATHERINE CLAUSEN, a citizen of the United States, was interviewed on March 9, 1945 at her residence and stated that as sponsor in that case she sees the subject each week when he makes his scheduled report to her, and in addition she sees him at church almost every Sunday as both he and Mrs. Clausen attend Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church regularly. Mrs. Clausen stated that she did not believe that TAKISAKI has many associates, other than his immediate family and those persons with whom he works or meets while attending church. She added that in her opinion the subject was a dependable and honest man and would conform to the regulations of his parole to the best of his ability, and that she had observed nothing in his activities or attitude that would indicate to her that his being on parole would endanger the internal security of this country.

MR. ROY GOODMAN, a United States citizen, stated that he has employed this subject for approximately two years, and that during that period nothing has come to his attention that would lead him to believe that TAKISAKI was not entirely loyal to the United States or that he should not be allowed to remain on parole under the present conditions. Mr. Goodman added that the subject is a good worker and often returns to the shop at night voluntarily to finish some bit of work or to see that the proper temperature for the drying of varnish is maintained. Mr. Goodman further added that the subject is not only dependable; but, in his opinion, is above suspicion, and even if released from parole would in no manner constitute an internal security problem for this country.

MR. A. L. CROWSTON, a citizen of the United States who supervises the subject's work, stated that he was a particularly good workman, very industrious and apparently well-satisfied with his present employment. He added that his acquaintance and close association with TAKISAKI for approximately two years left no doubt in his mind that the subject was entirely trustworthy and loyal to this country and should be permitted to

Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Spokane 8, Washington

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI - 1000-2697

continue in his present parole status. Mr. Crowston advised that these opinions were not based on any particular statement made by the subject; but rather on his general attitude toward many things connected with the war effort and also by the fact that he has one son and a son-in-law in the armed forces of this country and another son that will soon be inducted.

MR. JACK GRAY, a United States citizen employed at the Roy Goodman Music Store, states that, although he does not come in contact with the subject frequently, that he has heard no unfavorable comment by fellow employees concerning the subject, and it is his opinion that he is conforming to the regulations of his parole, for if he were not, there would undoubtedly be some adverse comments made by employees who come in contact with both he and the parolee frequently.

MRS. DAN LOGUE, a United States citizen who resides with her husband at W. 1111 Fourth Avenue, stated that she has lived as a next-door neighbor to the TAKISAKI family for more than two years. During that period she has seen the subject parolee almost daily and has talked with him on many occasions; but, has never seen or heard of anything that would indicate that either he or his children were not entirely loyal to the United States, and in view of the fact that the subject now has a son and a son-in-law in the armed forces of this country, it is her opinion that this subject's continued liberty on parole will in no manner jeopardize the internal security of this country. Mrs. Logue stated that she seldom sees anyone enter the TAKISAKI home other than members of the immediate family and a Catholic priest from Our Lady of Lourdes Church in this city. She further stated that TAKISAKI and his children attend the above-mentioned church regularly; but aside from this their activities seem to be confined to the regular daily routine of going to and from work or school.

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, the subject parolee, was interviewed on March 9 at his place of employment and stated that he does not own or possess any of the articles prohibited to aliens of enemy nationalities, that he reports regularly to his sponsor and the District Parole Officer as required, that he has performed no travel away from Spokane, Washington, and that he is endeavoring to conform to all regulations set forth to govern aliens of his status. He stated that his activities are confined to a minimum due to the fact that his wife is deceased, and the care of his family, consisting of six children, is his sole responsibility, that he does, however, attend church regularly, and very infrequently attends a motion picture show. His associates consist mainly of members of his immediate family, fellow church members, and the employees of the Roy Goodman Music Store where he is employed; but aside from his immediate family, he does not visit with anyone in Spokane. He further stated that he has a son-in-law and one son in the United States Army and another son, now at home, has received notice to report for induction and will do so later this month. Mr. TAKISAKI further stated that, although he

Immigration and Naturalization Service  
United States Department of Justice  
Spokane 8, Washington

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI - 1000-2697

has been financially unable to purchase War Bonds, that he is entirely in sympathy with the war efforts of this country and is desirous of a victory for the allied nations. He claims to have registered in accordance with the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 while in detention at the Fort Lincoln Internment Camp, Bismarck, North Dakota; but has no registration receipt card to confirm this statement. Assistance is being rendered by this office to enable him to secure a duplicate registration certificate.

D. W. Brewster, District Director  
Spokane, Washington  
Leo H. Murphy, Immigrant Inspector  
Spokane, Washington

August 22, 1945  
Spokane file #1000-2697  
C.O. #39/3304  
A.R. #4940885

TAMOTSU SEBASTIAN TAKISAKI, Japanese Alien Enemy paroled on August 31, 1942.

Report of investigation in the case of the above named alien enemy parolee made at Spokane, Washington August 17, 1945.

SYNOPSIS AND COMMENT

Since the last investigation there has been no change in the employment or place of residence of the subject parolee. It appears that Mr. Takisaki is reporting to his sponsor regularly and to this office. No adverse information was developed, in fact each person contacted spoke very highly of the parolee. It appears that subject has aided considerably in war bond drives in soliciting bonds from other Japanese in this city.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the subject parolee be released from parole.

EMPLOYMENT AND ADDRESS OF PAROLEE

The subject is employed as a piano refinisher by the Goodman Piano Shop on Fourth and Maple. He resides with his family at W 1115 - 4th Avenue, Spokane, Washington.

RESULTS OF CHECKS WITH OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

A check with the records of the Spokane County Sheriff's office reveals no arrests.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Relationship to Parolee</u>
Tamotsu Takisaki	W 1115 - 4th Ave. Spokane, Wn.	Piano refinisher	Parolee
Katherine Clausen	S 1819 Grand Spokane, Wn.	Housewife	Sponsor
A. L. Crowston	3628 Heroy Spokane, Wn.	Piano tuner	None
Robert S. Toda	Palm Hotel Spokane, Wn.	Shipping clerk	None
Roy Goodman	S 2503 Manito Blvd. Spokane, Wn.	Proprietor, Music store	None

Page 2

Report of Parole Investigation - Tamotsu Takisaki

August 22, 1945

1000-2697

INFORMATION OBTAINED

TAMATSU TAKISAKI, parolee, stated that he sees his sponsor regularly and that he reports to her at her home. He said that he has done no traveling outside of Spokane. It appears that most of his time outside of working house is spent with his children inasmuch as his wife is deceased. He stated that he has been assisting in bond drives by soliciting bond purchases from other Japanese in this city.

