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B - 3-28-97												FILE NO. <u>146-13-2-12-3658</u> <b>NIF</b>				
NAME <u>MOTOYOSHI, Joshin</u> (JAP)												Item _____ Date of Item _____				
Alias _____												PRES. WARRANT				
Address <u>2325 Pacific Ave.,</u>												Requested _____				
<u>Alameda, Calif.</u>												Denied _____				
CUSTODY RECORD												Issued <u>4-27-42</u>				
Place _____ Date _____												Cancelled _____				
Apprehended at <u>Niles, Calif.</u> <u>4-28-42</u>												HEAR. NOTICE <u>6-4-42</u>				
Transferred to <u>Sharps Park Camp</u>												QUESTIONNAIRE <u>5-7-42</u>				
Returned to INS-interned <u>Santa Fe, NM</u> <u>6-14-43</u>												BOARD RECOMM. rec'd <u>7-7-42 (Spec)</u>				
Transferred to <u>Topaz, Utah</u> <u>3-25-44</u>												Release _____				
RELOCATED: <u>Oakland, Calif.</u> <u>9-21-45</u>												Parole _____ <u>12-8-43</u>				
Transferred to <u>Angel Island, Calif.</u> <u>8-14-42</u>												Intern <u>6-4-42</u>				
Interned <u>Lordsburg, N.Mex.</u>												FBI REPORTS				
INTERIM ACTION												Period: _____				
AE PROCEEDINGS TERM <u>11-15-45</u>												<u>4-23-42</u> <u>5-18-42</u> <u>12-8-43; 1-8-44</u>				
Parole <u>for travel</u> <u>3-22-44</u>												<u>10-6-42</u> <u>11-12-42</u>				
Intern _____												<u>2-18-44</u> <u>3-6-44</u>				
Legal resident _____												A.G. ORDER				
FILE CHARGED												Release _____				
To _____ Date _____ To _____ Date _____												Parole <u>WRC</u> <u>1-5-44</u>				
<u>Reece</u> <u>12-31-43</u> <u>Mangan</u> <u>10-22</u>												Intern <u>7-29-42</u>				
<u>White</u> <u>1-6-44</u> <u>Smith</u> <u>10-28-43</u>												DISPOSITION				
<u>filed</u> <u>2-24-44</u> <u>5311</u> <u>11-11-43</u>												Released _____				
<u>Clayton</u> <u>11-17-43</u>												Paroled _____ <u>3-25-44</u>				
<u>Beck</u> <u>12-29-43</u>												Interned <u>8-14-42</u> ✓				

REMARKS

Date of Item	Type of Item	Subject-matter of Item
8-20-42	Lr fr M.V. Ichisaka (US Citizen)--urging reconsideration.	Subject has many children.
9-10-42	Lr fr USA (L.A.)	No record in L.A. Alameda is in Northern California. He is writing USA in San Francisco and enclosing above affidavit re. reconsideration in subject's case.
3-16-43	Conduct Rept	fm Army.
5-5-43	Lr fr BEA Hennessy:	Rehearing denied.
5-18-43	Lr fr subject	Requests consideration of case.
6-4-43	Lr to subject	Case being considered by RS. Will notify. Kelly in charge of camps
- - -	Memo to C of RS	Recommends Internment for Duration. MH
6-7-43	Lrs to USA & Subj.	Unit concurs in denying rehearing. AC
6-12-43	Lr fr subject	Requests release.
6-24-43	Lr to subject	Rehearing denied. Information re rehearing procedure. IM
7-28-43	Lr fm Tomoe Tomine	- requests Subj. be paroled to WRC.
8-9-43	Lr. to " "	Advising that application for rehearing in this case was denied, therefore on basis of information we now have no change can be made in status of case. If subject desires to join family in internment center make application to Kelly. Im
7-29-43	Lr fm Tomoe Tomine:	Enclosing copy of it sent to USA Hennessy. Request release of subject.

Date of Item	Type of Item	Subject-matter of Item
10-30-43	Petition fm subj	subject:- My family is being broken. Permit me to be reunited with them at a family camp. (attached-is a detailed statement of my family circumstances which requires consideration.)
11-15p43	Lr to Subj.	Ack above; your case now under review & above request will be considered. LR
11-27-43	INS Conduct Report.	
1-8-44	FBI Report	Bd recom. parole. Complete text of "Report & Recom." set out.
2-5-44	Lr fm Yukiko:	Request release of husband for sake of his children.
2-16-44	Lr to Yukiko:	Subj. paroled to WRC to be re-united with his family when the necessary arrange. have been completed by WRA. JJS
2-19-44	Lr to Yukiko:	Husband paroled to WRC to be reunited with family when the necessary arrange. for tfr has been completed by WRA. LR
2-9-44	Lr fm group ministers:	Req. subj. be paroled & reunited with his family.
2-26-44	Lr to Rev. Okayama:	Reply. to lr signed by ministers of Central Utah WR. Subj paroled to WRC & he will be notified by WRA when the necessary arrangement for his transfer has been completed. LR
2-17-44	Lr to Stauber:	Subj. parole & tfr to WRC. 146-13-2-06 JJS
3-14-44	Lr to Kelly fm	Stauber: Arrange. made for subj's acceptance at Central Utah. (In file Kaei Kataoka 11-1109)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

San Francisco District

Oakland, California

S.F. 12044/1038

REPORT OF ALIEN ENEMY

AR-2013256

C.O. 39/7371

Name MOTOYOSHI Joshin Japanese  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Nationality)

Alias None Male  
(Sex)

Birth Fukui-ken, Japan March 28, 1897  
(Place) (Date)

Occupation Buddhist Minister  
(Time of Apprehension) (On 12-6-41\*)

Address R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, California (residence)  
2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California (business address)  
(Time of Apprehension)

(On 12-6-41)\*

Next of Kin wife Yukiko Motoyoshi  
(Relationship) (Name)

(Address)

Apprehended F.B.I., RFD Box 372, Niles, California April 28, 1942  
(Agency) (Place) (Date)

Received by INS Oakland, California April 28, 1942  
(Place) (Date)

\*(Fill in for Japanese only)

Status

Location

Previous Paroled Previous Oakland, California

Present Alien enemy proceedings terminated Present 2325 Pacific Ave., Alameda, Calif.

Effective Date of Change November 15, 1945

Remarks: Legal resident

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December 18, 1945

Date of Report

Assistant Commissioner Officer in Chg.

E. C. Benson

Prisoner of War Information Bureau, OPMG, WD.

U. S. Attorney

Special War Problems Div., State Dept.

F.B.I.

Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit

Chief, Info. Mail & Files

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Status	Location
Previous <u>Parolee</u>	Previous <u>Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah</u>
Present <u>Parolee</u>	Present <u>Oakland, California</u>
Effective Date of Change <u>September 21, 1945</u>	

Remarks: Unemployed at present -- will notify.

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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.

File No. 39/7377

Date 5/4/44

In Re: Change of Status (Japanese)  
Alien Enemy

Name.....: Motoyoshi, Joshin  
Sex.....: Male  
Address when apprehended.....: HFD Box 372, Niles, Calif.  
Address on 12-6-41.....:  
Occupation on 12-6-41.....: Buddhist Priest  
Date and Place of Birth.....: Okamoto, Fukia, Japan 3/28/1897  
Alien Registration Number.....:  
Previous Status and Location.....: Interim paroled-Santa Fe-for travel to Topaz,  
Utah  
Date of Attorney General's order,  
if any.....: 1/5/44  
Date of Change in Status  
of Location.....: 3/25/44  
Present Status.....: Paroled-San Francisco, Cal.  
Immigration District  
Present Location.....: Central Utah War Relocation Center,  
Topaz, Utah

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*Earl G. Harrison*  
Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

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c.c: Special Division, State Department  
c.c: Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit  
c.c: Ass't Commissioner for Alien Registration, I&NS  
Basis for Report:

Letter 4/25/44 San Francisco, Cal.

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February 16, 1944

Mrs. Yukiko Motoyoshi  
37-1-D and C, Central Utah Relocation Center  
Topaz, Utah

*E.S.M.*

Re: **Joshin Motoyoshi**  
D. J. File No. 146-13-2- 12-3658

Dear Madam:

The case of the above-named alien has been reconsidered by this Department. The Attorney General has concluded that, on the present state of the record, he should be paroled to a War Relocation Center to be re-united with his family.

Negotiations are presently being conducted between the Department of Justice and the War Relocation Authority for the transfer of all parolees acceptable to the War Relocation Authority.

As soon as arrangements have been completed, you will be notified by the War Relocation Authority.

Very truly yours,

Director

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Religious Center #2  
Topaz, Utah

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February 9, 1944

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



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My dear Mr. Ennis:

We are a group of ministers, composed of various creeds and sects, who formed a council to better serve the people of the Central Utah WRA Project, at Topaz, Utah, in a moral and spiritual way.

In betterment of morale and spirit of families whose husbands have been interned, it has been our sad task to comfort them and do everything possible in efforts for their return to the family.

We now refer to the case of Joshin Motoyoshi, who is now interned at the Santa Fe Detention Camp, since April 1942. We know the Motoyoshi family as a family of good standing. Mr. Motoyoshi, we know has done a great deal in the Americanizing the people of his own race, and too, aided greatly in the struggle of bettering the citizens of the United States. He is the father of six children: Merika, 15; Asoka, 12; Sachimaro, 10; Kazumaro, 7; Mitsumaro, 3; and Miyuki, 1, and they are greatly in need of fatherly advice. We feel that they are at an age when they can easily be led unto stray with confusion. We as a group wonder if something can be done to have Mr. Motoyoshi return to his family, so he may again resume the normal way of life with his family, not for his selfish motive, but for a humanitarian and a sociological view. Your kind attention in regards to this case will be greatly appreciated. We have the honor to remain,

Yours respectfully,

Rev. L. Hyogo  
Rev. J. Okayama  
Rev. J. Koshima

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Rev. S. Shinada

Rev. B. H. Terasawa

Rev. H. Iano.

Rev. J. K. Tsukamoto.

Reverend Kumada.



February 5, 1944

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

Dear Sir:

My husband was placed in the custody of the Santa Fe Detention Camp, New Mexico, on April 1942, and hence, we who were left behind find ourselves at a great loss without his guidance. As far as I know, he has been eager to abide by the laws of the United States, and was very eager in the Americanizing of the first generation (isseis) and too, lead the second generations (niseis) into becoming a good American Citizen.

After my husband was interned, I did my utmost in rearing our six children: Merika, 15; Asoka, 12; Sachimaro, 10; Kazumaro, 7; Mitsumaro, 3; and Miyuki, 1, to be good citizens. I did not for this reason, apply for the Family Reunion Camp, fearing that it will cause great effect upon their becoming better citizens of the United States. They are now at the age when much guidance of the father is most necessary. Mitsumaro, being so small, do not remember father and always wonder of the whereabouts of him, while Miyuki, the unfortunate one, had not the opportunity to this date to see him.

For their sake, Mr. Ennis, I extend my plea to you in considering the release of my husband at the earliest date possible. I am anxiously awaiting to hear from you. Until then, I have the honor to remain,

Yours respectfully,

*Yukiko Motoyoshi*  
Yukiko Motoyoshi  
(Mrs. Joshin Motoyoshi)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FILE NO. 100-3280

REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-8-44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-8-43; 1-8-44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DUDLEY H. CULP</b> <span style="float: right;">msw</span>
TITLE <b>JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI AER 2013256</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL - J</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject, an interned Japanese Alien, was afforded a re-hearing by a Special Alien Enemy Hearing Board sitting at the Japanese Internment Camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Board recommended the alien's parole. Complete text of the Board's "Report and Recommendation." set out.

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**DETAILS:**

**AT SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO**

On December 8, 1943 an Alien Enemy Hearing Board composed of members appointed specially to rehear cases of interned aliens afforded the Subject, an interned Japanese alien, a rehearing.

The Board sat at the Japanese Internment Camp at Santa Fe, New Mexico and was presided over by Mr. ATTILIO di GIROLAMO, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. At the conclusion of the rehearing the Board recommended that the alien be paroled.

The Complete text of the Board's "Report and Recommendation" together with the names of the members of the Board is as follows:

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<p>5 - Bureau (100-106422)</p> <p>3 - San Francisco (1 USA) (100-10645)</p> <p>2 - El Paso</p>		<p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-weight: bold;">RECORDS</p>	

ROBERT M. BENJAMIN, Chairman; JAMES H. WOLFE; JOHN P. KIRKPATRICK, board members.

"The alien is 46 years of age. He is a Buddhist priest. He entered the United States in 1928 and made one trip to Japan in 1937 to pay honor to his father's memory at the time of his death.

"The alien's wife and his 6 minor children are at Topaz.

"The alien graduated from the University of Tokyo. He testified well and convincingly, and impressed the Board with his character and sincerity. His feeling about the war is most affected by the interests of his six American-born children, none of whom has been registered for dual citizenship. He himself has been here for sixteen years, and the Board believes his statement that he has no intention to hurt this country. He hopes that peace will come soon, but recognizes the validity of this country's position in intending to carry on the war to a conclusive end. He was asked how he would feel if American bombers bombed Japan and the Buddhist Temple over which his father presided and his brother now presides, and he said that he would accept this as a proper and fair part of war.

"The alien does not want to go into a free zone. He would like to stay at the Relocation Center with his family, and give spiritual guidance to his people. He assured the Board that that guidance would be in the interest of this country; that he would stop any attempts at sabotage or strikes and would report such attempts to the camp authorities. The Board believes these statements, and believes that the alien's influence at a Relocation Center would be good.

