

Doi Meeting will please come to order. Will you call the first witness.

What is your name?

Nak. Mrs. K. Nakata 8-15-E

Doi Where do you work?

Nak. Chicken Farm

Doi Are you working under Mr. Saijo.

Nak. Yes, sir.

Doi Did Mr. Saijo ask you to come here today?

Nak. Yes sir.

Doi Did Mr. Saijo ask you to testify in favor of him today?

Nak. Mr. Saijo didn't say so, I came here because there was going on by Mr. Hoshizaki side to be signed so I came here to say something about that.

Doi. About some sign? Tell us about the sign.

Nak. No, it wasn't Mr. Hoshizaki, but somebody else in his place.

Doi. Did Mr. Saijo say that if you did not testify in his favor, he will discharge you. Did he say that?

Nak. No, he didn't say that.

Doi That about the sign?

Nak. Well, I said I didn't like to be involved in any trouble so I disagreed to sign anything.

Doi Who asked you to sign?

Nak. Mr. Fujii, Mr. Terui, Mr. Yotsukura, Mr. Okazaki.

Doi Are they Hoshizaki's friends or are they Saijo's friends.

Nak. They are Mr. Hoshizaki's friends. Not Saijo's friends.

Doi Did Saijo's friends ask you to sign anything?

Nak. No.

Doi How long have you been working there?

Nak. Over one year.

Doi Mr. Saijo is a pretty tough man?

Nak. I don't know.

Doi You know Mr. Hoshizaki?

Nak. Well, yes we work there but we work in different places. Just see each other on the way going and on the way coming back.

Doi Then you don't know anything about Hoshizaki?

Nak. No.

Doi You don't know whether he is a good worker or not, do you?

Nak. He was doing his work. He wasn't a lazy man, he has been doing his work.

Doi You mean to say that Mr. Hoshizaki was a careful, diligent worker?

Nak. Yes.

Doi Do you know why he was discharged then?

Nak. No, I don't know anything about that.

Doi Did you hear anything?

Nak. Well no, I was surprised when he was terminated.

Doi Didn't the other chicken workers discuss about the termination?

Nak. No, I didn't hear. I don't know.

Ing. Mr. Chairman, the reason Mrs. Nakata was asked to come here was to testify, on which side she signed the petition.

Nak. Since these 4 men told her that she sign on the paper she did.

Doi Do you know the contents of the thing you signed?

Do you know what this thing said?

Nak. No, they said if we unite and work together, it brings good record, so I signed.

Doi 103 Did somebody interest this thing to you when you signed?

Nak. Yes, they explained.

Doi Then you knew what you were signing?

Nak. Well, first I declined because I didn't like to side with any one side in trouble, but then they said that if I do, it will be a good result, so I finally signed.

Doi The contents of this petition was explained to her. Is that right?

Nak. Yes, it was.

Doi Do you think Mr. Saijo was instrumental in having Hoshizaki terminated.

Nak. I don't know.

Doi Are you afraid to say even if you know?

Nak. Well I don't like to be involved in anything so I don't say, I don't like to say.

Doi In your opinion Hoshizaki was a good worker?

Nak. Yes, I think so.

Doi Do you know Mr. Saijo well?

Nak. Well I am rather confined in my workers position and so I do my duty, as ordered. I haven't any personal contact so I don't know much.

Doi What is the attitude of Mr. Saijo towards the workers in the chicken coop? Good or bad?

Nak. That's all right. Good.

Doi Would you like to ask her some questions.

Ing. Mrs. Nakata, did you realize that when you signed this petition you were asking that Mr. Saijo be removed?

Nak. Yes. They told me that it was for that purpose.

Ing. Did they tell you that all the workers must sign that paper?

Nak. Yes that's what they said.

Ing. /04 And they asked all the workers to sign the paper.

Nak. Yes.

Ing. These various petitions have been submitted as evidence, both cover both point. What I was trying to do was try to bring out the circumstances under which they were signed.

Hatchi. We have had specific instructions from Mr. Robertson that these two cases are not to be mixed. We are not even allowed to make decision on the result of the hearing of the second one but on the first one, Saijo versus Hoshizaki, well, we have got his instruction to make our decision.

Doi Have you got those instructions from Mr. Robertson?

Hatchi Just only on the Lack of Cooperation. Case, we may make our decision,

Doi This witness may be excused.