MRS. KATHERINE CLAUSEN, sponsor, stated that subject is abiding by the terms of his parole and reports to her regularly, usually in the evening after work. She added that she has not heard any adverse statements regarding the parolee and that she believes that he is entirely loyal to this country.

MR. A. L. CROWSTON, who is employed in the same shop with the parolee, stated that he sees the subject daily, that his work is very satisfactory, that he knows that subject has been assisting in bond drives, and that from statements made by the parolee he believes that he is entirely loyal to this country. He further said that he sees no reason why the subject should be kept on parole and that it would be perfectly safe to release him.

ROBERT S. TODA, another Japanese parolee, stated that he knows of no adverse information concerning the subject and that from his conversation with him and observations of him he believes that he is loyal to this country.

MR. ROY GOODMAN, subject's employer, stated that Mr. Takisaki works steadily, is dependable and gets along well with the employees. He added that he knows of no adverse information and believes that the subject is abiding by the terms of his parole. He stated that he sees the subject nearly every day.

---

Leo H. Murphy  
Immigrant Inspector

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Philadelphia, Pa.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALIEN ENEMY INFORMATION BUREAU  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Supplemental to report dated 8/31/42

3/5/43  
Date of this report

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

82-51

Name of Alien . . . . . : Takasaki, (Takisaki) Tomotsu

Nationality . . . . . : Japanese

Previously Detained at . . . . . : Ft. Lincoln, N.D.

Date of Change in Status. . . . . : 8/28/42  
8/31/42

PRESENT STATUS . . . . . : Interim Paroled - 8/28/42 - to travel to  
Spokane, Wash.  
Paroled - 8/31/42 - from Spokane, Wash.

MAR 1 1943 AM

RECEIVED  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

FILED  
MAR 13 1943

146-13-2-82-51

39/3304

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
MAR 9 1943 A.M.  
IV S  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT  
JEF

*Earl G. Harrison*

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

cc: Director, Enemy Alien Control Unit  
cc: Supervisor Enemy Alien Parolees

Basis for Report:

FILED  
Docketed in

Spokane, Washington

January 19, 1943  
(Date)

District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Spokane, Washington

Dear Sir:

I hereby acknowledge that I have been asked by your office if it is my desire to be repatriated to Japan if an opportunity therefor is offered, and I wish to advise that I am not desirous of being repatriated.

Very truly yours,

(Sgd) Tenotsu Takisaki

FEB 6 4 3 AM



RECEIVED  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

FILED  
BY HGE  
ON FEB 11 1943

146-13-2-82-5-1  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEB 5 1943 PM  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

O. G.

AG- Parole 8-6-42

Docketed Fe

Takasaki,

Konotani

Japanese

320- 12th. Ave., Seattle, Wash.

59

Male

1/20/42

FBI

Seattle, Wash.

1/20/42

12:30 P.M.

Seattle, Wash.

1/20/42

J. Charles Dennis

Seattle, Wash.

1/20/42

Apparently legal resident not verified

146-13-2-82-51

~~146-13-2-82-275~~

N.M.W

RECEIVED  
JAN 23 1942  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
ALLEN ENEMY UNIT

BY ALVA J  
DEC 15 1942

~~NEW~~

12/5/42

DOCKETED

File

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Philadelphia, Pa.

MEMORANDUM FOR ALIEN ENEMY INFORMATION BUREAU  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

8/31/42

Date of this report

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

Name of Alien . . . . . : TAKASAKI, TOMOTSU  
(TAKISAKI, TAMOTSU)

Nationality . . . . . : JAPANESE

Previously Detained at . . . : FT. LINCOLN, N.D.

Date of Change in Status. . . : 8/28/42 6:30 PM

PRESENT STATUS . . . . . : PAROLED

146-13-2-82-51  
NOV 19 1942  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

FILED  
BY TEP  
NOV 22 1942

*file for Earl Harrison*

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

*Booketed  
Earl  
9-15-42*

*82-5  
W & 12-31-42  
as @ 8-6-42*

cc: Director, Enemy Alien Control Unit  
cc: Supervisor Enemy Alien Parolees

Basis for Report:

TELEGRAM: 8/28/42 Ft. Lincoln, N.D. MCCOY

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

FILE NO. **100-5670**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9/2/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/25/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>R. L. FLANNERY</b> <span style="float: right;">bl</span>
TITLE <b>TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, alias Tamotsu Takisaki</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J ALIEN ARMY CONTROL</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** On 8/6/42 the Attorney General ordered that TAKISAKI be paroled. Probation flash letter is being submitted to Bureau.

- 3 -

**REFERENCE:** Bureau file 100-5551A.  
 Report of SA R. L. FLANNERY, Seattle, dated 6/25/42.  
 Bureau letter to Seattle office dated 8/24/42.

**DETAILS:** Reference Bureau letter advised that on August 6, 1942 the Attorney General ordered that TAKISAKI be paroled. Probation flash letter is being submitted to the Bureau.

This case is being placed in a closed status. It will be re-opened in the event information is received necessitating further investigation as a result of translation of material written in Japanese found in subject's possession at the time of his arrest.

NOV 3 1942 AM

**FILED**  
 BY **TEH**  
 On **NOV 6 1942**

- CLOSED -



**RECEIVED**  
 ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 5 Bureau 2 USA, Seattle 1 O-2, Seattle 1 O-1, Seattle 1 USIAMS, Seattle 1 Seattle		<div style="border: 2px solid purple; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <b>146-13-2-82-51</b>          DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE          NOV 2 1942 A.M.          DIVISION OF          ALIEN ENEMY UNIT       </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">         Docketed  <i>[Handwritten signatures]</i> </div>

EARL G. HARRISON  
COMMISSIONER

Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Philadelphia

August 7, 1942

ENC:ND  
39/3304

District Director  
Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Seattle, Washington

In re: **TANOTSU TAKISAKI**  
Detained at: **Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota**  
Order dated: **August 6, 1942**  
**D. J. File No. 146-13-2-82-51**

There is attached an order of the Attorney General directing the parole of the above-named alien enemy. The order will be retained on your file.

When you have completed arrangements to accomplish parole in accordance with the terms and conditions of the order, you will so advise the officer in charge of the station where the alien enemy is detained. There is enclosed a copy of a letter of this date giving appropriate direction to him.