"The alien said that the newspaper work that he did had to do solely with religious news. He denied association with Japanese officers, and the Board believes his denial.

"The alien attended yesterday's memorial meeting, which he said was a universal service for all the dead of the war on all sides.

"The alien's camp record at Lordsburg was favorable as to general attitude and cooperativeness and character of associates. His camp record at Santa Fe is better than fair.

"On the basis of its impression of the alien and of all the evidence, the Board recommends parole. Mr. di Girolamo concurs."

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ALIEN ENEMY SPECIAL HEARING BOARD

In the matter of the detention of

JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI

Internee of the Northern District of California

146-19-2-12-3658  
DEC 28 1943  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT  
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REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

To the Attorney General:

The above matter came on for rehearing before this Board at

Santa Fe, New Mexico on December 8, 1943

Upon reconsideration whereof it is hereby recommended that the said alien enemy be: (check one)

Interned \_\_\_\_\_ Released \_\_\_\_\_ Paroled \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF FACTS AND OPINION:

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(Proceedings attached)

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Robert M. Benjamin  
Robert M. Benjamin, Chairman

James H. Wolfe  
James H. Wolfe

John P. Kirkpatrick  
John P. Kirkpatrick

A. diGirolamo  
A. diGirolamo, Spec. Asst. to the Attorney General

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Proceedings Continued

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✓ On the basis of its impression of the alien and of all the evidence, the Board recommends parole. Mr. di Girolamo concurs.

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Alien Enemy Control Unit,  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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(ISN-19-4-J-174-CI)

Barrack 64,  
Santa Fe Detention  
Station, Santa Fe,  
New Mexico.

Sir: Re: Petition for a Temporary Parole

Dated: October 30, 1943.

I, Joshin Motoyoshi, am the minister of Japanese Buddhist Temple formerly located at 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California, and am now an internee at Santa Fe Detention Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

On or about September 16, 1943, Mr. Jerre Mangione, the Assistant to the Commissioner of Immigration & Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, visited this Detention Station, and on that occasion I made my personal appeal to Mr. Mangione to aid me in solving my difficult family problem by letting me reunite with my wife and children on the following three measures:

(First) By an early transfer of myself and my family to the Family Internment Camp at Crystal City, Texas. On account of an abnormal mental condition of my wife, Mrs. Yukiko Motoyoshi (33) who is residing at 37- 1 D & C, Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah, she may refuse to be moved to the Family Internment Camp with our small children, namely:

- Merika Motoyoshi (14), daughter;
- Asoka Motoyoshi (12), daughter,
- Saichimaro Motoyoshi (10) son;
- Kazumaro Motoyoshi (7) son;
- Mitsumaro Motoyoshi (3) son, and
- Miyuki Motoyoshi (1) daughter born after my internment.

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In the event that Mrs. Motoyoshi, my wife, refuses to come to the Family Internment Camp I asked Mr. Mangione to take the necessary step to force her to come to the Family Camp, but this Mr. Mangione said was impossible.

(Second) If my wife refuses to come to the Family Camp I ask the United Government would release me on parole immediately after the refusal of my wife. As a matter of fact this release on parole could be effected only after a lengthy rehearing process, and as your honor are well aware of the situation, the rehearing takes unusually a long time and I am afraid that my family problem may not be solved if my reunion takes such a long time and process. In fact I have no sponsors nor supporters in my case as I had little opportunity to associate with Caucasian American people while I was in Alameda, California and I have little confidence

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in getting my release through a rehearing of my case, even though I had done nothing against the interest of this country. So far from what I see very few Buddhist priests or ministers or Shinto ministers have been released since the rehearing regulation became effective. The main point is that I need an earlier reunion with my wife and children in order to save them, and to prevent the break-down of my respectable family which the United States Government separated from me by force.

(Third) In the event that the above First and Second propositions are not accepted or impracticable I ask that your honor will please permit me to visit my home in Topaz, Utah by a temporary parole of say 60 days or so so that during that period I can work my way through in straightening out my difficult situation which is fully described in my petition to Mr. Jerre Mangione. Since I am the Buddhist Minister I am entirely cut off from any income, and on account of my large number of family members both my family and myself need such financial assistance from Welfare Department of United States Government. Such expenses as needed in the travelling back and forth between Santa Fe and Topaz must be born by the government Welfare Organization, and for this I sincerely ask that your honor will please give your special assistance.

For your information I am attaching herewith a detailed statement of my family circumstances which require an immediate humane consideration. As the Japanese Internee and a Buddhist Temple Minister I must appeal to your honor for the special assistance in saving my family at this time. I believe that the facts finding report has already been made by Miss Evelyn W. Hersey, Assistant to the Commissioner of Immigration & Naturalization Service as Mr. Mangione told me that he would turn over the matter to Miss Hersey. Under the circumstance kindly get in touch with Miss Hersey and expedite the decision of your Unit regarding my petition as I would like to know what I should do about my family at once. I would sincerely appreciate it if your honor could acknowledge receipt of this petition and advise me what further steps I should take in regard to my case.

Most Respectfully Submitted,

Signed: this 30th day of October, 1943. By: *Ran. Ischi. Watarashi*

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STATEMENT written by Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi, the minister of Buddhist Temple of Alameda, a Japanese Internee at Santa Fe Detention Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico and presented to The Department of Justice of The United States Government through Honorable Jerre Mangione, Assistant to the Commissioner of U. S. Immigration & Naturalization Service, while the latter was visiting The Santa Fe Detention Station on September 16, 1943.

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( 1 ) The Case: Restoration of the family life in order to prevent the break-down of the Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi's family which consists of two Japanese nationals (Mr. and Mrs. Motoyoshi) and six American citizens (children born in the United States, age ranging from 14 to 1 year) as described below.

Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi (46), a Japanese Minister of Buddhist Temple located at 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California.

Mrs. Yukiko Motoyoshi (33), the wife of Rev. Motoyoshi who is residing with her children at 37 - 1 D & C, Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah.

Children: Merika Motoyoshi (14); daughter;  
Asoka Motoyoshi (12), daughter,  
Shichimaro Motoyoshi (10) son;  
Kazumaro Motoyoshi (7) son;  
Mitsumaro Motoyoshi (3) son, and  
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Motoyoshi was apprehended as an alien enemy.

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Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi (46), a Japanese Minister of Buddhist Temple located at 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California.

Mrs. Yukiko Motoyoshi (33), the wife of Rev. Motoyoshi who is residing with her children at 37 - 1 D & C, Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah.

Children: Merika Motoyoshi (14), daughter;  
Asoka Motoyoshi (12), daughter;  
Shichimaro Motoyoshi (10) son;  
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Relation to the Motoyoshi Family: No blood-relation to the Rev. Motoyoshi's family. Mr. Maruyama had suffered from the tuberculosis lung-disease sometime ago, and he was confined in a sanatorium for about two years. Recovered from the consumption but had no specific job to work therefore Rev. Motoyoshi cared for him ~~in his~~ ~~period~~ while Mr. Maruyama aided his family work and sometimes the Buddhist Temple work.

Nature: Intelligent and sensitive. Very friendly to the children.

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4 ) In order to solve this family difficulty which was caused by the forced separation of the United States Government Rev. Motoyoshi asks the U. S. Department of Justice the following procedure:

(First) - Early transfer to the Family Internment Camp at Crystal City, Texas all of the family members. On account of an abnormal condition (principally due to her obstinate nature) she may refuse to be moved to the Family Internment Camp, especially when the man involved in this case may strongly influence her not to move from her present residence, In that event the Rev. Motoyoshi wishes to have the government issue a compulsory order, or the necessary measure thereof, to effect the transfer of the entire family to the Family Internment Camp.

(Second) - If in the event that the Government of United States cannot take such an appropriate measure as described in the (First) request the Rev. Motoyoshi asks the Department of Justice to release him on parole by reviewing his case in the Review Section of the Alien Enemy Control Unit in Washington, D. C.

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If this last request is granted the Rev. Motoyoshi wishes that it does not take too long a time in investigation and other procedure. Rev. Motoyoshi feels that even if he could straighten out his family problem eventually he must ask for the early transfer to the Family Internment Camp.

For your information Rev. Motoyoshi's written statement which he wrote in the Japanese language and which was translated by Geo. Shichitaro Fujii, the Assistant-Spokesman of the Japanese Internees at Santa Fe Detention Station, is attached herewith.

Kindly note the helpless position in which Rev. Motoyoshi is now placed owing to inability to meet with his wife and children and due to the influence that Mr. Masato Maruyama ~~may be giving~~ in the Central Utah Relocation Center over the family members of Rev. Motoyoshi.

It is the fervent wish of this writer, Geo. S. Fujii, that the wish of Rev. Motoyoshi be fulfilled by the aid of the United States Government from the standpoint of humanity and justice which I believe is the principle that the United States of America stands for.

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Rev. Josiah Motoyoshi

Geo. S. Fujii  
Vice Spokesman

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STATEMENT written by Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi and translated into English by Geo. Shichitaro Fujii, Vice-Spokesman of the Internees at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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In order to save the break-down of my beloved family I wish to make a detailed explanation of the circumstance of myself and my wife and I beg for the humane consideration and aid of your honor. If your official advice be given in this case I would appreciate greatly.

In February, 1942 the Commander of the Fourth Defense Area on the Pacific Coast issued an order to all Japanese and its descents to evacuate to the interior States . We the Japanese who lived in Alameda, California for over 20 years, some as long as 40 years had inexpressible hardship in this sudden evacuation order because of the fact that we had to find our new place first and the prospect of making living in such an unaccustomed interior States was very poor. Approximately only one-third of the population of Japanese in Alameda could decide where to go but the majority were to be taken care of by the Welfare Committee of Japanese in Alameda, and as I was one of the Committee members I made an effort in locating new places for about 50 families. To straighten out various things of our Buddhist Temple of Alameda which has the thirty-years history in Alameda was something very difficult. For these reasons I worked for about two weeks without regular sleeping time, and during that busy weeks my wife, who was pregnant and was about to give a birth to a baby, had an extremely

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Thus we evacuated from Alameda to Niles, California on February 19, 1942 under a great difficulty. In these days the Japanese farmers in and around Niles, California were confused by the rumours of their own evacuation and practically all of them were reluctant in planting seeds and taking care of their own gardens. Seeing this situation I encouraged the farmers there not to hesitate in taking care of their vegetable-garden as it would be a shame to leave their garden with weeds spoiling the vegetables. I told them that in order to show our appreciation of the happy lives which we enjoyed for so many years in this country we should all work hard in the production of the food, particularly the vegetables, and keep the garden in good shape.

In order to show a good example I worked hard myself in the farm, and by my advise and leadership practically all of the Japanese farmers changed their attitude and worked hard in the farm as before. Nearly 90% of the Japanese farmers kept their work till the last day of their evacuation, which order came later on, and I learned that there was a good crop of vegetable in Niles, California and I am satisfied to hear that good news.

In spite of my good-will and efforts for the war production of this country I was apprehended as an alien enemy on April 28, 1942 and I was thus forcibly separated from my dear wife and small children who saw me off in tears. I believed that my innocence would be proven after an investigation the the F. B. I., however probably due to my poor knowledge in speaking English or probably due to the misunderstanding of the F. B. I. officer I was sent to Sharp Park, California. At that time the young man described in my Statement (page 1 ) and two couples who were under my care helped my family.

In the meantime my family had to be transferred from Niles, California to the Tanforan Assembly Center in May, 1942. This second move of our family to such a congested place was some undescribably hardship to Mrs. Motoyoshi who was about to give a birth to a baby at that time. Not only mentally but also physically this second forced move without her husband's aid was so hard for a pregnant woman who had five small children already at that time, but order is order and she had to work hard again for the transfer.

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While I was still in Sharp Park Detention Camp I heard a very unpleasant rumour about my wife who was then in the Tanforan Assembly Center. The information surprised me when I learned that the young man, Mr. Masato Maruyama, was living in the same room of my family in the Tanforan Assembly Center, and that the neighbors had already started a bad gossip about my family. I could hardly believe the ignorant act of my wife but what surprised me most was the fact that the Tanforan Assembly Center Authority granted such a permission to have the said young man live with the wife and children of an internee who was forcibly separated from his family by the United States Government. Under the circumstance I wrote to my wife immediately informing her that I believed in her faithfulness to me but that in order to prevent such an unfounded rumout Mr. Masato Maruyama should be

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moved to another barrack immediately. I also wrote to the said young man to the same effect, but both my wife and the young man gave no reply to my request. Then the information I received from other people near them told me that the young man was still in the same room with my family. Even though I received a few letters from my wife immediately after my suggestion to my wife and to the said young man my wife did not mention anything about my suggestion of transferring the young man to other barrack. Under the circumstance I wrote her again urging her to have the young man moved to other barrack and I finally received the reply from her that as soon as she gave birth to the baby Mr. Maruyama would be moved to the other barrack, but the general tone of my wife's letter was such that she was very much discouraged in my letter, and that she felt the birth of the sixth baby might be fatal to her life, and that the children be taken care by myself after her death. Therefore I immediately wrote several letters to her to cheer her up. On the 30th day of June, 1942 she gave birth to a baby girl.