Ing. Are you ready for the next witness.

Doi What is your name?

Saijo Gatoru Saijo

Doi What is your address?

Saijo 17-17-B Heart Mountain, Wyoming.

Doi What is your occupation.

Saijo I am poultry man.

Doi What is your capacity there?

Saijo Some call me Supervisor, some call me foreman.

Doi I see, the foreman or the boss.

Saijo I am in charge of poultry project.

Doi I understand, Mr. Saijo, that this is the first time you have been here to this hearing. Have you been here before?

Ing. Mr. Saijo, I would like to have you testify to some of the instances in which Hoshizaki acted to create disturbances among the workers at the poultry project. First I would like to have you testify about Mr. Hoshizaki's actions at the time Mr. Okura came to the poultry project with the intention of going to work.

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Saijo At the time Mr. Okura,.....

Doi When was that?

Ing. It was just preceding Mr. Hoshizaki's termination. It was sometime in January or February,

Saijo You mean what was Hoshizaki's....

Ing. What attitude did he take when Mr. Okura came to work.

Saijo Well I have in my hand a statement sent to Mr. William B. Macfarlane, signed by some of the poultry workers.

Doi Let me see it, probably the same thing I have here.

Saijo Here among the other thing, there is one statement on page 3 "I", may I read it. The other day at the witness stand, about 3 sessions ago in the other room, in the next room, Mr. Hoshizaki still maintains that Saijo did not use him in spite of the work order already issued. He, I mean Okura, came to the poultry yard, it was on Saturday morning, he jumped on the truck used to take the workers and he jumped on the car, I thought he just took a ride to the post office and some of them do, but instead he came to the poultry yard and he told me after he got off, Mr. Saijo I got work order for the poultry ranch, what kind of work can you assign me? and so forth. What I would like to emphasize at this particular moment is this: He claimed that he got work order and then that was Saturday morning and then Monday morning the timekeeper came around the first thing in the morning, so I asked him if he got work order for Okura, he said No, and shrugged his shoulder. Afterwards he went to the employment office and there, I guess, he signed the work order. I have to be careful who all are assigned, because at the previous time it happened at the farm. Three men came to work without work order and I found out that

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they had worked for two days for nothing because he worked first few days and his work order was issued after that, so that is what happened, in another words I have to be careful, if they come to work without workorder. So I don't know whether or not the employment office has such a record, I don't know. At the final point, if work order goes out, Mr. Ingraham also signs it, you see, and then when the work order is signed it goes to, I think to the timekeepers, then the workorder is made complete. But so far as I know that wasn't so. I considered that he didn't get the workorder. I personally don't think he got the workorder.

Doi            So what happened to Okura?

Saijo        Why he didn't get the work. Although Okura didn't get work order, Hoshizaki still maintains that he got work order and I think for some propagandist's purpose. That's one instance. I don't think I need to go into further detail. Only last week he still maintains that Okura got the work order and Saijo didn't give him any job and that, it seems to me, to be used for propaganda for sinister purpose to create disturbance among the workers, saying that Saijo didn't hire him in spite of his work order.

Doi            Did he say that to the other workers.

Saijo        No doubt. He publicized it here, in the testimony he gave, three sessions ago. Since he read this statement one, "I" on page 2, so I asked Mr. Ingraham to investigate, here's the letter written by Mr. Ingraham, on April 24th. I read this, Mr. Ingraham's notice. (Letter attached)

Doi            It is merely a presumption on your part, Mr. Saijo, that Mr. Hoshizaki may have gone around obtaining signatures and yet the other presumption that he may never have taken any part in

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taking the signatures is also true, according to your own witness, Mrs. Hakatz's statement, she stated very clearly that 4 persons came to get the signatures and Hoshizaki was not one of them. We will take your word for its face value, however, we can not connect it.

Ing. Mr. Chairman, I would like to proceed with one more if you don't mind.

Doi I think Mr. Saijo had better finish his testimony.

Ing. Mr. Saijo, do you know any instances in which Mr. Hoshizaki used the termination or examples to re-employ Mr. Okura for the purpose of stirring up dissension among the workers?

Saijo Yes.

Ing. Do you recall of any conversations, immediately following Mr. Okura's appearance at the poultry farm?