You should comply with the instructions contained in Central Office letters of April 18 and 29, 1942, file 39/100 (which relate to alien enemies who may return to Military Areas and those who should be sent to Reception Centers, and your reports thereof to the Chief of the Civilian Staff and the local FBI).

Please submit prompt report when parole has been effected in accordance with the order.

FILED  
AUG 20 1942

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

146-13-2-82-51

Attachment  
VIA AIR MAIL

Leigh L. Kattleton  
Supervisor, Alien Enemy Paroles

- CC: Chief Patrol Inspector  
Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, N.D.
- CC: Mr. Kelly
- Mr. Cooley ✓
- Mails and Files

146-13-2-82-51  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
AUG 10 1942 P.M.  
DIVISION OF RECORDS

Aug 6 42 PM

In the Matter of  
TAMOTSU TAKIBAKI  
Alien Enemy



D. J. File No.  
146-13-2-82-51

ORDER

WHEREAS, Tamotsu Takibaki, of Seattle, Washington, now being detained at Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota, a subject of Japan, over the age of fourteen years, is within the United States and has heretofore been apprehended as being potentially dangerous to the public peace and safety of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Alien Enemy Hearing Board has recommended that said alien enemy be paroled; NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence before me,

IT IS ORDERED that said alien enemy be paroled in the custody of a reputable United States citizen, not related to the alien, to be selected by the Hearing Board for the Western District of Washington upon consultation with a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service; that the parole be conditioned upon the alien enemy's reporting his activities to his sponsor weekly and to the District Parole Officer twice a month; and that the said parole be further conditioned upon the execution of and compliance with the sponsor's and parolee's agreements provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

File -  
Docketed  
8-6-42

*Thomas B. ...*

FILED  
BY **ERG**  
ON **AUG 10 1942**

August 6, 1942

*File ...*  
*Distributed 8/6/42*

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF OF REVIEW SECTION - ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

August 3, 1942

146-13-2-82-51  
(West. Dis. Wash.)

TAMOTSU TAKISOKI.

BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION: Parole.

CHARGE: Officer of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai.

EVIDENCE: Subject is a Japanese alien 60 years of age. He first came to this country in 1907. Since then, he has returned to Japan twice; once for 6 months in 1916, and once for 3 months in 1937. During most of his stay in this country he has lived in Seattle, Washington. Subject had 13 years of grammar school and high school in Japan; also 2 years in Tokyo Foreign Language School. He claims to have a special knowledge of the English language. At the time of apprehension he was retired. Up to 1940, he had been in the grocery business which is now being conducted by his children. Subject was married to a Japanese alien who died in 1937. He has 7 children, ages 12 to 24, all born and presently residing in the United States. He, himself, suffers from diabetes. Apparently, his mother is still alive and is living in Japan and there are no other living relatives listed in answers to the questionnaire. He is a Catholic by religion and was Vice-President of the St. Francis Xavier of St. Vincent De Paul Society.

According to the F.B.I. reports, subject was apprehended on January 21, 1942, on the basis of information that he was an instructor in Japanese fencing for the D.N.B.K., membership to which warrants internment according to instructions of the Attorney General. A search of his premises at time of apprehension disclosed 3 letters written in Japanese, the translation of which is not yet available, and a photograph of a Japanese officer in uniform, claimed by the subject to be that of his wife's nephew. In an interview given at time of apprehension, the subject stated that he had two brothers and one sister living in Japan. A confidential informant advised that the subject was an instructor in fencing with the D.N.B.K. The Japanese language newspaper, the North American Times, in its issue of April 21, 1941, reported that at an outdoor tournament of the D.N.B.K. the subject would act as umpire. Another confidential informant stated that the subject was pro-Japanese in his sympathies.

-2-

A transcript of the evidence given at the hearing before the Board discloses that the subject took a trip to Japan in 1916 for the purpose of visiting his parents and getting married, that he took a trip to Japan in 1937 for the purpose of visiting his and his wife's parents, that his children were never registered with the Japanese Consul for dual citizenship, that his children had never attended a Japanese language school, that the subject had no relatives in the Japanese governmental service, that the subject belonged for 3 years to the Japanese Association. Subject denied that he was a member of the D.N.B.K. but admitted that he served as an instructor in fencing at no definite salary. He stated that he accepted the job because he was urged to do so and did not do it for any financial reason. He stated that he had been a Catholic for ten years, that he goes to church every Sunday and that his wife was buried from a Catholic Church in a Catholic cemetery. He stated that he had no property in Japan, that he didn't want Japan to lose the War because he didn't want anybody to lose; that he didn't want Japan to win either. On the other hand, he didn't want the United States to win. He told the Board that in his opinion Japan was not fair in its attack on Pearl Harbor and that he was praying for peace without either side winning the War. He explained to the Board that the reason he was asked to be an instructor was that he had been a high school champion in Japan. The Board in its report states that the subject impressed them as being "well-educated, intelligent, honest and sincere". The Board considered this subject co-operative. It therefore recommended that he be paroled on condition that he join his evacuated children in Spokane, Washington, to remain there for the duration of the War. Specifically, the Board recommended that the subject be "paroled without bond" but subject to supervision.

The United States Attorney dissented from this recommendation and suggested that the alien be interned mostly on the ground that the subject stated that he did not want Japan to lose the War. Moreover, the United States Attorney pointed out that the subject had been present at a New Year's party in the Japanese Consul's house and had been active in the D.N.B.K. The United States Attorney also pointed out that the subject contributed to the Japanese relief fund.

-3-

DISCUSSION: If it were proven definitely that this subject was a member of the D.N.B.K., there is no doubt but that a recommendation of internment would be mandatory as per the Attorney General's instructions. An examination of the evidence, however, does not disclose proof of such membership. To be sure, this man was an instructor but his explanation of his employment as such seems reasonable and consistent with his acting as such for a remuneration of some sort. In my opinion, the fact that this man is 60 years of age and is suffering from acute diabetes militates against the possibility that he can be a dangerous alien, particularly in the light of his large family and the fact that they are all in this country. It is significant that he did not register his children for dual citizenship and that they did not attend a Japanese language school. It seems to me that parole on the condition that the subject remain with his family at their evacuation post and on the other condition that he report periodically to the officer in charge of such evacuation camp would protect the interests of the United States during this emergency.

RECOMMENDATION: Parole as here indicated.