During the weeks that she stayed in the Hospital the 13 years old daughter of mine had to take care of the other four small children at home, and this situation caused my wife the greatest worries in her life as the children's father was separately interned. The oldest daughter Merika wrote me about that time asking me why her daddy is not coming back home, and begging me to come home to help the children. It was a pitiful letter to read especially when it came to me in the Internment Camp ~~hundreds of miles away~~ from my helpless children and wife, but I could not do anything. I could only cheer up the children by letter but then the children began reducing the number of letters to write me -

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In the meantime the members of my Buddhist Temple gathered together in about July last year and talked over about the aid to my family. At that meeting they decided to advise the young man, Mr. Masato Maruyama, to get married to some suitable young-woman or to move to the other Relocation Center. The group of my Temple members advised this to the young man ~~and~~ but this advice was refused by Mr. Maruyama. He did not only refuse to accept the suggestion but he kept on visiting and staying my home and the bad rumours started going around against my wife and the

young man. My Church members gave this advice to the young man but this kind act, (at least that is what they thought best thing to do) caused an indescribable worries on the part of my poor wife who was still weak from the birth of the baby. Mentally she was broken down by this poor reputation of her and the young man. By this unfortunate incident my wife began suspecting me thinking that I was the one who put up this act by asking some of the leaders of my Church members. As a matter of fact I had nothing to do with this meeting or the suggestion, but my wife thought that I did and she was very angry. Under the circumstance I was put into the most embarrassing position. In the meantime I was transferred to Angel Island and then to Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico, and during all that few months my wife stopped writing me entirely inspite of my continued writing to her.

By this time all of the Japanese in the Tanforan Assembly Center were ordered to be moved into Central Utah Relocation Center, Topaz, Utah, but from my wife there was no letter advising me of her new address in Topaz, Utah. I was very much worried about her queer attitude and so I wrote to one of my friends in the Topaz Center and asked him to advice my wife to write me. As the result I received about three letters from her but she merely asked me to remit her some money for the purchase of some clothings. These mails came to me only after 40 days delay on account of the Censorship in New York as all mails to Lordsburg Internment Camp were censored in New York. My wife sent these letters to me by air-mail but as I could not receive them for over 40 days she became very angry again. Under such a circumstance she stopped writing me the letters and from October, 1942 up to September 16, 1943 ( nearly one whole year ) she wrote me only once which informed me that she would not go to the Family Internment Camp and it was such a

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If this situation continues I am afraid that my beloved family will be completely broken-down as at present the gap between my wife and I is getting wider at all times. This unfortunate situation will undoubtedly affect the pure, innocent minds of my small children which number is now as many as six as described above. I am not blaming my wife for this as I still believe firmly in my wife. In fact maybe no body is to be blamed of this situation, but I am afraid that the shock that gave to my wife

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immediately after her giving the birth of a baby might have caused her losing her mental balance. It seems to me that this queer attitude of my wife is not only because of her obstinate nature. At any rate this unfortunate situation was caused because of the forcible separation of myself from my poor family.

I have been interned now over sixteen months (16) and I still do not know why I was ordered interned. In my fifteen years of my life <sup>in this country</sup> I am confident that I had contributed my share for the welfare and the good of the United States of America but I had never done any thing which conflicts with the interest of this country. At the brief hearing held in San Francisco in June, 1942 I was given but a few minutes and could not express fully what I wanted to tell.

I would sincerely appreciate it if your honor could give your special consideration in my case and aid me to solve this unfortunate family difficulty at the earliest possible date. I want to be transferred to the Family Internment Camp, and ask the government to have my family moved there, by force, if necessary. Kindly give your sympathetic consideration about this petition.

Signed and  
Dated at Santa Fe, New Mexico, September 16, 1943.

Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi

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Barrack 64,  
Santa Fe Detention Station,  
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

*Rev. [Signature]*  
vice spokesman

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Mr. Edward J. Conis  
Director of Enemy Alien Control Unit  
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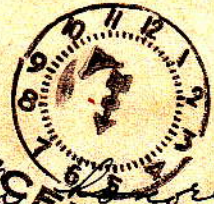
Honorable Mr. Conis,

We are sending you a copy of the  
letter which we sent to the Honorable Mr.  
Kennedy, United States Attorney.

The copy itself will explain fully  
the purpose of the letter so I shall not  
bother you with notes.

We will be glad to be honored if you  
will reconsider the case and give a  
favorable decision.

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Gratefully yours,  
Lomas Lomine  
Representative

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Topaz, Utah  
July 29, 1943

Mr. Frank J. Hennessey  
United States Attorney  
Department of Justice  
San Francisco, California

RE: Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi  
Barrack 64  
Detention Station  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Honorable Sir:

We, the undersigned, are writing this letter to formally request a rehearing for the Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi who has been our spiritual leader since our childhood days.

We have, all of us, known him for more than a dozen years and we have never during that period heard him express an un-American opinion from the pulpit to his congregation or to us in personal conversation.

After war was declared between Japan and the United States, Rev. Motoyoshi insisted that we remain loyal to the United States without reservations.

Of course, he cannot become a citizen being an alien; but we are sure that were he released to rejoin his wife and six children at this Project he would abide by the laws of this nation and contribute what he could to the war effort.

We will personally as individuals take responsibility for Reverend Motoyoshi's good behavior were he released to reside here.

We beg that Rev. Motoyoshi be granted a hearing and a release as soon as possible.

Respectfully yours,

*Shigeko Ishikawa*  
Shigeko Ishikawa,  
Block 14-1-C

*Sakae Yoshimura*  
Sakae Yoshimura,  
Block 29-8-A

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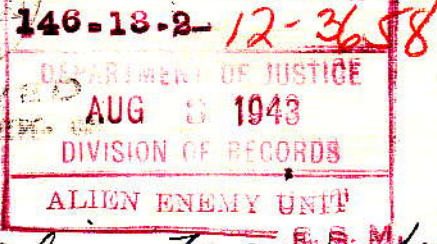
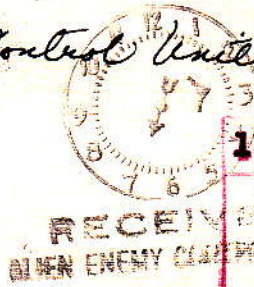
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Mr. Edward J. Ennis  
Director of Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.



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My Dear Mr. Ennis,

Very humbly, I am appealing to you for help in order to bring Reverend Josiah Motoyoshi back to his family from Santa Fe, New Mexico where he is interned.

Being a neighbor of Mrs. Motoyoshi and her six children in the Topaz Center, I cannot help but see the family in their struggle in carrying on without their father. Sometimes it makes me wonder how much longer Mrs. Motoyoshi would be able to keep up alone.

I have known Reverend Motoyoshi ever since he came to Alameda as our reverend thirteen years ago, and never once have I lost respect for him not only as a leader, but also as a personal friend. Unselfishly, he devoted all of his time

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For the welfare of our Buddhist Church, and also  
created goodwill among the Caucasian residents  
of Alameda.

I can see no reason why a beloved person  
like Reverend Motoyoshi should meet such  
a misfortune as to be separated from his  
family.

Whatever crime there is against Reverend  
Motoyoshi must all be a mistake, and I  
pray that the day will come real soon  
when he is released to return to his  
anxious children.

Mr. Ennis, please bestow your personal  
sympathy on this family, and please  
grant a rehearing on Reverend Motoyoshi's  
case.

Gratefully yours,  
Louise Tomine

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*Mr. Edward J. Ennis*  
*Department of Justice*  
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(English) June 12 1943

Dear Sir: I appreciate your kind letter of June 4, 1943 from bottom of my heart. I am honoured to write you the true fact which the almost of Japanese internees over here admire your excellent personality which built up by humanity and appreciate your kindness to answer promptly for their appeals. I wish your officers or F. B. I. men will investigate my case more strictly. I am sure you will acknowledge the true fact that I am not dangerous to this country and my life during past 16 years in this country was loyalty itself to this country and also my future life will be sure loyalty to this country. I want ardently to see my six children, especially my baby who was born after I was arrested. I heard my baby already can walk and is getting cuter every day. Again I appeal to your generosity and I wish my children will have big gift of my release by your kind consideration.

very sincerely yours  
Joshua Motoyoshi

MY ADDRESS IS:

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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF REVIEW SECTION  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI  
A.R. 3236930

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N. D. California.

HEARING BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION: Internment, which was concurred in by the United States Attorney, and by a reviewing attorney of the Department of Justice in the original memorandum of July 21, 1942. Subject submitted additional evidence in support of his application for rehearing to the United States Attorney, and after consideration was given the same, the application was denied on the ground that no new evidence of enough importance had been presented to make it probable that any different result would take place if a rehearing were granted. Said evidence consisted of letters from the subject's acquaintances, friends and his family.

CHARGE: Dangerous alien enemy - pro-Japanese sympathies and activities.

EVIDENCE: Subject, a Japanese alien, is married and has 5 children, arranging in ages from 1½ years to 13 years, was born in Japan in 1897, and entered the United States in 1928. He made one trip to Japan in the year 1937. He lived in Honolulu from 1927 to January, 1928, in San Francisco from February, 1928 to August, 1937, and lived in Alameda, California, from December, 1937 to May, 1942. Subject married a Japanese alien, and all of his children were born and are now residing in the United States.

Subject has a brother in Japan, who is a Buddhist Priest. Subject has a passport issued in Japan, Visaed at Yokohama, August 12, 1927 - no date given and not subject to expiration. Subject registered under the Alien Registration in 1940, and his number is 2013256, at Alameda, California. Subject estimates his household and personal effects at \$60.00 and an automobile at \$500.00, located at R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, California. Subject owns a farm and hill land, residence and Buddhist temple worth 100,000.00 Yen located at Fukui-Ken, Japan. Subject has lived in this country since 1928, with the exception of the one trip to Japan in 1937.

His wife's maiden name is Yukiko Kasai, who was born in Japan in 1910, and came to the United States in 1928 from Honolulu. Subject's mother and father lived and died in Japan.

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Subject reads the Japanese-American and the Japanese New World and receives them by carrier. He speaks and understands Japanese and English. Subject is a Buddhist Priest by occupation, and stated that he inherited this position as a successor to his father 8 years before coming to the United States. He has had 6 years grammar school, 5 years middle school, 2 years at the Buddhist College, and 5 years at the Tokyo University at Tokyo, and has a degree of Bachelor of Arts. Subject has been a newspaper representative for the New World Sun in San Francisco. He is a member of the Japanese Association, and has circulated among the Buddhist churches in behalf of Buddhism. He has been a close associate of Japanese Navy men and of a notorious Japanese espionage agent who returned to Japan in the fall of 1941. According to the F.B.I. report, subject has spent much of his time around military men and establishments in Japan and he knew how rigorously the Japanese trained and explained the intricate groupings of soldiers (20 men to a group and how the groups would deploy and fall) - also that subject talked proudly of the technique in advance which was designed to prevent the enemy from getting the proper machine-gun range.

Continuing the F.B.I. report, subject stated that he returned to Japan in 1937, remained there about two months and again returned to the United States, and that he made this trip to attend the funeral services for his father. He denied having received any military training in Japan and stated that after having been examined by a military official he was excluded from military service because of poor eyesight and under-weight condition. Subject admitted that he donated \$5.00 to Heimusha Kai about 3½ years ago, and stated that it was his duty as a priest to contribute to charity and compared the Heimusha Kai to the Red Cross. Subject denied that he possessed any knowledge concerning the Japanese army or its methods of training. He denied that he would support the Japanese Government nor bear arms for same. He denied that he was ever an officer or member of the Japanese Association or any other Japanese organization other than the Buddhist Church.

The Board was impressed that the subject is intensely pro-Japanese, as admitted by him, going about from one Buddhist Church to another making speeches and inculcating the Buddhist cult to the Japanese in this country. He also admitted before the Board that he spent much time with the Japanese Navy men, and that he was a bosom friend of a notorious Japanese espionage agent who returned to Japan in the fall of 1941, and the Board felt on the face of the record that the subject was a dangerous alien enemy and should be interned.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The reviewing attorney agrees with the recommendation of the Board, the United States District Attorney and of the reviewing attorney of the Department of Justice that subject be interned. The record shows that he is one of the most highly educated Japanese aliens to come to this country, and with his educational background and his experience, he is bound to exercise an influence over people with whom he comes in contact. He denied that he was affiliated with any of the Japanese organizations or that he was loyal to Japan in the F.B.I. report and admitted just the reverse when he appeared before the Board.

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Subject has been in this country since 1928, with the exception of one trip back to Japan in 1937, and yet the records show that he has only \$560.00 invested in this country and 1,000 yen invested in real estate and holdings in Japan. Subject has been receiving a salary of \$100.00 per month for the last 14 years, doing as he states missionary work. Interning this subject might work a hardship on his wife and 5 children, but this subject is too potentially dangerous, and the record shows all of his sympathies and interests are in Japan.

The records show the subject has 100,000 yen invested in real estate in Japan, and unless he inherited this property from his father and family it would be impossible for the subject to accumulate this much property in Japan. He has made something like \$19,600.00 since he came to this country. Interning the subject would throw an additional burden on this country in providing subsistence for the wife and 5 children, but this is a burden we will have to carry for the duration. I recommend internment for the duration.

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Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Justice Department  
Washington D. C.

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BOOK OF RECORDS  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

H. M. W.

(English)

May 18

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Sir: May I appeal to your generosity to consider about my case. My wife was expectant mother when I was arrested April of last year. During of my absence she was forced to evacuate twice with our five children (oldest one is only 13 years) and she gave birth to her <sup>sixth</sup> baby at Tanforan Center on June 30 last year. Those things were terrible burdens for her. Her struggle to live in the crowd and taking care of her six children were too much hard tasks for her and at last I had heard she were going into hysterics. I have never received a letter from my wife since last November. I worry about my family because I could not know the true condition of my family. I fear the circumstances of my family are miserable. I believe our long separation is the big cause of such trouble. I must have the responsibility and duty to raise up and educate my six children (not dual citizens) as loyal American citizens. I firmly believe I am not dangerous to this country. Please would you kindly to allow me to do my best to my family and to this country.