Saijo At the last 3 sessions ago, he testified that in spite of the work order Saijo didn't hire him, that wasn't true, he made that statement in the next room, among the witnesses and these gentlemen of the investigating committee.

Ing. Do you know whether he made that statement or similar statement to other workers, in some form of instigation.

Saijo Hoshizaki told me after Sakayuchi and Okura left the poultry yard, told me that if workers unite now, you might say, make a united front, then we could bring Okura back again. And there were quite a few standing around and it happened at the east end; we have two borders, one on the east and the other on the west. He told me about that. He used Okura, that is to create some dissention among the workers.

Doi The fact that they did create dissention or not depends whether Okura was officially employed or not. If Okura was

given work order, instead of being creation of dissent, it is justice that he was speaking of. The best way is to go into the records to check whether or not Okura was told to go to the poultry farm and work there or not. If he was, whatever statements the workers down there made was not a dissent, it seems to me. It seems to me they are speaking for the entire people.

Ing. Do you know of any instance in which Mr. Hoshizaki advised workers, that is they were terminated, they would not be eligible for any other work on the project?

Saijo You say anything you please, to the people who come here, but Hoshizaki actually had no purpose and for you, to please ask the secretaries.

Doi It's another conjecture, whether they took it down. I don't know whether they took it down.

Saijo Mr. Doi, you say that this suit, do you think it is, nobody told us to take circumstances into consideration, so therefore, we can not infer upon these facts and naturally come to this.

Doi There is a slight presumption.

Saijo You tried to ignore all the facts under the circumstances. There are two sides to everything, therefore, you cannot ignore my statement saying that that's merely a conjecture.

Doi Circumstances are there, no doubt, and the presumptions are there, however, as far as I am concerned.....

Saijo I don't know, this is not a legal court, so it seems to me that in case you applied regular legal procedure, you are wrong.

Doi You are right, however without absolute proof, it is not for

to decide, it is these councilmen who will decide the two sides. you say that it is your opinion that Hoshizaki prepared this petition, that he took it around. I suppose Hoshizaki testified before. These gentlemen heard Hoshizaki's statement, it is up to these gentlemen to decide, Mr. Saijo thinks and believes that the circumstances are such that makes him believe that Hoshizaki prepared these papers and went around for signatures and so forth. He still maintains that it is a presumption and it is up to you gentlemen to take either side, I have no right to say. I can not say what I think in fairness to all parties concerned, I must see that this hearing is conducted impartially.

Doi Have you any evidences against Mr. Okura, whether he had the work order to go down there and work, or not.....

Hatchi Well Mr. Chairman, I would like to put Mr. Sakaguchi on the stand.....

Doi You want to put Mr. Sakaguchi on the stand now, or after the question.....

Hatchi That's what I am waiting for.

Doi Have you any further questions, Mr. Ingraham?

Ing. Do you know of any other instances in which Mr. Hoshizaki used this matter to create dissensions among the workers?

Saijo Well it seems to me that he did on Sunday following the Okura incident. Meeting was held without my knowledge, and at that time before the workers, he made a statement, that statement which impairs or questions my authority and he had made other statements to create dissensions among the workers. I remember, I wasn't at the meeting, but Mrs. Saijo testified on that matter sometime ago here in this meeting.

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Doi Did Mrs. Saijo ever attend a hearing?

Ing. Yes.

Doi I see.

Saijo Take for instance. I understand Hoshizaki said Saijo family is a czar, I would like to have someone interpret....

Doi Who made that statement?

Saijo Hoshizaki. When he made any statement like that, it seems to me....

Doi What did he mean by that?

Saijo Well, I don't know what he meant by that statement, but when workers use such words which questions my authority and when any one calls me a czar to create dissention among the workers, don't you think a comment?

Doi I don't know.

Saito In the last meeting Mrs. Saijo, your wife, said that in February when they had the meeting, you told her that it would be recommendable to have such meetings, what have you to say to that fact.

Saijo On previous day, I think it was in the afternoon, just before noon, we were talking one thing after another on the Kure case with Hoshizaki and Fujii, He proposed maybe its a good idea to have workers and myself get together and come to a better understanding which will result in a better harmony and better work in the poultry project, so I told him, better to do it tomorrow, Sunday, afternoon.

Saito If that is the case, then, did Mrs. Saijo went to this meeting with your understanding.