*Handwritten signature in red ink, possibly "R. M. ..."*

*B.F.P.*  
BFP: bmp

DECLASSIFIED

WNB 978084

AUTHORITY

BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

**FLAG:**

This case is to be called to the attention of Mr. La Macchia immediately upon receipt of the Board Recommendation. This alien is one in the group who is afflicted with T. B. or other diseases and should be given priority.

*ms*

DECLASSIFIED  
WNB 978084  
AUTHORITY  
BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Alien Enemy Control Unit  
Routing Slip

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

RE: \_\_\_\_\_ File No. 8251

The Docket Card on the above-captioned reveals the following:

<u>Item</u>	<u>DATE</u>
1) Presidential Warrant issued	<u>12-31-41</u>
2) Apprehended at <u>Seattle, Wash</u>	<u>1-20-42</u>
3) Interim disposition _____	_____
4) Hearing held _____	_____
5) Questionnaire _____	_____
6) Board Recommendation for _____	_____
7) FBI reports _____	_____
8) Attorney General's order _____	_____
9) Final Disposition _____	_____

Remarks: Expedite  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

File Charged to: Files on 6-11

DOCKET ROOM  
BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

TERMS OF COURT

NORTHERN DIVISION

SEATTLE: FIRST TUESDAYS MAY AND NOVEMBER

BELLINGHAM: FIRST TUESDAYS APRIL AND OCTOBER

SOUTHERN DIVISION

TACOMA: FIRST TUESDAYS FEBRUARY AND JULY

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, Washington  
July 21, 1942

JUL 27 '42 PM

146-13-2-82-51  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JUL 27 1942 P.M.  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

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



Re: TAMOTSU TAKISAKI

RECEIVED

Sir:

We are forwarding herewith the findings and recommendation of Alien Enemy Hearing Board number Two for this district, in which it is recommended that the above named alien enemy be paroled without bond, but subject to supervision.

We recommend that this alien enemy be interned.

He states that he does not know how he feels about the war; that he does not want Japan to lose. He has been present at the Japanese Consul's house at a New Year's party, and was very active in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai where he was hired as a teacher because he was a fencing champion in high school. He has two brothers and a sister living in Japan, and his wife had two brothers and a sister living in Japan. He has contributed to the Japanese relief fund.

In view of the Department's ruling on Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, we find that there are no countervailing factors

FOR DEFENSE



BUY  
UNITED STATES  
SAVINGS  
BONDS  
AND STAMPS

Docketed *mmw*  
7-28

FILED  
BY *mmw*  
JUL 29 1942

Mr. Edward J. Ennis - 2

to warrant anything but internment.

Respectfully,

*J. Charles Dennis*  
J. CHARLES DENNIS  
United States Attorney

AP:ih  
encs

Seattle, Washington  
July 21, 1942

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

Re: TAMOTSU TAKISAKI

Sir:

We are forwarding herewith the findings and recommendation of Alien Enemy Hearing Board number Two for this district, in which it is recommended that the above named alien enemy be paroled without bond, but subject to supervision.

We recommend that this alien enemy be interned.

He states that he does not know how he feels about the war; that he does not want Japan to lose. He has been present at the Japanese Consul's house at a New Year's party, and was very active in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai where he was hired as a teacher because he was a fencing champion in high school. He has two brothers and a sister living in Japan, and his wife had two brothers and a sister living in Japan. He has contributed to the Japanese relief fund.

In view of the Department's ruling on Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, we find that there are no countervailing factors

Mr. Edward J. Ennis - 2

to warrant anything but internment.

Respectfully,

J. CHARLES DENNIS  
United States Attorney

AP:ih  
enes

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

FILE NO. **100-5670**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Seattle, Washington</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4/7/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>1/21; 3/26/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>S. F. TREMAYNE</b>
TITLE <b><u>WANTED</u> TAMOTSU TAKISAKI, with alias Tamotsu Takisaki</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject a Japanese alien was arrested at Seattle, Washington on January 21, 1942 and placed in custody of Immigration Service, Seattle, Washington pursuant to a presidential warrant issued for his arrest as a dangerous alien enemy. Subject was born in 1882 in Japan and first entered the United States in 1908. He has served as an instructor in Japanese kendo or fencing for Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and is a member of that organization, mere membership in which warrants the internment of a Japanese alien in the absence of special countervailing factors, according to instructions received from the Attorney General.

- P -

**Reference:**

Teletype from the Seattle Field Division to the Bureau dated 12/16/41.

Report of Special Agent JAMES P. O'CONNOR, Seattle, Washington, dated 11/22/41.

**Details:**

The title in this case has been changed to add the spelling of subject's last name as TAKISAKI to the previously reported spelling of TAKISANE.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
COPIES OF THIS REPORT 3 Bureau 2 USA, Seattle 1 USIANS, Seattle 1 ONI, Seattle 1 S-2, Seattle 3 Seattle		Docketed

On January 21, 1942, Special Agents JAMES T. DUGGAN and HAMILTON C. BOWELL took into custody under an Executive Warrant TOMATSU TAKISAKI, 320-12th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, and with his signed permission to conduct a search of his premises and retain any letters, papers or materials being essential to this case, the following were obtained:

3 letters written in Japanese directed to Mr. TAKISAKI from Japan

1 picture of a Japanese officer in uniform claimed by TAKISAKI to be his wife's nephew

TAKISAKI stated that he was born September 5, 1882 in Japan and that he has two brothers and one sister living in Japan and first came to this country in 1908. He returned to Japan about 1916 for a period of 18 months and then returned to the United States.

In 1936 he made a visit to Japan which lasted for about 4 weeks. TAKISAKI stated that his wife is dead and that he has 7 children ranging in age from 10 to 24 years; that the names of his children are as follows, in order of their age from the oldest to the youngest:

MARY - Miyoko  
TERESA - Yukiko  
JAMES - Taro  
RAYMOND - Jiro  
HELEN - Hanako  
GRACE - Kasako  
AGNES - Yuriko.

TAKISAKI advised that his son JAMES, who is a senior in high school in Seattle had been able to arrange attending school half of each day and care for the grocery business the other half and that as a result of his internment JAMES would probably be forced to leave school.

The following information concerning subject's pro-Japanese activities is contained in the files of the Seattle Field Division:

Confidential Informant SE-201 on July 28, 1941, advised that Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, Japanese kendo or fencing club, employed as an instructor TAMOTSU TAKISAKE. The "North American Times", a Japanese language newspaper published at Seattle, Washington, in its April 21, 1941 issue, reported that an outdoor tournament was to be held on April 27, 1941 by Dai Nippon Butoku Kai and that TAMOTSU TAKISAKE would act as umpire for this event. The news article also stated that YUKI SATO, Seattle Japanese Consul and president of the Seattle Chapter of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, would give a lecture at the tournament and that CHUSABURO ITO and SHINJIRO MORITA would also speak.