Sincerely yours

Joshin Motoyoshi

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A.S.F.-P.M. CO.  
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LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO

May 5, 1943

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

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146-13-2-12-3658  
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MAY 11 1943  
ALIEN ENEMY UNIT

Sir: **RE:** JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI, Enemy alien,  
D. J. File No. 146-13-2-12-3658,  
F. B. I. File No. 100-10645.

Today I denied the application of Joshin Motoyoshi, of Alameda, California, Japanese alien, now detained at Camp Lordsburg, New Mexico, for a rehearing of his case. No new evidence of enough importance has been presented to make it probable that any different result would take place if a rehearing were granted. His application is based upon assertions of loyalty made by members of his family and many members of his congregation, and several friends, of his loyalty and integrity, coupled with their entreaties to allow him to join the family at their relocation center because of hardships resulting from their separation.

The Alien Enemy Hearing Board found that this alien was born in Japan in 1897. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California, in 1928 and since that time made one trip to Japan in the year 1937. He has resided in various places in the United States and finally at Alameda, California, from 1937 to the present time. He is by occupation a Buddhist Priest in San Francisco, California, and has been such for fourteen years. He inherited his position of Buddhist Priest as successor to his father eight years before coming to the United States. He does missionary work as such Buddhist Priest. He owns a farm and a **residence** and Buddhist temple in Japan of the value of 100,000 yen. He is married to a Japanese woman who entered the United States in 1928. They have five children, respectively 13, 11, 9, 5 and 1½ years of age, all born in California and all residing therein. His father and mother died in Japan. He has a brother in Japan, who is also a Buddhist priest. He was educated in Tokio University in Japan. He has been a newspaper representative for the New World Sun. He is a member of the Japanese Association. He is intensely pro-Japanese, as admitted by him, going about from one Buddhist Church to another making speeches and inculcating the Buddhist cult to the Japanese in this country. He admitted that he spent much time with Japanese

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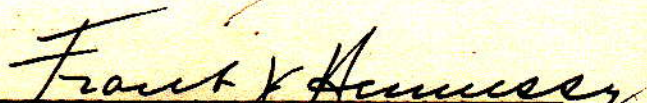
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Re: Joshin Motoyoshi.

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Navy men. He admitted being a bosom friend of a notorious Japanese espionage agent who returned to Japan in the fall of 1941, his name being set forth in the files and report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, made part of the record heretofore forwarded.

Respectfully,

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Frank J. Hennessy,  
United States Attorney.

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Tanforan Ass. Center  
San Bruno, California  
August 20, 1942

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*Hennessey*

Mr. Frank J. Hennessey  
United States District Attorney  
P. O. Building  
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Hennessey:

This is in regards to Reverend Joshin Motoyoshi who has been interned on August 11, 1942 for the duration of the war. Since he had no connection with any organization which is subversive to this country, he does not know on what account he has been interned and is asking an opportunity for rehearing in his case.


I have personally known him for over ten years. He was a minister of the Alameda Buddhist Church, serving the people of Alameda, and of Alameda County. During this time I do not recall any conduct that indicates he is dangerous to the welfare of this country. In all my observation I have known him to be of noble character.

In his contact with the Japanese parent group he has always impressed upon them to be law-abiding residents and to bring up the children to become good American citizens. To the young people he has constantly stressed the moral responsibility of becoming upright citizens, particularly in respect to the community welfare work and helped to minimize delinquency and social problems among the Japanese residents.

As for his family his wife and six children are now evacuees at Tanforan Assembly Center. The oldest is 13 year old daughter and the youngest was born at this center about five weeks ago. They are being brought up to be good American citizens.

On the bases of his conduct and his deep devotion to his family I hold every confidence in him to be a law-abiding resident of this country. Since it is also to the best interest of his six young children that he rejoin them in the relocation area I'm requesting you to consider a rehearing for Reverend Motoyoshi.

Very sincerely yours,

  
M. V. Ichisaka  
Citizen of U. S. A.

Note on my identification

Place of birth	- Watsonville, California
Place of residence	- lived most of my life in the vicinity of Irvington, Alameda County, California
School	- graduate Washington Union Highschool
Occupation	- farmer

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Referred To *Hemlock*

Mr. Frank J. Hennessy,  
U.S. Attorney,  
Post Office Building,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear sir:

I, Joshin Motoyoshi, (12044/ 1038) am decided to be interned on August //, 1942 for the duration of the war. However, I do not know on what account I have been interned. I am a permanent resident since 1928, and a father of six American born children. I have no connection with any club or association which is subversive to this country. May I ask you to give a chance for rehearing taking into consideration what I have done for fifteen years past in this country.

Very truly yours,

*Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi*

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Handwritten: July 3, 1942

The Honorable United States Attorney

Mr. Frank J. Hennessy

Dear Sir:

I have appreciated your kind answer to my earnest appeal to your mercy for my release dated June 24. May I ask you again for my immediate joining with my family taking into consideration what I have been doing for many years and under what condition my poor family are now.

As a Buddhist priest I have believed the basic principle of Universal Love of all people and as a father of six American citizens, I have always been loyal to this country, the only home land of my family. How is it possible for me to be otherwise?

As I have written you before, I had five children the eldest of whom is only thirteen years old girl. On June 30 my wife gave birth to a sixth baby in the Tanforan Assembly Center's hospital. Now our five children have been left amid the crowd of the Assembly Center. To think of them

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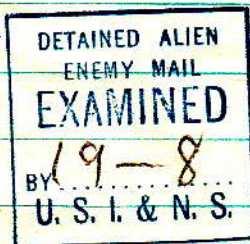
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looking and crying for mother and father  
is an unbearable ordeal for us.

It will be a great benefit for  
our poor family if you help me at this  
hardest time through your kind attention  
and recommendation. With the great  
respect toward you I will always be.

Very Sincerely Yours  
Rev. Joskin Motoyoshi  
(1038)

Immigration Station  
Sharp Park  
California



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*Branney*

JUNE 24 1942

THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
MR. FRANK J. HENNESSY

DEAR SIR:

MAY I APPEAL TO YOUR GENEROSITY FOR MY IMMEDIATE RELEASE TAKING IN YOUR CONSIDERATIONS WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING IN THIS COUNTRY AND WHAT A MISERABLE CONDITION OF MY POOR FAMILY IS.

THOUGH I WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ARRESTED ON APRIL 28 BY A F.B.I. MAN AND I HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION STATION OF SHARP PARK WITHOUT A DEFINITE REASON EXCEPT AN ENEMY ALIEN, I AM FIRM IN THE BELIEF THAT I AM NOT GUILTY IN ANYWAY AS MY RECORD SHOWS.

As a BUDDHIST MINISTER OF SHIN SHU SECT I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1928 FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK. My WIFE AND I HAVE CHOSEN THIS COUNTRY AS OUR PERMANENT HOME LAND IN OUR MIND. WHAT I REALLY INTENDED TO DO IS TO BUILD UP AMERICANIZED BUDDHISM. THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF BUDDHISM IS UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD OF ALL BEINGS WHICH MAY ALSO BE THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRACY.

I HAVE CLAIMED THAT THE BUDDHIST WAY OF LIFE COINCIDES WITH THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF AMERICAN LIFE AND THAT BUDDHISTS SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOYAL TO THIS COUNTRY.

AS A MATTER OF FACT MY WIFE AND I COULD HAVE BROUGHT UP MANY LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ARE SERVING FAITHFULLY IN THE U. S. ARMY AT THIS NATIONAL CRISIS. TECHNICALLY JAPANESE AM I, I HAVE BEEN TEACHING AND LIVING AMERICANISM FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY MIND. ALL OF MY FIVE CHILDREN ARE AMERICAN BORN CITIZENS. THE WELFARE OF MY FAMILY, THEREFORE, DEPENDS UPON THE PROSPERITY OF THIS COUNTRY. IN MY LIFE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANY ACTION BUT LOYALTY TO THIS COUNTRY.

AS FOR MY FAMILY, WE EVACUATED TO NILES OF ALAMEDA COUNTY FROM CITY OF ALAMEDA ON FEB. 20 IN CONFORMITY WITH AN EVACUATION LAW. BESIDES US MY FAMILY CONSISTS OF FIVE CHILDREN:

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|----|----------|-----------|----------|
| 1) | DAUGHTER | MERIKA    | 13 YEARS |
| 2) | DAUGHTER | ASOKA     | 11 YEARS |
| 3) | SON      | SACHIMARO | 9 YEARS  |
| 4) | SON      | KAZUMARO  | 5 YEARS  |
| 5) | SON      | MITSUMARO | 1½ YEARS |

AND THE WORST OF ALL, MY WIFE WAS OF CONCEPTION OF ABOUT SEVENTH MONTH ON THE LAST OF FEBRUARY. THROUGH OUR VOLUNTARILY EVACUATION WE LOST OUR INCOME AND FELL INTO A DESPERATE CONDITION. AT THAT TIME I WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ARRESTED WHILE MY WIFE WAS TO MOVE

(III)

WITH FIVE CHILDREN TO TANFORAN ASSEMBLY CENTER.  
UNDER ANY CONDITIONS HOW HARD THEY MAY BE MY WIFE  
AND I USED TO FOREBEAR.

BUT NOW MY WIFE, AN EXPECTING MOTHER OF A  
SIXTH CHILD — (OF CONCEPTION OF THE TENTH MONTH NOW) —,  
IS ALONE WITH FIVE CHILDREN IN THE CROWDY ASSEMBLY  
CENTER. DUE TO THE CONTINUOUS ANXIETY AND FEAR SHE HAS  
BECOME <sup>(NERVOUS)</sup> HYSTERIC AND DURING OF HER STAYING IN HOSPITAL  
TO GIVE THE BIRTH TO NEW BABY WE CAN NOT FIND ANYONE  
WHO TAKE CARE OF MY CHILDREN WITH THE PERFECT  
RESPONSIBILITY. SO MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FALLEN DOWN  
INTO THE MISERABLE CONDITION.

AS THE HONEST HUSBAND AND FATHER I CANNOT BEAR TO BE  
DATAINED HERE IDLY WHILE MY WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE  
CRYING FOR MY HELP.

AS I HAVE HEARD THAT THE ASSEMBLY CENTER IS STRICTLY  
GUARDED BY AMERICAN SOLDIERS I MAY BE WATCHED SAFELY.  
I WILL BE A GREAT BENEFIT FOR MY FAMILY IF I AM RELEASED  
TO JOIN THEM THROUGH YOUR MERCY. PLEASE GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO LIVE FAITHFULLY AND LOYALLY NOT ONLY FOR MY FAMILY BUT  
TO THIS COUNTRY FOR WHICH WE HAVE CHERISHED AS OUR  
PERMANENTLY LIVING PLACE.

AGAIN, MAY I APPEAL TO YOU FOR YOUR



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MAGNANIMOUS CONSIDERATION TO MY HONEST LOYALTY TO THIS  
COUNTRY AND THE MISERABLE CONDITION OF MY FAMILY.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

REV. JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI

(1038)

*Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi*

IMMIGRATION STATION  
SHARP PARK  
CALIFORNIA

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Referred To *[Signature]*

August 3, 1942

The Honorable Frank J. Hennessy  
United States Attorney General  
Federal Building  
San Francisco, California

My dear sir:

It is our understanding that the case of the Reverend Joshin Motovoshi, now interned at Sharp Park, will receive a hearing very soon before the Alien Board. We would like to make an appeal on his behalf.

As minister of the Alameda Buddhist Church for the past ten years, he served well not only as a spiritual leader but as a leader in the community actively interested in the Americanization program for the young Americans of Japanese ancestry. Always in his sermons he expressed his desire to see us grow up to become loyal and upstanding American citizens. In bidding farewell to young selectees, his final instructions to them were always, "serve your country well and be proud of your responsibility."

We can vouch for the integrity of our reverend's character and we sincerely hope that he will be released in the very near future so that he may be able to join his wife and six children who are anxiously awaiting his return. We remain,

ALAMEDA Y. B. A. MEMBERS

*Lomoe Oten*  
*Daise Yoshimura*  
*Alyce Kinoshita*  
*Mattuyo Sugiyama*  
*Tomeyo Hashimoto*  
*Yoshino Murakoshi*  
*Kikuko Naruo*

Most respectfully yours,

*[Signature]*  
*Mrs. Takao Okamoto*  
*Masako Abe*  
*Shigetoshi Mikome*  
*Mitsue Ozaki*  
*Mrs. Takao Okamoto*  
*Katherine Nakaso*

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 Miyuko Ishikawa  
 Yutaka Nakayama  
 Yoshiko Takada  
 Yuzo Kato  
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 Miyoko Goto  
 Kazuko Nagai  
 Tochiyo Noda  
 Sumiyo Noda  
 Miyoko Ishiyama  
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Bldg. 125 Apt. 4  
Tanforan Assembly Center  
San Bruno, California  
July 21, 1942

Honorable Frank Hennessey  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in behalf of my husband, Reverend Joshin Motoyoshi, who is at present interned in Sharp Park, Detention Camp since April 28. I cannot understand the charges under which he should be taken for internment.

I swear that he has always been a honest, loyal, and a law-abiding person, well-liked and respected by his many friends and community of Alameda. He has given his untiring interest and effort for the work of the second generation Japanese American citizens and have given full support in canvassing for Community Chest and Red Cross Fund.

He is a good and faithful husband and father of six minor children: Merika 13, Asoka 11, Sachimaro 9, Kazumaro 5, Mitsumaro 1, and Miyuki three weeks old, just born at Tanforan. All our children are citizens, born in the United States.

My children and I are all very lonesome and badly in need of him. With relocation and evacuation move to take place shortly, I need his timely and wise counsel to guide our future together. I plead that you give your thorough consideration to make it possible for his release so that my family can be happily united and face whatever future may hold for us.

Most sincerely,

*Yukiko Motoyoshi*  
Yukiko Motoyoshi

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1038  
July 20, 1942

United States Bureau of Immigration  
Chief Officer in Charge  
Sharp Park  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in behalf of Reverend Joshin Motoyoshi, who is now interned in Sharp Park Detention Camp. I am a law-abiding resident of Warm Springs since 1912. I have endeavored and exemplified in every way to be 100% American at all times, and I have given my full support in all the county's and community's welfare. In the Red Cross War Disaster Emergency Campaign, I was instrumental in helping to bring the allotted quota of my county. I am a father of seven children, all American citizens, all loyal to the cause of Freedom and Liberty. Two of my oldest sons are in the service of our beloved country: Henry Kato, who is now stationed at Camp Savage, Minnesota, and the other Joseph Kato, stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois, United States Army.

I have known Reverend Motoyoshi for a period of at least ten years and have thought very highly of him as a civic-minded citizen of Alameda, and a good influence to all American-Japanese concerned.

Reverend Motoyoshi is one of the most well beloved member of the Japanese community of the city of Alameda. He stood out as an individual different from the rest of the first generation Japanese, because his contact and work was mostly amongst the second-generation Japanese-American citizens. He has always preached loyalty to America to all his boys. They all regarded him as the second "Father Flanagan of the Boys' Town" of Alameda Japanese Community. Be it Community Chest or Red Cross, he has always given his full support. He preached to all his community members that they should fulfill their obligations to the best of their ability.

While I know nothing of the charges under which Reverend Motoyoshi is being held, I do wish to endorse him from the standpoint of his outstanding civic interest and the work which he has done in guiding and being a cause of good influence for the second-generation American citizens of the Japanese community.

Reverend Motoyoshi has a family of six children, all American citizens. The oldest Merika is 13, Asoka 11, Sachiaro 9, Kazumaro 5 year old, Mitsumaro 1 year old, and Miyuki three weeks old,

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just born at Tanforan. Mrs. Motoyoshi is in the most unhappy, desperate state with all her little children without the presence of their father. I believe sincerely, in behalf of their six American citizen children, no matter what the issues may be, Reverend and Mrs. Motoyoshi will not under any circumstances, jeopardize the rights and privileges of their children's American citizenship. I believe those six children's welfare means more to this couple than anything in the world. And they need the companionship and counsel of their father more than ever at this time when the American born Japanese find themselves in such a bewildering position.

I am taking this liberty of volunteering this information for whatever value it may have in seeing that substantial justice is accorded Reverend Motoyoshi, when human suffering and helplessness can be alleviated through humane understanding.

Sincerely yours,

*W. J. Kato*

PETITION FOR REUNITING FAMILY IN FAMILY INTERNMENT CENTER

Consideration is presently being given to the problem of reuniting with members of their families enemy aliens who have been ordered interned. Such a program if carried out contemplates reuniting in a family internment camp (a) members of a family who are presently interned in separate camps or (b) members of a family only one of whom has been ordered interned. If this is done, families so reunited will be subject to all the restrictions and regulations imposed upon those members who have been ordered interned, regardless of innocence or complicity in the activities of such members and regardless of nationality or citizenship.

For the purpose of ascertaining the numbers and character of the persons to be affected by such a program, the following information is requested:

Date Dec. 5, 42 Present Place of Detention LORDSBURG INTERMENT CAMP, LORDSBURG, NEW MEXICO  
 Name of Internee Motoyoshi Joshin 157-19-45-174-C1  
 Last residence address Rt. Bx 372 Miles, Calif.

I (~~am~~) wish to have certain members of my family sent to a family internment center and to join them there.  
 The members of my family to affected are the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Present Address</u>
1. <u>YUKIKO Motoyoshi</u>	<u>wife</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>37-1-C4D</u>
2. <u>MERIKA</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>Topaz, Utah</u>
3. <u>ASOKA</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>"</u>
4. <u>Sachimaro</u>	<u>son</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>"</u>
4.5. <u>Kazumaro</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>"</u>
6. <u>Mitsumaro</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>"</u>
5.7. <u>Miyuki</u>	<u>daughter</u>	<u>5 mo</u>	<u>"</u>

I (~~am~~) have information that they wish to be sent to such a camp.  
 The reasons for desiring to have these members sent to such a camp are the following:

I have(not) applied for repatriation.  
 I fully understand the above and recognize that my execution of it will not prejudice any opportunity I may have for repatriation or reconsideration of the order directing my internment.  
 I also understand that the presentation of this form does not entitle me to the relief sought or imply a promise that it will be given.

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12-3658-146-13-2-12-3658  
 SIGNED Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi  
 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
 JAN 23 1943 P.M.  
 DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
 WITNESSED Marvin Keller  
 ALIEN ENEMY UNIT  
2nd St., Dy.  
 U.M.K.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

FILE NO. **100-10645**

REPORT MADE AT <b>San Francisco, Calif.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/12/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/6/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHESTER L. JACOBY</b> <b>JO</b>
TITLE <b>JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - J</b> <b>Alien Enemy Control</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Internment recommended by Alien Enemy Hearing Board and so ordered by the Attorney General. File reviewed and pertinent information set out. Disposition sheet submitted.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent A. B. EDDY, dated May 18, 1942, at San Francisco.

Bureau File 100-106422

Bureau letter dated September 2, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

**AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:**

The Alien Enemy Hearing Board, Northern District of California, meeting at San Francisco on June 4, 1942, recommended that the subject be interned.

At his hearing, the subject admitted that he is intensely pro-Japanese and that he spent considerable time going from one Buddhist Church to another making speeches and inculcating the Buddhist religion to the Japanese in this country. He further admitted that he spent much time with former members of the Japanese Navy.

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On July 2, 1942, the Attorney General ordered that the subject be interned.

By letter dated August 14, 1942, the Immigration and Naturalization Service advised that the subject had on that date been delivered to the Army authorities at Angel Island, California, for internment.

A review of the file indicates that on February 27, 1942, Mr. JOHN OKADA, 456-25th Street, Oakland, California, advised Special Agent LEO A. SCHON that approximately two weeks prior to that date, he had taken part in a conversation between the subject and one SCOTTY TSUCHIYA, President of the Alameda Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. OKADA stated that the subject made the statement that all Japanese must be very discreet and must be quiet at the present time, but nevertheless, all must remember their mission and what they are supposed to do at the appropriate time. He reminded those present again that they were all Japanese and had to work for the best interests of Japan. According to OKADA, MOTOYOSHI appeared to have a better than average knowledge of military science and tactics and explained to two members of the JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE present army tactics on how to handle themselves in actual combat in the field.

On January 9, 1942, Confidential Informant SF610 advised Special Agent LEO A. SCHON that the subject was the local pastor of the Alameda Buddhist Church and that recently he had impressed the Japanese in Alameda as being very secretive and constantly believes that he is being kept under surveillance.

SF-610 stated that the subject originally entered the United States as a newspaper reporter which position he held for about ten years. Subject went to Japan about five years ago and returned to the United States in 1940. According to informant, it is very unusual for an individual to complete an education in the Buddhist religion in one year and that usually the students of Buddhism study the religion for five or six years. For this reason, he stated that he personally felt suspicious of the subject, inasmuch as he was made a Buddhist minister in the short space of one year.

SF-610 asserted that when war broke out, the subject was sure that he would be apprehended and everyone in Alameda thought so too. He hid in his home for two weeks and refused to appear on the street.

According to this same informant, subject was a bosom friend of Captain TAKIO OMORI of the Imperial Japanese Army, who returned to Japan

last fall after having completed two or three years of attendance at the University of California, as a student of Engineering. Captain OMORI has been heretofore reported as an active espionage agent for the Japanese Government during his stay in this country.

Mr. HARRY KONO, formerly President of the Japanese Association of Alameda and familiarly known as the mayor of the Japanese in that city, advised Special Agent SCHON that he personally believed the subject to be the most dangerous Japanese in Alameda at the present time. He stated that upon the outbreak of war, MOTOYOSHI was "shaking in his boots" all the time and was afraid he would be picked up; that he was active in providing comfort kits for the Japanese soldiers on duty in China, and was the leader in collecting tinfoil among Alameda Japanese to be sent to Japan. He concluded by stating that subject was 99% Japanese and that he has worked for Japan's Cause in the past and possibly would do so in the future if given the opportunity.

A review of the subject's Alien Enemy Questionnaire reveals no further pertinent information other than that contained in reports of this case.

In the arrest register of the San Francisco Field Division, the subject has been designated SFJ 593. A disposition sheet for subject is being forwarded herewith to the Bureau.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU

1 disposition sheet.

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September 1, 1942

Mr. M. V. Ichisaka  
Barrack 125 Room 3  
Tanforan Ass. Center  
San Bruno, California

Re: Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi

Dear Sir:

I wish to thank you for your letter of August 20, furnishing information about Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi and his family.

I regret to state that on the basis of the information that we now have it will not be possible to make a change of his present status as an internee because of the recent order by the Attorney General. However, it is possible under recent regulations to apply for a rehearing directly to the Honorable William Fleet Palmer, Los Angeles, California, United States Attorney who handled Mr. Motoyoshi's case. The application need not follow any set form.

I have forwarded your letter directly to Mr. Palmer and suggest that Mr. Motoyoshi's family may, if they apply for a rehearing, send similar material directly to Mr. Palmer. They should support their application with substantial factual information in the form of letters or affidavits relating to Mr. Motoyoshi's character, past activities, and loyalty to this country. Testimonials should include facts tending to establish the reliability of persons furnishing them as well as the opportunities they have had to observe his conduct.

After examining this material the United States Attorney may in his discretion, if the facts warrant, reopen the case and arrange for a rehearing before the Board. Would you kindly advise me if an application for a rehearing is applied for under this procedure.

Very truly yours,

(Edward J. Ennis)  
Director

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Immigration and Naturalization Service  
Philadelphia, Pa.



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

8/15/42

Date of this report

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

Name of Alien . . . . . : **Notoyoshi, Joshin**

Nationality . . . . . : **Japanese**

Previously Detained at . . . . : **Sharp Park Camp, Calif.**

Date of Change in Status. . . : **8/14/42 9:30 am**

PRESENT STATUS . . . . . : **Jurisdiction assumed by army at: Sharp Park Camp  
Calif.  
For internment at: Angel Island, Calif.**

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*Earl G. Harrison*

Earl G. Harrison  
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cc: Director, Enemy Alien Control Unit  
cc: Supervisor Enemy Alien Parolees

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Reverend Joshin Motoyoshi  
Immigration Station  
Sharp Park, California

SIGNED AND MAILED  
AUG 14 1942  
DIVISION OF RECORDS

Dear Sir:

Your letter of July 18, 1942 addressed to Mr. I. F. Wixon, Immigration and Naturalization Service, has been brought to my attention. I wish to thank you for the information you furnished about yourself and your family. On the basis of the facts which we now have it will not be possible to make a change in your status of internee.

However, under a recent regulation it is now possible for you to make application for a rehearing directly to the United States Attorney who handled your case. The application need not follow any set form.

Substantial factual information regarding you character, activities and loyalty to this country should be submitted as letters or affidavits. This information should be as detailed as possible in order to furnish the United States Attorney with an adequate background to consider the application, and wherever possible should include any new facts or interpretations which were not originally presented to the Hearing Board. Testimonials should also include facts tending to show the reliability of the persons furnishing them as well as the opportunities they have had to observe your conduct.

After examining this material the United States Attorney may in his discretion, if the facts warrant, reopen your case and grant a rehearing before the Board. Would you kindly advise me if you follow this procedure?

Yours very truly,

Edward J. Ennis  
Director

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July 18, 1942

HONORABLE DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
MR. I. F. WIXON  
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE.



DEAR SIR;

MAY I APPEAL TO YOUR GENEROSITY FOR MY IMMEDIATE RELEASE TAKING IN YOUR CONSIDERATIONS WHAT I HAVE BEEN DOING IN THIS COUNTRY AND WHAT A MISERABLE CONDITION OF MY POOR FAMILY IS?

THOUGH I WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ARRESTED ON APRIL 28 BY A F.B.I. MAN AND I HAVE BEEN DETAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION STATION OF SHARP PARK WITHOUT A DEFINITE EXPLANATION EXCEPT AN ENEMY ALIEN, I AM FIRM IN THE BELIEF THAT I AM NOT GUILTY IN ANY WAY AND I THINK THERE ARE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT <sup>MY</sup> ~~THE~~ CASE.

AS A BUDDHIST PRIEST I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY IN 1928 FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK. MY WIFE AND I HAVE CHOSEN THIS COUNTRY AS OUR PERMANENT HOME LAND IN OUR MIND. WHAT I REALLY INTENDED TO DO IS TO BUILD UP AMERICANIZED BUDDHISM. I BELIEVE I AM ONE OF THE MOST AMERICANIZED BUDDHIST MINISTERS IN THIS COUNTRY. I <sup>HAVE</sup> ALWAYS ~~CLAIMED~~ <sup>ADVOCATE</sup> THAT OUR BUDDHIST ORGANIZATION <sup>IN THIS COUNTRY</sup> MUST BECOME INDEPENDENT <sup>OF</sup> ~~FROM~~ THE HEADQUARTERS IN JAPAN.