Confidential Informant SE-249 advised that the subject was, in his opinion, pro-Japanese in his sympathies and that, as a matter of fact, it would be almost impossible for the subject to be other than loyal to the Japanese emperor in view of his long activity and leadership in kendo which emphasizes the importance of the Japanese race and which is a Japanese Government sponsored activity. Concerning the activities of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, Confidential Informant SE-233 has advised that kendo play follows an extremely fanatical and nationalistic ritual based upon ancient Japanese history, drawing on the code of the samurai, the ancient warrior class of Japan. The code of the samurai was that those warriors owed blind loyalty to their leaders and it also subscribed to the theory that the Japanese emperor is divine and that all people of the Japanese race have some degree of divinity. It should be further noted that the Attorney General has instructed that mere membership in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai is sufficient grounds for internment of a Japanese alien in the absence of special counter-vailing factors because of the fact that the organization is subject to the control of the Japanese Government and is of a subversive character. The Seattle Dai Nippon Butoku Kai was originally organized by Japanese Consul OKAMOTO when he was stationed at Seattle, and all succeeding consuls have been ex officio president of the organization, due to the fact that the organization is sponsored by and integrated in an international organization of kendo clubs directed by the Japanese Government.

- P E N D I N G -

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

December 18, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH  
CHIEF, SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

RE: TAMOTSU TAKISAKE

This is to advise that the Seattle Field Division of this Bureau has furnished information that Tamotsu Takisake is a Japanese alien residing in Seattle, Washington. He is an instructor of fencing in the Dai Nippon Butoku Kai in Seattle.

The above facts on this individual have been referred by the Seattle Field Division of this Bureau to the United States Attorney at Seattle, Washington, who recommended Takisake for immediate detention. The United States Attorney requested that this Bureau refer the above facts to your office for a decision as to whether or not a Presidential warrant should be issued for Tamotsu Takisake as an enemy alien. He also requested that the Departmental decision be furnished by this Bureau to the Seattle Field Office. It is, therefore, suggested that your office notify the United States Attorney at Seattle as to whether or not apprehension of this individual is desired. This Bureau desires to be advised of your decision in this matter.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

RC: JR  
DEC 23 1941

116-13-2-82-57  
JAN 4 1942  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

REC-10

*Mr. Whitney*  
D. C.

DECLASSIFIED  
NND 978084  
AUTHORITY  
BY FW NARA DATE: 12-25

*Warrant*

TELEGRAM  
SPECIAL

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF RECORDS  
TELEGRAPH OFFICE

W265W 23 GOVT

JO SEATTLE WASHN 30 542P

1941 DEC 30 PM 10:46

ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC

RECOMMEND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT FOR DETENTION OF TAMOTSU TAKISAKE,  
SEATTLE JAPANESE ALIEN, WHO IS AN INSTRUCTOR IN JAPANESE FENCING CLUB  
OF NATIONALISTIC NATURE

KOS

J CHARLES DENNIS UNITED STATES ATTORNEY..

146-13-2-82-51  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DEC 30 1941 P.M.  
DIVISION OF RECORDS

*Alien Enemy Unit  
Mr. Hearty*

*see 146-13-2-82-012*

KOS

NEW

*File [Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ALIEN ENEMY HEARING BOARD NO. 2  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

- - - - -

In re The Detention of

TAMOTSU TAKISAKI

The above matter came on for hearing before this Board at Fort Lincoln, Bismarck, North Dakota, on April 18, 1942, all members of the Board being present. Mr. Allan Pomeroy, Assistant United States Attorney at Seattle, Washington, Mr. R. L. Flanders, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Seattle, and Mr. R. B. Flannigan of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Fort Lincoln, North Dakota, were also present.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF it is hereby recommended that the said alien enemy be PAROLED WITHOUT BOND, but subject to supervision.

SUMMARY OF FACTS AND OPINION

THE BOARD FINDS that this alien is a Japanese national, sixty years of age, who entered the United States in 1907. He made one trip to Japan of six months' duration in the years 1916 and 1917, for the purpose of visiting his parents and to be married. He made another trip of three months' duration in 1937 to visit his wife's parents. He is a widower. He has two sons (eighteen and seventeen years of age, respectively), and five daughters (twenty-five, twenty-three, sixteen, fifteen and thirteen years of age, respectively). The children do not have dual citizenship. He is employed at a grocery store, owned by his children, at 320 Twelfth Avenue, Seattle, Washington.

He has been a member of the Seattle Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Maryknoll Catholic Church, and admits four contributions to Japanese welfare agencies.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation report of Special Agent Tremayne, indicating that the alien was pro-Japanese in his sympathies and active in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai, was apparently the basis for the apprehension of this alien. The alien denied membership in Dai Nippon Butoku Kai but admitted that he has been its paid instructor in the art of Japanese fencing for the past four years, explaining that he received

Docketed

Jacket and Return  
1- 6810

as pay for this work monthly amounts varying from nothing at all to fifty dollars. He further stated that his selection as an instructor arose from the fact that he had been a high school champion in Japan and that because he was suffering from diabetes he could not participate in the fencing bouts but acted as an adviser only.

Five of his children (one son and four daughters) are presently in Spokane, Washington, being voluntary evacuees from the Pacific Coast area, the other two children remaining in Seattle to salvage as much as possible from the business which had been conducted there.

The impression made upon the Board at the hearing was of a well educated, intelligent, honest and sincere man, who wanted to be cooperative. He expressed the fervent desire for peace on the basis of neither side being victorious in the war, and deplored the unfair action of the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. The opinion of the Board is that this alien is not dangerous, and that he would join his voluntarily evacuated children in Spokane, Washington, and remain there for the duration of the war. It is therefore the recommendation of the Board that this alien be PAROLED WITHOUT BOND, but subject to supervision.

Copies of all reports and documents considered by the Board at this hearing are listed below and attached hereto:

The alien enemy's questionnaire which was verified by him on January 27, 1942, at Seattle, Washington.

FBI report dated Seattle, Washington, April 7, 1942, by S. F. Tremayne, file number 100-5670.

The alien was not accompanied by an adviser.