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BROTHERHOOD OF ALL BEINGS WHICH MAY ALSO BE THE  
FOUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF DEMOCRACY. I HAVE CLAIMED  
THAT THE BUDDHIST WAY OF LIFE COINCIDES WITH  
THE DEMOCRATIC WAY OF AMERICAN LIFE AND THAT BUDDHISTS  
SHOULD ALWAYS BE LOYAL TO THIS COUNTRY.

AS A MATTER OF FACT MY WIFE AND I COULD HAVE  
BROUGHT UP MANY LOYAL AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO ARE SERVING  
FAITHFULLY IN THE U.S. ARMY AT NATIONAL CRISIS. TECHNICALLY  
JAPANESE AM I, I HAVE BEEN TEACHING AND LIVING AMERICANISM  
FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY MIND. ALL OF MY SIX CHILDREN  
ARE AMERICAN BORN CITIZENS. THE WELFARE OF MY FAMILY,  
THEREFORE, DEPENDS UPON THE PROSPERITY OF THIS COUNTRY.  
IN MY LIFE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANY ACTION BUT  
LOYALTY TO THIS COUNTRY.

AS FOR MY FAMILY, WE EVACUATED TO NILES OF ALAMEDA  
COUNTY FROM CITY OF ALAMEDA ON FEB. 20 IN CONFORMITY  
WITH AN EVACUATION LAW. THROUGH OUR VOLUNTARILY EVACUATION  
WE LOST OUR INCOME AND FELL INTO A DESPERATE CONDITION.  
THE WORST OF ALL, MY WIFE WAS AN EXPECTING MOTHER,  
AND AT THAT TIME I WAS UNEXPECTEDLY ARRESTED WHILE  
MY WIFE WAS TO MOVE WITH FIVE SMALL CHILDREN TO  
THE TANFORAN ASSEMBLY CENTER. DUE TO THE CONTINUOUS  
ANXIETY AND FEAR SHE HAS BECOME NERVOUS AND

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MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN FALLEN DOWN INTO THE MISERABLE CONDITIONS.

UNDER THOSE MISERABLE CONDITIONS MY WIFE GAVE BIRTH TO OUR SIXTH BABY ON JUNE 30 IN THE TANFORAN CENTER HOSPITAL AND OUR CHILDREN, OF WHOM THE ELDEST IS ONLY 13 YEARS OLD, HAD BEEN LEFT ~~IN~~ <sup>AMID</sup> THE CROWD. BESIDES US MY FAMILY CONSISTS OF SIX CHILDREN:

- |   |           |          |              |
|---|-----------|----------|--------------|
| 1 | MERIKA    | DAUGHTER | 13 1/2 YEARS |
| 2 | ASOKA     | "        | 11 "         |
| 3 | SACHIMARO | SON      | 9 "          |
| 4 | KAZUMARO  | "        | 5 1/2 "      |
| 5 | MITSUMARO | "        | 1 1/2 "      |
| 6 | MIYUKI    | DAUGHTER | 18 DAYS      |



NOW MY WIFE HAS BEEN TAKING CARE OF SIX CHILDREN DESPITE THE WEAK CONDITION OF HER HEALTH, AND HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING THE GREATEST STRAIN AND STRESS OF LIFE.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, SHE HAS TO PREPARE FOR RELOCATION IN NEAR FUTURE. AS A TEACHER OF HUMANITY AND THE HEAD OF FAMILY I CAN NOT BEAR TO BE DETAINED IDLY WHILE MY WIFE

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AND CHILDREN ARE CRYING FOR MY HELP.

IT WILL BE A GREAT BENEFIT FOR MY FAMILY IF I AM RELEASED TO JOIN THEM THROUGH YOUR KIND CONSIDERATION AND MERCY. PLEASE GIVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE FAITHFULLY AND LOYALLY NOT ONLY FOR MY FAMILY BUT TO THIS COUNTRY WHICH WE HAVE CHERISHED AS OUR PERMANENT HOME LAND.

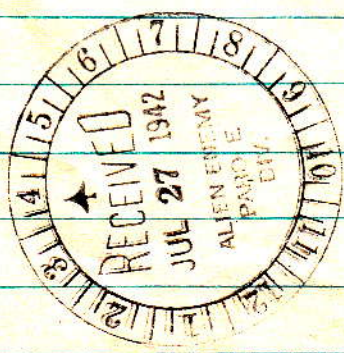
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VERY SINCERELY YOURS

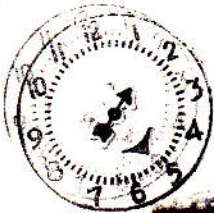
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REV. JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI (1038)

IMMIGRATION STATION  
SHARP PARK  
CALIFORNIA



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**ALIEN ENEMY**  
**ALIEN ENEMY**

**in the Matter of**  
**JOSHIN NOTOYOSHI**  
**Alien Enemy**

**D. J. File No.**  
**146-13-2-12-3658**

**ORDER**

**WHEREAS, Joshin Notoyoshi, of Alameda, California, 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 interned; NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence before me,**

**IT IS ORDERED that said alien enemy be interned.**

*Thomas Biddle*

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**July 29, 1942**

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF REVIEW SECTION  
ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL UNIT

Name of Subject: Joshin Motoyoshi  
File No. : 146-13-2-12-3658  
District : Northern District of California  
Hearing Board  
Recommendation : Internment  
U.S. Attorney's  
Recommendation : same  
Charge : Dangerous enemy alien

Evidence : Subject was born in Japan in 1897, and entered the United States in 1928. He made one trip to Japan in the year, 1937. He is married to a Japanese alien and has five children ranging in age from 1½ years to 13 years, all born and residing in Japan. Subject is a Buddhist priest and has been occupied in this capacity for 14 years doing missionary work. He has a brother in Japan who is also a Buddhist priest. He was educated in a Buddhist college in Japan and also spent five years at the university in Tokyo. He has been a newspaper representative for the New World Sun in San Francisco. He owns a farm and residence and Buddhist temple valued at 100,000 yen in Japan.

Subject is a member of the Japanese Association and is intensely pro-Japanese. He has circulated among the Buddhist churches speaking in behalf of Buddhism. He has been a close associate of Japanese Navy men and of a notorious Japanese espionage agent who returned to Japan in the fall of 1941.

Conclusion : Subject appears to be an extremely dangerous Japanese leader, who according to a confidential informant has shown considerable familiarity with Japanese military technique.

Recommendation : That subject be interned.

*A. E. Arent*

A. E. Arent

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ALIEN ENEMY HEARING BOARD

*Northern* District of *California* <sup>702.</sup>

In the Matter of the Detention of

*Joshua Motoyoshi*

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

To the Attorney General:

The above matter came on for hearing before this Board at *San Francisco, Calif.* on *June 4, 1942*;  
(Place) (Date)

Upon consideration whereof it is hereby recommended that the said alien enemy be (check one)

Interned  Paroled \_\_\_\_\_  
Released \_\_\_\_\_

Summary of Facts and Opinion

*{ For Summary and Opinion see Addendum appended hereto }*

(attach hereto as many additional pages as are necessary)  
(Note any dissents with explanation thereof)

Listed herein are all investigative reports, statements, affidavits and other documents upon which the above recommendation is based. Copies of each, except reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are attached hereto.

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*Marshall B. Woodworth* *Chairman*  
*Alfred Ethrall*  
*John A. Sawe*  
Members of the Board

*As 4* *Louis P. Merado*  
U. S. Attorney

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(PERSONNEL OF BOARD)

Pursuant to request of the United States Attorney, the Alien Enemy Hearing Board No. 2 met on June 4, 1942, at 2 P.M., at the U. S. Post Office & Court Bldg., San Francisco, California.

Present: Marshall B. Woodworth, Chairman; Alfred Ehrman and John A. Baur, members; Louis Mercado, Assistant U. S. Attorney; D. T. C. Gleysteen, Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent; U. E. Provine, Immigration Inspector; no stenographer.

The following proceedings were had:

IN THE MATTER OF JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI

This alien enemy was born in Japan in 1897. He entered the United States at San Francisco, California, in 1928 and since that time made one trip to Japan in the year 1937. He has resided in various places in the United States and finally at Alameda, California, from 1937 to the present time. He is by occupation a Buddhist Priest in San Francisco, California, and has been such for fourteen years. He inherited his position of Buddhist Priest as successor to his father eight years before coming to the United States. He does missionary work as such Buddhist Priest. He owns a farm and a residence and Buddhist temple in Japan of the value of \$100,000. yen. He is married to a Japanese woman who entered the United States in 1928. They have five children respectively 13, 11, 9, 5 and 1½ years of age, all born in California and all residing therein. His father and mother died in Japan. He has a brother in Japan, who is also a Buddhist priest. He was educated in Tokio University in Japan. He has been a newspaper representative for the New World Sun. He is a member of the Japanese Association. He is intensely pro-Japanese, as admitted by him, going about from one Buddhist Church to another making speeches and inculcating the Buddhist cult to the Japanese in this country. He admitted that he spent much time with Japanese Navy men. He admitted being a bosom friend of a notorious Japanese espionage agent who returned to Japan in the fall of 1941, his name being set forth in the files and report of the Federal Bureau of Investigation made part of this record. In other words, his examination by the members of the Board and the other facts appearing of record establish this alien enemy to be a dangerous alien enemy to leave at large during the period of the war and the members of the Board accordingly recommend his permanent interment.

The files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, No. 100-10645, and the Alien Enemy Questionnaire, Immigration No. 120441038, were introduced in evidence and form part of this record and recommendation.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Referred To \_\_\_\_\_ FILE NO. 100-10645

Form No. 1  
 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

REPORT MADE AT <b>SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/18/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/28/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>A. B. EDDY - ac</b>
TITLE <b>JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (J) ALIEN ENEMY CONTROL</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject, Japanese alien, Buddhist priest at Alameda, California, spoke proudly of the military might of Japan and contributed to HEIMUSHA KAI. Apprehended at Niles, California on April 28, 1942 under authority of Presidential Warrant. Booked Alameda County Jail, Oakland, California on April 28, 1942 enroute to Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco. No contraband or evidence found.

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**DETAILS:** This report is predicated upon information received from Confidential Informant SF-9 to the effect that Subject is definitely pro-Japanese and that he has stated that newspaper accounts of American troops mowing down Japanese landing parties in the Philippines were "a lot of lies." According to SF-9, Subject said that he had spent much of his time around military men and establishments in Japan and he knew how rigorously the Japanese trained and explained the intricate groupings of soldiers (20 men to a group and how the groups would deploy and fall). Confidential Informant SF-9 further advised that Subject also talked proudly of the technique in advance which was designed to prevent the enemy from getting the proper machine-gun range. Confidential Informant SF-9 reported that recently Subject has been taking a large responsibility for removing Japanese aliens from prohibited areas.

Subject was apprehended under authority of a Presidential Warrant at his home at 372 Decoto Road, Niles, California on April 28, 1942 at 12:05 P.M. by Deputy Sheriff GEORGE WISNER of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and the writer. Subject was immediately taken to the Alameda County Jail, Oakland, California where he was questioned and thereafter booked at 2:05 P.M. enroute to Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, California.

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Subject was born March 28, 1897 at Fukui Prefecture, Japan, and immigrated to Hawaii in 1927 and thereafter to the United States, arriving in San Francisco, California on or about February 1, 1928 aboard the QUEEN WILHELMINA of the Matson Navigation Company. Subject informed that he returned to Japan in 1937, remained there about two months and again returned to the United States. He stated that he made this trip to attend funeral services for his father. He informed that he was educated in a Buddhist College in Japan. He denied having received any military training in Japan and stated that after having been examined by a military official he was excluded from military service because of poor eyesight and under-weight condition. Subject stated that all of his antecedents were Buddhist priests and that they have never been connected with the military regime of Japan. He has one brother who is a Buddhist priest in Japan. Subject is married and has five children. Subject informed that his wife was born in Japan. All of Subject's children were born in the United States. Subject has two daughters, ages 10 and 13, and three sons, ages 1, 5 and 8. He has followed the profession of a Buddhist priest since his arrival in this country and has continuously resided in the Bay Area.

ADMISSIONS OF SUBJECT

MOTOYOSHI admitted that he donated \$5.00 to the HEIMUSHA KAI about 3½ years ago. He said that it was his duty as a priest to contribute to charity and compared the HEIMUSHA KAI to the Red Cross.

DENIALS OF SUBJECT

Subject denied that he possessed any knowledge concerning the Japanese army or its methods of training. He further denied that he was acquainted with any Japanese army official. He denied that he would support the Japanese government and stated that he would not bear arms for the Japanese government. He denied that he was ever an officer or member of the Japanese Association or any other Japanese organization other than the Buddhist Church.

No contraband or evidence was found on the premises occupied by Subject.

Subject is described as follows:

AGE	45, Born 3/28/1897 in Japan
HEIGHT	5' 11"
WEIGHT	145
HAIR	Black streaked with grey
EYES	Brown
SCARS & MARKS	Scar on left temple
	Wears glasses
MARITAL STATUS	Married and has five children.

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- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA FIELD DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA:

Will report any pertinent information set out in the Alien Enemy Questionnaire received from Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Will report the results of the Alien Enemy hearing.

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Alien Registration No. 2013256

CO File 12044/1038

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

ALIEN ENEMY QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name and Nationality MOTOYOSHI JOSHIN JAPANESE  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Nationality)

2. Address 2325 Pacific Avenue, Alameda, California

3. Where were you born? Fukui-Ken, Japan Date: March 28, 1897

4. State the names of all countries of which you have been a citizen or subject.  
Japan

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

Honolulu, Taiyo Maru Aug. 30, 1927 to Jan 25, 1928  
(Address) (Date)

San Francisco, s/s Wilhelmina Feb 1, 1928 to Aug 5, 1937 to Japan  
" " s/s Taiyo Maru Dec. 3, 1937.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Date)

Alameda, Calif Dec. 3, 1937 to May 1942

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (Date)

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PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

7. Give a personal description of yourself;

(a) Race: Japanese (b) Color: Yellow (c) Sex: Male

(d) Height: 5' 11" (e) Weight: 145 (f) Color of eyes: Brn

(g) Color of hair: rev-black (h) Do you wear glasses? Yes

Reading ( ), Generally (x) (i) Do you have any scars, marks, or other  
(check one)

physical characteristics that will aid in identification? Scar left temple

(j) Do you suffer from any illness or disease? No  
(yes or no)

(k) If so, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL HISTORY

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

Grammar school at Fukui-Ken, Japan	for 6 years
Middle School " " " "	5 years
Buddhist College at Kyoto, Japan	2 years
Toyo University at Tokyo	for 5 years.

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

Brt. Bachelor of Arts.

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

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10. (a) When and where did you first enter the United States, under what name and in what country did you begin your journey?

*Right*  
8/30/1927 Honolulu, T. H. Taiyo Maru Japan  
(Date) (Place) (Name) (What country)

(b) Give the same information concerning all other entries into the United States.

*Verified also verified*  
San Francisco, Calif. 2/1/28 s/s Wilhelmina, Motoyoshi, Joshin, Hawaii  
" " 12/3/1937 s/s Taiyo Maru, Motoyoshi, Joshin, from Japan

11. (a) Are you 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.

Issued by Japan, No. 677244 Kanagawa-Ken, Japan. Visaed at Yokohama, August 12, 1927 under Section 4-(d). Valid indefinitely.

(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 and if so state when and where and give your Alien Registration card number.

Yes 1940 Alameda, Calif. 2013256  
(yes or no) (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)

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(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) State whether you claimed exemption. \_\_\_\_\_

14. What is your Social Security number? None

15. State whether you have ever been:

(a) Arrested No (b) Indicted \_\_\_\_\_ or (c) Convicted of any crime \_\_\_\_\_ (d) If any of these give full particulars. \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYMENT - BUSINESS

16. Do you have any special scientific or other knowledge, training or skill? Describe fully:

I have none

17. What is your occupation? Buddhist Priest

18. By whom are you employed? North American Headquarters of the Buddhist Church

19. What is the business address of your employer? San Francisco, California

20. How long have you been so employed? 14 years

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

22. What is your salary? \$100.00 per month

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23. State the names and addresses of your previous employers, the period and nature of each such employment and salary received.

I inherited my position of Buddhist Priest as successor to my father  
eight years before coming to the United States.

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 on W.P.A.? If so, state the period and place of such employment:

No

(b) Have you ever been on relief? If so, state the period and place of such relief:

No

26. Do you own your own business? No  
(yes or no)

27. If so, under what name do you do business?

\_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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35. State the approximate amount of your annual gross and net business:  
Gross \_\_\_\_\_ Not \_\_\_\_\_

36. (a) Did you ever file a federal or state income tax return? No  
(yes or no)

(b) If so, state when and where you last filed such return:  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. (a) Are you a member of a partnership? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes or no)

(b) If so, state the names and addresses of your partners:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (address)

38. (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)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (country)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (country)

39. (a) Are any of your partners naturalized citizens of the U. S.? \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (place) (date)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(name) (place) (date)

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56. a) Do you have any other source of income? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes or No)

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

57. a) Do you have any bank accounts in the United States? No  
(Yes or No)

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

58. a) Do you have any bank accounts in any foreign country? No  
(Yes or No)

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

59. a) Have you recently made any withdrawals from any of the said accounts? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes or No)

b) Have you recently authorized any other person to withdraw funds from any of the said accounts? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Yes or No)

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60. 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:

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

b) If so, give full particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

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62. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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63. a) Do you own any property in the United States? Yes  
(Yes or No)

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b) If so, describe such property and state where it is located:

Furniture worth \$60.00 and an automobile worth \$500.00. Located

RFD Box 372 Niles, California

64. a) Do you own any property in any foreign country? Yes  
(Yes or No)

b) If so, describe such property and state where it is located:

Farm and hill land, residence and Buddhist temple worth \$100,000.00 Yen

Located at Fukui-Ken, Japan.

#### 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? \_\_\_\_\_

b) If so, when and where? \_\_\_\_\_

68. a) Have you ever been refused or denied naturalization? \_\_\_\_\_

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

69. How long have you lived continuously in the United States? Since Dec.

3, 1937.

70. If you have never applied for naturalization, state the reasons why:

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MARITAL STATUS

71. Indicate by (x) whether you are  
Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married xx Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Remarried \_\_\_\_\_
72. If married give the following information about your first wife (husband):
- a) What was your wife's full maiden name? Yukiko Kasai
  - b) What is or was your first wife's (husband's) nationality: Japan
  - c) When and where was your wife (husband) born? Tokyo, Japan, 1910
  - d) If your wife (husband) was an alien, when and where did she (he) enter the United States? San Francisco, Feb. 1, 1928, ex s/s Wilhelmine from Honolulu, T.H.
  - e) Was she (he) naturalized, and if so when and where? \_\_\_\_\_
73. If divorced, when and where were you divorced? \_\_\_\_\_
74. If divorced or separated, what is your wife's (husband's) last known address? \_\_\_\_\_
75. If remarried, give the same information about your second wife (husband) as required by question 72.
- a) Maiden name.
  - b) Nationality.
  - c) Place born.
  - d) Place and time of entry into the United States.
  - e) Place and time of naturalization.
76. If your wife (husband) was previously married give name, nationality, occupation and country of residence of her (his) former husband (wife).
- \_\_\_\_\_
77. If your present wife (husband) is employed, state by whom, the business address of the employer, the nature of the employment, and salary received: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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CHILDREN AND PARENTS

78. State the names, ages, places of birth and nationality of your children:

(Name)	(Age)	(Place of birth)	(Nationality)
Melika (f)	13	San Francisco Calif	U.S.
Asoka (f)	11	" " "	U.S.
Sachimaro (m)	9	Alameda, Calif.	U.S.
Kazumaro (m)	5	" "	U.S.
Mitsumaro (m)	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	" "	U.S.

79. If any child is married, give the name of the spouse and present or last known address of each:

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80. If any unmarried or divorced child is living permanently away from home, state as to each such child his or her present or last known address:

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81. If any of your children is employed, state as to each such child the name and business address of his or her employer and the nature of the employment:

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82. If any of your children is attending school, state as to each such child, the name and location of such school;

Melika, Asoka, Sachimaro, attending Porter School in Alameda

Kazumaro is attending Kintergarten, Porter School, Alameda.

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83. If any child is a naturalized citizen of the United States, state as to each such child, when and where he or she was so naturalized:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

84. State your father's full name and, if living, his present or last known address:

MOTOYOSHI, YUSEI Died 5 years ago Fukui-Ken, Japan

85. Where and when was your father born? Fukui-Ken, Japan in 1866

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

Japan

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Never here

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

90. If your father is employed, state the name and address of his employer, the nature of the employment and salary received:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

91. State your mother's full maiden name, and if living, her present or last known address:

TOMEKO SHIMIZU, dead 6 years, died at Fukui-Ken, Japan

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92. Where and when was your mother born? Fukui-Ken, Japan, in 1880

93. Of what countries is or was your mother at any time a citizen or subject:  
Japan

94. If your mother is now living in the United States, state when and where she entered this country:  
Never here

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

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

97. Give the following information with respect to all your other immediate relatives presently in the United States: a) Names; b) Present or last known addresses; c) Relationships; d) Citizenship status; e) Occupations; f) Employers, with addresses; g) Dates of arrival in the United States; h) Ports or places of entry; i) Nationality, and f) the country of which each is or last was a citizen or subject:

a) None in this country  
(Name and address)

b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship)      (Nationality at birth)      (Occupation)

c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Employer)      (Address)

d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date of entry into U.S.)      (Place of entry)

e) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Present citizenship)

f) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Remarks)

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- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

98. Give the following information with respect to all your other immediate relatives: (a) Names; b) Present or last known addresses; c) Relationship; d) Citizenship status; e) Occupations; f) Employers with addresses; g) Nationality; h) The country of which each is or last was a citizen or subject, and i) All visits of each to the United States together with the dates and ports of arrival as to each visit.

- a) MOTOYOSHI, YUSHO Fukui-Ken, Japan  
(Name and address)
- b) Brother Japan Buddhist Priest  
(Relationship) (Nationality at birth) (Occupation)
- c) Self Okamoto-mura, Amadate-Gun, Japan  
(Employer) (Address)

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d) Never in the United States

(Dates of entry into U.S.)

(Places of entry)

e) Japan

(Present citizenship)

f) \_\_\_\_\_

(Remarks)

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

a) \_\_\_\_\_

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f) \_\_\_\_\_

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

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- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER ACTIVITIES

99. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

100. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

101. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

102. 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 country, the branch of the service in which you served, your rank, the dates of your enlistment and discharge, and the nature of your discharge: \_\_\_\_\_

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103. 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)

104. 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.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

105. 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)

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

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b) If so, state full particulars: \_\_\_\_\_

107. State the names and addresses of all organizations of which you are now or within the last five 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.

Do not belong to any organizations.

108. a) Does such organization engage in military or naval drills or similar activity or own or use firearms or other implements of war? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)

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

109. a) How long have you been a member of such organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Are you an officer of such organizations and if so, state the offices held? \_\_\_\_\_

c) What are your duties as such officer? \_\_\_\_\_

110. a) Does the organization maintain records? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)

b) If so, in whose custody are such records kept? \_\_\_\_\_

(Name)

(Address)

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111. a) What are the dues of the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

b) Does the organization make any assessments or collection funds other than dues? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes or no)

c) To what purpose are funds collected by the organization applied?  
\_\_\_\_\_

d) Does the organization send funds abroad? \_\_\_\_\_  
(yes or no)

e) If so, explain fully to whom such funds are sent and the methods of transmittal employed. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

112. a) Is the organization affiliated with any foreign organization?  
\_\_\_\_\_

(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 the foreign organization affiliated with any foreign government?  
\_\_\_\_\_

(yes or no)

113. 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: Japanese-American and Japanese-New-World by carrier.

114. 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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115. 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: \_\_\_\_\_

116. Have you ever engaged in preparing or distributing foreign propaganda of any kind? No

117. Why did you come to the United States? To be a Missionary for the Buddhist Church.

*Rev. Jeshin Motoyoshi*  
(Signature of alien enemy)

Sworn to before me this

7th. day ~~08~~ May, 1942.

*H. F. Duff*  
H. F. Duff  
Immigrant Inspector.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
ALIEN ENEMY HEARING BOARD

12044/1036

Northern District of California

In the Matter of the Detention of

JOSHIEI HOTOYOSHI

NOTICE OF HEARING

To: JOSHIEI HOTOYOSHI  
(Alien Enemy)

You are hereby notified that the above matter will be brought on for hearing before this Board at Room 449 in the Post Office Building at Seventh & Mission  
(Building)

San Francisco, California on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
(Address) ~~2nd~~

June, 1942, at 3:30 o'clock in the  
after noon or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached.

Dated San Francisco, California  
(Place)

May 29, 1942

FRANK J. HENNESSY

United States Attorney

Northern District of California Decketed VSE

NOTE: In the said hearing a relative, friend, or other adviser of yours may be present, but such person will not be permitted to act for you in the capacity of attorney.

(Copy to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Hearing Board, and the Attorney General)

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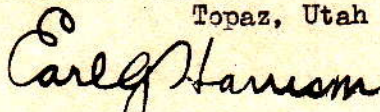
MEMORANDUM FOR:  
ALIEN ENEMY INFORMATION BUREAU  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

File No. 39/7371

Date 5/4/44

In Re: Change of Status (Japanese)  
Alien Enemy

Name.....: Motoyoshi, Joshin  
Sex.....: Male  
Address when apprehended.....: RFD Box 372, Niles, Calif.  
Address on 12-6-41.....:  
Occupation on 12-6-41.....: Buddhist Priest  
Date and Place of Birth.....: Okemoto, Fukin, Japan 3/28/1897  
Alien Registration Number.....:  
Previous Status and Location.....: Interim paroled-Santa Fe-for travel to Topaz,  
Utah  
Date of Attorney General's order,  
if any.....: 1/5/44  
Date of Change in Status  
of Location.....: 3/25/44  
Present Status.....: Paroled-San Francisco, Cal.  
Immigration District  
Present Location.....: Central Utah War Relocation Center,  
Topaz, Utah



Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

c.c: Special Division, State Department  
c.c: Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit  
c.c: Ass't Commissioner for Alien Registration, I&NS  
Basis for Report:

Letter 4/25/44 San Francisco, Cal. Seidle

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**BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD**  
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

776.

ISR-19-4-1-174-01

(Internment serial number)

**MOTOYOSHI, Josiah**

(Name of internee)

Male

(Sex)

F. P. C.\*

Reference\*

140 25 W 13  
10 27 W 010



ISR-19-4-1-174-01

Height 5 ft. 11 in.