Dated this 28 day of May, 1942.

*I dissent, and recommend internment. See my letter of July 21, 1942, attached.*

*J. Charles Dennis*  
J. CHARLES DENNIS  
United States Attorney

*Arthur Steers*  
*Edgar Jackson*  
*Edward Hoop*  
Members of the Board

1 TAMOTSU TAKISAKI Japanese alien

2 Hearing held on April 18, 1942 at the U. S. Immigration and  
3 Naturalization Service Detention Station, Fort Lincoln,  
4 Bismarck, North Dakota.

5 Present: Tamotsu Takisaki, Japanese alien.

6 Alien Enemy Hearing Board No. 2  
7 consisting of

8 Judson F. Falknor, Chairman,  
9 Andrew Steers, and  
10 Clifford Hoof.

11 Allan Pomeroy, Assistant United States Attorney,  
12 Seattle.

13 R. L. Flanders, Special Agent, Federal Bureau  
14 of Investigation, Seattle.

15 R. B. Flannigan, representative of the Immigra-  
16 tion and Naturalization Service,  
17 Fort Lincoln.

18 Ingeborg Holtz, stenographer.

19 MR. FALKNOR explains purpose and nature of hearing to alien.

20 Alien sworn.

21 MR. FALKNOR: Q. Did you receive notice of the hearing?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is this your signature to the questionnaire?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How old are you?

26 A. Sixty.

27 Q. What year did you first come to America?

28 A. About thirty-five years ago, 1907.

29 Q. How many times have you been back to Japan?

30 A. Twice.

31 Q. When was the first time?

32 A. Twenty-five years ago. I think 1915 or 1916.

33 Q. How long did you stay?

34 A. Six months.

35 Q. Why did you go back to Japan?

36 A. To visit my parents and get married.

37 Q. When was the next time?

38 A. Five years ago, 1937.

39 Q. How long did you stay that time?

40 A. About two months.

- 1 Q. Why did you go?  
2 A. To visit parents and my wife died year before so I  
3 wanted to visit her parents.
- 4 Q. How many children have you in Seattle?  
5 A. Two children. Five are in Spokane, evacuated.  
6 Voluntarily evacuated.
- 7 Q. How many children altogether?  
8 A. Two boys, five girls.
- 9 Q. How old is your oldest boy?  
10 A. Eighteen.
- 11 Q. Where is he?  
12 A. In Seattle.
- 13 Q. What is he doing?  
14 A. Attending grocery store.
- 15 Q. Where is your store?  
16 A. 320 Twelfth Avenue, Seattle.
- 17 Q. What is the age of the next boy?  
18 A. Next boy seventeen.
- 19 Q. Where is he?  
20 A. Spokane.
- 21 Q. How old are the girls?  
22 A. Oldest girl twenty-five.
- 23 Q. Where is she?  
24 A. Spokane.
- 25 Q. How old is the next girl?  
26 A. Twenty-three.
- 27 Q. Where is she?  
28 A. She is in Seattle, taking care of home.
- 29 Q. How old are the other three girls?  
30 A. Next girl sixteen, and next fifteen I guess, and  
31 thirteen.
- 32 Q. All in Spokane?  
A. Yes.
- Q. When did your wife die?  
A. Six years ago.
- Q. What are the children doing in Spokane?  
A. Some friends have hotel. They want to help out. We  
have to evacuate now. Good chance there so they  
went there. I have my boy and one girl straightening  
out store and go to same place.
- Q. Did you register your children with the Japanese Consul?  
A. No, not even one.

- 1 Q. Did they go to Japanese language school?  
2 A. No.
- 3 Q. How many relatives have you in Japan now?  
4 A. Three.
- 5 Q. Who?  
6 A. My older brother. I think he is still living.  
7 And one younger, and one younger sister.
- 8 Q. Does your wife have any relatives left over there?  
9 A. Two brothers and one sister.
- 10 Q. What do your two brothers do?  
11 A. My brother is running grain store, the other one is  
12 retired.
- 13 Q. What does your sister do?  
14 A. Housewife.
- 15 Q. What does her husband do?  
16 A. Jewelry store.
- 17 Q. What do your wife's brothers do?  
18 A. Farmers, both of them.
- 19 Q. And your wife's sister?  
20 A. She is married to somebody.
- 21 Q. What does her husband do?  
22 A. I do not know.
- 23 Q. Do you have any relatives in Japan in the Japanese  
24 army or navy?  
25 A. No.
- 26 Q. Have you had military service?  
27 A. No.
- 28 Q. Why not?  
29 A. I was a student. I was not examined. I was attending  
30 college. As soon as I graduated from college I  
31 came to this country.
- 32 Q. Get deferment from the Japanese Consul here?  
A. What do you mean?
- Q. Get extension?  
A. Yes, since I came to this country.
- Q. What Japanese organizations do you belong to or have  
you belonged to in this country?  
A. I belong to the Japanese Association. Just pay fees.  
For three years.
- Q. What other Japanese organizations?  
A. Fencing society.
- Q. Dai Nippon Butoku Kai?  
A. Yes.
- Q. How long?  
A. Four years. I do not belong. I was teacher. I was  
hired as a teacher.

- 1 Q. Who hired you?  
A. Dai Nippon Butoku Kai?
- 2 Q. What man?  
3 A. The officers.
- 4 Q. Who are they?  
A. Japanese Consul, Mr. Ito and Mr. Shinjiro Morita.
- 5 Q. How long have you been the teacher?  
6 A. Four years.
- 7 Q. How much do they pay you?  
8 A. That is a hard question to answer to you. I was - they  
9 want to hire somebody else but they can't get teacher.  
10 So they asked me but I rejected the offer because I am  
11 too old. At the same time I have diabetes. I have to  
12 be very careful. I rejected. They tried to get  
13 someone else but they could not get. Mr. Ito and  
14 Mr. Morita urged me very urgently. So I did it. After  
15 that they talked about my wages. I told them I don't  
16 want any wages. I don't like to have any responsibility  
17 because I have seven children to raise and to attend  
18 to my business, so I can't spare time for other things  
19 so finally they told me if I want any time I can spare.  
20 So I consented. Sometimes they give me fifty dollars,  
21 sometimes thirty, sometimes nothing. I don't care.  
22 I am not professional teacher.
- 23 Q. Were you a member of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai before you  
24 were the teacher?  
25 A. No. Just boys organized some kind of club.
- 26 Q. How much are the dues to the fencing association?  
27 A. I think seventy-five cents a month. I think so but I am  
28 not sure. I don't pay dues. I am too poor.
- 29 Q. Did your boy belong to this Association?  
30 A. No, my boy have to take care of store when I go out.
- 31 Q. What church do you belong to?  
32 A. Catholic - Maryknoll.
- 33 Q. Did you contribute any money to the Japanese war fund?  
34 A. Yes, twice, two dollars.
- 35 Q. To what? War fund or relief fund?  
36 A. They send a man, a friend of mine, one member of  
37 Association. They buy from my grocery. They say to me  
38 if I don't donate they quit buying from my store so  
39 I have to.
- 40 Q. How long have you been a Catholic?  
41 A. Ten years.
- 42 Q. Do you go every Sunday to church?  
43 A. Yes, I have to. That is my obligation.
- 44 Q. Was your wife buried from the Catholic church?  
45 A. Yes.