Weight 145

Eyes Brown

Skin Yellow

Hair Grey-black

Age 45

Distinguishing marks or characteristics:

Scar left temple

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE

1. Aug 14 1942 received by P.W.E. ANGEL ISLAND CAL, from Immigration service
2. Internee,
3. \$210.47

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

The above is correct:

*Josiah Motoyoshi*  
(Signature of internee)

U.S. Immigration Station, San Francisco, Calif. 8/11/42

(Date and place where processed (Army enclosure, naval station, or other place))

Right Hand

1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger

Left Hand

6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger

W. D., P. M. G. Form No. 2  
December 9, 1941

Note ampullations in proper space

\* Do not fill in.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade and arm or service)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Hostile unit or vessel)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Hostile serial number)

4. **March 26, 1877 - Japan** (Date and country of birth)

5. **R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, Calif.** (Place of permanent residence)

6. **Wife, Yukiho Motoyoshi** (Name, relationship of nearest relative<sup>1</sup>)

7. **Tenforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif.** (Address of above)

8. **Wife and six children** (Number of dependents and relationship)

9. **Tenforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif.** (Address of above)

10. **April 28, 1942** (Date of capture or arrest)

11. **R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, Calif.** (Place of capture or arrest)

12. **F.B.I.** (Unit or vessel making capture or arresting agency)

13. **Minister 0-08** (Occupation)

14. **Has B.A. from Tokyo University, Japan** (Education)

15. **Japanese and some English** (Knowledge of languages)

16. **Good** (Physical condition at time of capture or arrest)

17. **Married** (Married or single)

18. **Buddhist** (Religious preference)

ADDITIONAL DATA:

Transferred from	Date depart	Transferred to	Date received	Official signature of receiving officer	Personal effects not transferred <sup>2</sup>
Stationary Part Detention Camp	8/14/42	P.F.C. Angel Island Calif.	8/14/42	<i>[Signature]</i>	
P.W.E ANGEL ISLAND CAL	8-27-42	Alien Int Camp Lordsburg N.M.		<i>[Signature]</i>	\$200.47 P.M.G. \$1.35 expended, \$8.65 transmitt
Lordsburg, N.M.	6/14/43	Santa Fe, N.M.		Alien Enemy Inf. Bur.	

REMARKS:

<sup>1</sup> If no relative, name person to be notified in case of emergency.  
<sup>2</sup> If personal effects taken from individual are not transferred, note exceptions and place of storage or depot.

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

July 10, 1943  
Date of this report

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

Name of Alien . . . . .: Motoyoshi, Joshin  
Nationality . . . . .: Japan  
Previously ~~Detained/et~~ . . . . .: Interned by Army  
Date of Change in Status. . . . .: June 14, 1943  
PRESENT STATUS . . . . .: Returned to custody of I&NS--  
Interned at Santa Fe, N. M.

39/7371

*Earl G. Harrison*

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner



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

Basis for Report:

AEP-1  
(Rev 7-20-42)

Letter                      6-17-43                      Santa Fe                      Jensen

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In the Matter of  
JOSHIN MOTOYOSHI  
Alien Enemy

D. J. File No.  
146-13-2-12-3658

MOTOYOSHI

JOSHIN

ORDER

MOTOYOSHI

JOSHIN

MOTOYOSHI

WHEREAS, Joshin Motoyoshi, of Alameda, California, 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 interned; NOW, THEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence before me,

IT IS ORDERED that said alien enemy be interned.

*Thomas B. Biddle*

Section 4 (5) Minister

ATTORNEY GENERAL

July 29, 1942

FILE  
PMCO  
Date AUG 21 1942  
Initials *[Signature]*

Copy to District Director, San Francisco, California and Alien Enemy Information Bureau on August 8, 1942. File #897371  
Alien detained at Sharp Park Camp, California



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OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL  
WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

8/15/42

Date of this report

MOTOYOSHI

JOSHIN

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

MOTOYOSHI

JOSHIN

JAPANESE

Name of Alien . . . . . Motoyoshi, Joshin

Place of Birth ~~NAGASAKI~~ <sup>MOI</sup> ~~1887~~ <sup>1872</sup> ~~San Fran.~~ <sup>San Fran., Calif.</sup> ~~Japan~~ <sup>Japanese</sup>

Origin . . . . . Okamoto, Fukin, Japan

March 26, 1937

Previously Detained at . . . . . FBI.

Sharp Park Camp, Calif.

4/29/42

San Francisco, Calif. Status . . . . .

4/29/42

9:30 am 9

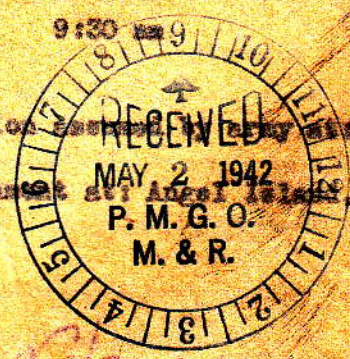
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Sharp Park Camp, Calif.

4/29/42

PREV. STATUS . . . . .

Jurisdiction . . . . . Sharp Park Camp, Calif.  
For interest at all Angel Island, Calif.



Section 5 (D) Minister

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

Director, Enemy Alien Control Unit  
Inspector, Enemy Alien Paroles

Telegram 8/14/42 San Francisco Wison

Re: Report

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8/15/42

Date of this report

In Re: Change of Status  
Detained Enemy Alien

Name of Alien . . . . . Moteyoshi, Joshin

Nationality . . . . . Japanese

Previously Detained at . . . . : Sharp Park Camp, Calif.

Date of Change in Status. . . . : 8/14/42 9:30 am

PRESENT STATUS . . . . . Jurisdiction assumed by army at: Sharp Park Camp  
Calif.  
For internment at: Angel Island, Calif.

*Earl G. Harrison*

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

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

Telegram 8/14/42 San Francisco Wixon  
Basis for Report:

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HEADQUARTERS PRISONER OF WAR ENCLOSURE  
Fort McDowell, California.

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August 14, 1942  
Date.

Individual Report of Prisoner of War

Serial No. ISN-19-4-J-174-CI Bed No. H-5-4  
Name MOTOYOSHI Joshin  
(Last) (First) (Middle)  
Organization Civilian Serial No. None  
Grade None Citizenship Japanese  
Date of capture April  
March 28, 1942 Place of capture Niles, Calif.  
Organization capturing F.B.I.  
Place prisoner first sent County jail, Alameda, Calif.  
Date received P.W. Enclosure August 14, 1942  
From whom received Immigration Service  
Marital status Married Date of birth March 28, 1897  
Place of birth Japan  
Permanent address R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, Calif.  
Name, relationship, and address of nearest relative or person to be notified in case of emergency Yukiko Motoyoshi, Wife  
Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif.  
Occupation Minister Education B.A. from Toyo Univ. Japan  
Languages Japanese and English  
Religion Buddhist Number of dependents 7  
Relationship and addresses of dependents Wife and 6 children

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HEADQUARTERS PRISONER OF WAR ENCLOSURE  
Fort McDowell, California.

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August 14, 1942.  
Date.

Individual Report of Prisoner of War

Serial No. TSN-19-4-J-174-CI Bed No. H-5-4

Name MOTOYOSHI, Joshin  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Organization Civilian Serial No. None

Grade None Citizenship Japanese.

Date of capture April  
March 28, 1942. Place of capture Niles, Calif.

Organization capturing F.B.I.

Place prisoner first sent County jail, Alameda, Calif.

Date received P.W. Enclosure August 14, 1942.

From whom received Immigration Service.

Marital status Married. Date of birth March 28, 1897.

Place of birth Japan.

Permanent address R.F.D. Box 372, Niles, Calif.

Name, relationship, and address of nearest relative or person to be notified in case of emergency Yukiko Motoyoshi, Wife.

Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif.

Occupation Minister. Education B.A. from Toyo Univ. Japan.

Languages Japanese and English.

Religion Buddhist. Number of dependents 7

Relationship and addresses of dependents Wife and 6 children.

Tanforan Assembly Center, San Bruno, Calif.

Height 5 ft. 9-1/4 in. Weight 135 Color hair Gray Color eyes Brown

Complexion Yellow Distinguishing marks None

Condition when received Good

Hospital record None

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

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Date AUG 20 1942  
Initials

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HEADQUARTERS PRISONER OF WAR ENCLOSURE  
Angel Island, California

August 14, 1942.  
(Date)

PRISONER'S RECEIPT FOR FUNDS

Name of Prisoner: MOTOYOSHI Joshin  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Interment Serial No.: ISN-19-4-J-174-CI Encl. No. 776

Amount Deposited \$ 210.47

The above amount is correct.

Rev. Joshin Motoyoshi  
(Signature of Prisoner)

[Signature]  
(Signature of Receiving Officer)

RUSSELL P. TYLER,  
Lieut. Col., F.A.,

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Date AUG 24 1942  
Initials W. Tyler

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REFERENCE -  
See Schedule of collections 8/28/42

ALIEN DETENTION CAMP  
Angel Island, Calif.

Date Aug. 28, 1942

Received of MOTOYOSHI, Joshin the sum of \$ 200.47

This sum has been sent to The Provost Marshal General, Washington, D. C.

ISN-19-4-J-174-CI

Carroll S. Stoddard,  
Major, C.M.P.,  
Custodian.

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Date SEP 3 - 1942
Initials <i>JRM</i>

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J. EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
September 17, 1942



CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED  
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Per letter May 18, 1942  
Chief, Administrative Services, S.O.S.  
Date SEP 23 1942 By [Signature]

Brigadier General Hayes A. Kroner  
General Staff  
Chief, Military Intelligence Service  
War Department  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Kroner:

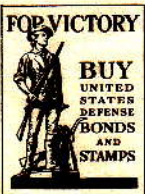
This is to advise that information has been received that on July 29, 1942, the Attorney General ordered the internment of Joshin Motoyoshi who was previously apprehended by the San Francisco Field Division of this Bureau as an alien enemy of Japanese nationality.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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# INDIVIDUAL PAY DATA RECORD CIVILIAN ENEMY ALIEN OR PRISONER OF WAR

1. Name MOTOYOSHI, Joshin

2. Grade NONE (If any)  
(Equivalent grade in U. S. Army)

3. Internment Serial No. 19-4-J-174-CI

4. Nationality JAPANESE

5. Date of internment or capture 8/14/42

6. Place P.W. Enclosure, Angel Island, Calif.

7. Date of separation JUN 14 1943

8. Reason REL. I&NS, SANTA FE, N.M.  
(Death, release, repatriation, etc.)

9. Final payment made on Voucher No. 89212, JUN, 191943 accounts of F.C. NETCHER, COL. FD.  
(Disbursing officer)

### INTERMENT RECORD

From 8/14/42 to 8/27/42 at P.W. Enclosure, Angel Island, Calif.  
(Internment camp and location)

From 8/27/42 to JUN 14 1943 at Lordsburg Internment Camp, Lordsburg, N. Mex.  
(Internment camp and location)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Internment camp and location)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Internment camp and location)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(Internment camp and location)

### RECORD OF TRANSFERS

Transferred to \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authority for transfer)

Departed \_\_\_\_\_ Last paid to include \_\_\_\_\_  
(Station and location)

on voucher No. \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, accounts of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Disbursing officer)

Due U. S. for \_\_\_\_\_

Due camp canteen, \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_; due unit fund \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Station and location) (Station and location)

other indebtedness \_\_\_\_\_, \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Explain)

Foregoing indebtedness entered on {P/R}\* \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_ (Initials)  
{F/S}

AWOP from \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, inclusive.

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

I CERTIFY that I have verified the foregoing entries and found them correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature) (Name typed) (Official title)

\*Strike out term not applicable.

NOTE.—This form will accompany the internee's records upon transfer.

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SIGNATURES OF OFFICERS INITIALING ENTRIES

INITIALS	SIGNATURE	NAME TYPED OR PRINTED
<i>LJB</i>	<i>Louis J. Balch</i>	LOUIS J. BALCH, Captain, Infantry

RECORD OF DEPOSITS AND WITHDRAWALS

DEPOSITS					WITHDRAWALS				
D. No.	VOUCHER		DATE OF CASH DEPOSIT	AMOUNT	INITIALS	DATE AUTHORIZED	AMOUNT	VOUCHER SENT TO FINANCE OFFICER AT	INITIALS
	Month	Finance Officer							
	Jan.	<del>Carl Witcher</del>	1/6/43	200.47	<del> </del>				
		<del>Lt. Col., FD</del>							
71895	May/43	F.C. NETCHER, Col.	3/11/43	18.65	<i>LJB</i>	4/15/43	10.00	Ft. Bliss, Tx	<i>LJB</i>
		F.C. NETCHER		200.47	<i>LJB</i>		210.82	Ft Bliss, Tx	<i>LJB</i>
70174	May/43	Col., FD.							
		F.C. Netcher		1.70	<i>LJB</i>				
		Col F.D.							

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In Re: Change of Status  
Alien Enemy

Name of Alien . . . . . : Motoyoshi, Joshin  
Nationality . . . . . : Japan  
Sex . . . . . : Male  
Place and date of birth . . . . . : Okomoto, Fukin, Japan  
March 28, 1897  
Alien Registration No . . . . . :  
Previous Status . . . . . : Interned at Santa Fe, N. M.  
Date of Attorney General's order,  
if any . . . . . : 1/5/44  
Date of Change in Status . . . . . : 3/22/44  
Present Status . . . . . : Interim paroled-Santa Fe-for travel  
to Relocation Project, Topaz, Utah  
Present Location . . . . . :

Earl G. Harrison  
Commissioner

c.c: Special Division, State Department  
c.c: Director, Alien Enemy Control Unit  
c.c: Consolidated Files, I&NS  
c.c: Ass't. Commissioner for Alien Registration, I&NS

Basis for Report:

AC-DC-7  
(Former AEP-1)

Telegram 3/22/44 Santa Fe Jensen

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