Tanotsu Takisaki

- 1 Q. Have you any money or property in Japan?  
A. No.
- 2 Q. Is there a certain ceremony you go through when you  
3 open a fencing match? Bow to the Emperor?  
A. No, I don't do that.
- 4 Q. What do you think about the war?  
5 A. I don't think much about the war.
- 6 Q. Who do you want to win the war? How do you feel about  
7 it?  
A. I can't tell. I don't know. I want Almighty God to  
8 settle the fight.
- 9 Q. Is your wife buried in this country?  
A. Yes, Catholic cemetery.
- 10 Q. Do you want Japan to lose the war?  
A. No, I don't think so because I don't want anybody lose.
- 11 Q. Somebody has to lose.  
12 A. Maybe third party come in and negotiate for the peace.  
13 I pray for that all the time.
- 14 Q. Do you want Japan to win?  
A. No.
- 15 Q. You don't want United States to win either?  
16 A. Just to make peace. I believe in Almighty God. I pray  
17 all the time like that. Maybe He do that. I hope so.
- 18 Q. What did you think about Pearl Harbor?  
A. Japan was not fair. We did not get notice. That  
19 not fair.
- 20 Q. What university did you graduate from?  
A. I went to college, foreign language school. English.  
21 I learned English literature, that my profession.
- 22 Q. Who do you write to in Japan now?  
A. My sister, mostly.
- 23 Q. Who is this picture of this Japanese with uniform on?  
A. That is my wife's brother's boy. He died. They get  
24 a postcard printed and sent to my wife.
- 25 Q. Are your friends in Spokane Japanese?  
A. My boys' and girls' friends. They are Japanese.
- 26 Q. Are they American citizens?  
27 A. Yes. He is born in this country. My daughter wrote me.  
28 Mrs. C--- take care of family. She introduced my  
29 family to Mrs. C---- in Spokane so she said she would  
30 take care.
- 31 Q. How long have you had diabetes?  
A. About seven years. I take care of my diet.

Tamotsu Takisaki

1 TAMOTSU TAKISAKI Japanese alien

2 Hearing held on April 18, 1942 at the U. S. Immigration and  
3 Naturalization Service Detention Station, Fort Lincoln,  
4 Bismarck, North Dakota.

5 Present: Tamotsu Takisaki, Japanese alien.

6 Alien Enemy Hearing Board No. 2  
7 consisting of

8 Judson F. Falknor, Chairman,  
9 Andrew Steers, and  
10 Clifford Hoof.

11 Allan Pomeroy, Assistant United States Attorney,  
12 Seattle.

13 R. L. Flanders, Special Agent, Federal Bureau  
14 of Investigation, Seattle.

15 R. B. Flannigan, representative of the Immigra-  
16 tion and Naturalization Service,  
17 Fort Lincoln.

18 Ingeberg Holtz, stenographer.

19 MR. FALKNOR explains purpose and nature of hearing to alien.

20 Alien sworn.

21 MR. FALKNOR: Q. Did you receive notice of the hearing?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Is this your signature to the questionnaire?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. How old are you?

26 A. Sixty.

27 Q. What year did you first come to America?

28 A. About thirty-five years ago, 1907.

29 Q. How many times have you been back to Japan?

30 A. Twice.

31 Q. When was the first time?

32 A. Twenty-five years ago. I think 1915 or 1916.

33 Q. How long did you stay?

34 A. Six months.

35 Q. Why did you go back to Japan?

36 A. To visit my parents and get married.

37 Q. When was the next time?

38 A. Five years ago, 1937.

39 Q. How long did you stay that time?

40 A. About two months.

- 1 Q. Why did you go?  
A. To visit parents and my wife died year before so I  
2 wanted to visit her parents.
- 3 Q. How many children have you in Seattle?  
A. Two children. Five are in Spokane, evacuated.  
4 Voluntarily evacuated.
- 5 Q. How many children altogether?  
A. Two boys, five girls.  
6
- 7 Q. How old is your oldest boy?  
A. Eighteen.
- 8 Q. Where is he?  
A. In Seattle.  
9
- 10 Q. What is he doing?  
A. Attending grocery store.
- 11 Q. Where is your store?  
A. 320 Twelfth Avenue, Seattle.  
12
- 13 Q. What is the age of the next boy?  
A. Next boy seventeen.
- 14 Q. Where is he?  
A. Spokane.  
15
- 16 Q. How old are the girls?  
A. Oldest girl twenty-five.
- 17 Q. Where is she?  
A. Spokane.  
18
- 19 Q. How old is the next girl?  
A. Twenty-three.
- 20 Q. Where is she?  
A. She is in Seattle, taking care of home.  
21
- 22 Q. How old are the other three girls?  
A. Next girl sixteen, and next fifteen I guess, and  
23 thirteen.
- 24 Q. All in Spokane?  
A. Yes.
- 25 Q. When did your wife die?  
A. Six years ago.  
26
- 27 Q. What are the children doing in Spokane?  
A. Some friends have hotel. They want to help out. We  
28 have to evacuate now. Good chance there so they  
went there. I have my boy and one girl straightening  
29 out store and go to same place.
- 30 Q. Did you register your children with the Japanese Consul?  
A. No, not even one.

- 1 Q. Did they go to Japanese language school?  
A. No.
- 2
- 3 Q. How many relatives have you in Japan now?  
A. Three.
- 4 Q. Who?  
A. My older brother. I think he is still living.  
5 And one younger, and one younger sister.
- 6 Q. Does your wife have any relatives left over there?  
A. Two brothers and one sister.
- 7
- 8 Q. What do your two brothers do?  
A. My brother is running grain store, the other one is  
9 retired.
- 10 Q. What does your sister do?  
A. Housewife.
- 11 Q. What does her husband do?  
A. Jewelry store.
- 12
- 13 Q. What do your wife's brothers do?  
A. Farmers, both of them.
- 14 Q. And your wife's sister?  
A. She is married to somebody.
- 15
- 16 Q. What does her husband do?  
A. I do not know.
- 17 Q. Do you have any relatives in Japan in the Japanese  
18 army or navy?  
A. No.
- 19 Q. Have you had military service?  
A. No.
- 20
- 21 Q. Why not?  
A. I was a student. I was not examined. I was attending  
22 college. As soon as I graduated from college I  
23 came to this country.
- 24 Q. Get deferment from the Japanese Consul here?  
A. What do you mean?
- 25 Q. Get extension?  
A. Yes, since I came to this country.
- 26 Q. What Japanese organizations do you belong to or have  
27 you belonged to in this country?  
A. I belong to the Japanese Association. Just pay fees.  
28 For three years.
- 29 Q. What other Japanese organizations?  
A. Fencing society.
- 30 Q. Dai Nippon Butoku Kai?  
A. Yes.
- 31
- 32 Q. How long?  
A. Four years. I do not belong. I was teacher. I was  
hired as a teacher.

- 1 Q. Who hired you?
- 2 A. Dai Nippon Butoku Kai?
- 3 Q. What man?
- 4 A. The officers.
- 5 Q. Who are they?
- 6 A. Japanese Consul, Mr. Ito and Mr. Shinjiro Morita.
- 7 Q. How long have you been the teacher?
- 8 A. Four years.
- 9 Q. How much do they pay you?
- 10 A. That is a hard question to answer to you. I was - they
- 11 want to hire somebody else but they can't get teacher.
- 12 So they asked me but I rejected the offer because I am
- 13 too old. At the same time I have diabetes. I have to
- 14 be very careful. I rejected. They tried to get
- 15 someone else but they could not get. Mr. Ito and
- 16 Mr. Morita urged me very urgently. So I did it. After
- 17 that they talked about my wages. I told them I don't
- 18 want any wages. I don't like to have any responsibility
- 19 because I have seven children to raise and to attend
- 20 to my business, so I can't spare time for other things
- 21 so finally they told me if I want any time I can spare.
- 22 So I consented. Sometimes they give me fifty dollars,
- 23 sometimes thirty, sometimes nothing. I don't care.
- 24 I am not professional teacher.
- 25 Q. Were you a member of Dai Nippon Butoku Kai before you
- 26 were the teacher?
- 27 A. No. Just boys organized some kind of club.
- 28 Q. How much are the dues to the fencing association?
- 29 A. I think seventy-five cents a month. I think so but I am
- 30 not sure. I don't pay dues. I am too poor.
- 31 Q. Did your boy belong to this Association?
- 32 A. No, my boy have to take care of store when I go out.
- 33 Q. What church do you belong to?
- 34 A. Catholic - Maryknoll.
- 35 Q. Did you contribute any money to the Japanese war fund?
- 36 A. Yes, twice, two dollars.
- 37 Q. To what? War fund or relief fund?
- 38 A. They send a man, a friend of mine, one member of
- 39 Association. They buy from my grocery. They say to me
- 40 if I don't donate they quit buying from my store so
- 41 I have to.
- 42 Q. How long have you been a Catholic?
- 43 A. Ten years.
- 44 Q. Do you go every Sunday to church?
- 45 A. Yes, I have to. That is my obligation.
- 46 Q. Was your wife buried from the Catholic church?
- 47 A. Yes.

Tamotsu Takisaki

- 1 Q. Have you any money or property in Japan?  
A. No.
- 2 Q. Is there a certain ceremony you go through when you  
3 open a fencing match? Bow to the Emperor?  
A. No, I don't do that.
- 4 Q. What do you think about the war?  
5 A. I don't think much about the war.
- 6 Q. Who do you want to win the war? How do you feel about  
7 it?  
A. I can't tell. I don't know. I want Almighty God to  
8 settle the fight.
- 9 Q. Is your wife buried in this country?  
A. Yes, Catholic cemetery.
- 10 Q. Do you want Japan to lose the war?  
11 A. No, I don't think so because I don't want anybody lose.
- 12 Q. Somebody has to lose.  
13 A. Maybe third party come in and negotiate for the peace.  
I pray for that all the time.
- 14 Q. Do you want Japan to win?  
15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You don't want United States to win either?  
17 A. Just to make peace. I believe in Almighty God. I pray  
18 all the time like that. Maybe He do that. I hope so.
- 19 Q. What did you think about Pearl Harbor?  
20 A. Japan was not fair. We did not get notice. That  
21 not fair.
- 22 Q. What university did you graduate from?  
23 A. I went to college, foreign language school. English.  
24 I learned English literature, that my profession.
- 25 Q. Who do you write to in Japan now?  
26 A. My sister, mostly.
- 27 Q. Who is this picture of this Japanese with uniform on?  
28 A. That is my wife's brother's boy. He died. They get  
29 a postcard printed and sent to my wife.
- 30 Q. Are your friends in Spokane Japanese?  
31 A. My boys' and girls' friends. They are Japanese.
- 32 Q. Are they American citizens?  
A. Yes. He is born in this country. My daughter wrote me.  
Mrs. C--- take care of family. She introduced my  
family to Mrs. C---- in Spokane so she said she would  
take care.
- Q. How long have you had diabetes?  
A. About seven years. I take care of my diet.

Tamotsu Takisaki

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32

Q. How well do you know Yuki Sato?  
A. I met two or three times. Just he is Consul. Every Japanese knows him.  
Q. Did you attend parties at his house?  
A. I went once on January first. That is Japanese custom. Just to say "Happy New Year".  
MR. FALKNOR: We have no more questions. If you would like to say anything, you may do so now.  
ALIEN: I think I have nothing to ask.

Tamotsu Takisaki

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13  
14  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32

Q. How well do you know Yuki Sato?  
A. I met two or three times. Just he is Consul. Every Japanese knows him.  
Q. Did you attend parties at his house?  
A. I went once on January first. That is Japanese custom. Just to say "Happy New Year".  
MR. FALKNOR: We have no more questions. If you would like to say anything, you may do so now.  
ALIEN: I think I have nothing to ask.

Tamotsu Takisaki