Saijo No. Maybe I had better just answer this question. Well, no understanding at all, I don't know. They didn't let me know  
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when or where. I didn't even know Sakaruchi was there and one of the workers, women worker, naturally being a woman, she went to my wife, thought one of the Saijo's had better be there, so she went after my wife, and said, "here, Mrs. Saijo, why don't you come," and I was myself looking all over the poultry project because the poultry workers disappeared to some place, swallowed up in the ground, so to speak. I was looking up and down, I couldn't find, finally I gave up.

Saito Then in such case the meeting was held without your consent, was it?

Saijo No. Because they didn't consult on that afternoon meeting at all, where or when.

Saito Then do you know who promoted this meeting?

Saijo Well I don't know exactly who did, but someone has to promote, someone has to tell where the meeting is going to be held.

Saijo I found them up in No. 12, west end, Room No. 1.

Saito Then, did you not hear from Mrs. Saijo who sponsored this meeting?

Saijo No, I didn't hear at all who sponsored this meeting. Might have been Hoshizaki, one of the instrumentals because my wife told me that Hoshizaki acted as though he was the spokesman of the workers.

Saito Was that meeting held after Mr. Hoshizaki was terminated or was it held while he was working as an employee down in the Poultry Project Farm there?

Saijo Mr. Hoshizaki was still there.

Saito Among those ladies whom you mentioned being terminated, some of them were sick; however, you said they were cut because of reduction of employees. Now, there was a testimony saying to

this effect--while one of your neighbors was working in the farm and when she was sick, you took eggs out of the poultry farm there. Why did you take those eggs for that man, don't you feel you are responsible to your work and for men in such responsible position to feel that your freedom of taking the eggs at your choice? What do you say?

Saijo That question has no connection, therefore, I am not going to answer.

Hatch. Certain ladies who are working in the chicken yard were terminated on account of their having been sick. Now in this case, Mrs. Uru's case, she was sick and she was not terminated. Furthermore, you gave her some eggs as a desire for her recovery. Don't you think it is rather partial. You mentioned three or four ladies were sick and were terminated but to others you are so kind. This is just a questioning in order to see that you are acting in an impartial way as supervisor.

Saijo I cannot answer because your question does not deal directly with the problem we are discussing.

Nagano The other day two ladies testified. At that time the ladies told us your wife is giving cracked eggs to those people who are working on the Poultry Farm. Is that true?

Saijo It has no connection with the question, no bearing, so I shall not answer that question.

Nagano Your wife told us that Mr. Hoshizaki told to the other co-workers to better work more easily because the wages are only 13 dollars. We heard from Mrs. Saijo. Is that true or not? You have heard from Mr. Hoshizaki directly when he told to his co-workers "the wages are 13 dollars, so you need not work hard but to take it easy.

Saijo That also has no bearing on the question.

Chrn. Mr. Saijo has refused to answer.

Saijo If Mr. Haguro's question has some connection with what we are talking about, consensus of opinion, I shall answer.

I cannot quite understand what you say.

I know that Hoshizaki told to that effect. I heard myself with my own ears, only only that, he told me, too. One day he told me, "Mr. Saijo, you are not so concerned about the egg production", but I am really, as a supervisor and foreman of the project I try to get best result, so naturally it is my business to be concerned about egg production. I was paid for that job. So, yes, I am very much concerned but Hoshizaki said, "I don't care whether we get more eggs or less, I don't care a damn bit". Hoshizaki said, "To just get 12 dollars so work easy and go home pay-no-lucky-way."

Haguro Mr. Saijo, then Mr. Saijo said that your group is satisfied with that 12 dollars. Do you have some opinion?

Saijo Yes, I think they are very satisfied and just lately were so. They are doing their duty very diligently.

Chrn. Are you satisfied?

Saijo I am getting 12 dollars and well-satisfied.

Hatch. There are sessions ago two of your witnesses said that 12 dollars was a question was a joke among the workers and it wasn't only Mr. Hoshizaki that said it but everybody is talking about it. Don't you remember the testimony that was given at that session?

Saijo There is a little variation.

Hatch. Did you hear some such statement three sessions ago? Do you remember hearing it?

Saijo I am kind of vague about it.

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- Ing. Did Mr. Hoshizaki tell you at one time that if the workers did stick together they could get full days off a week?
- Saijo So I understand. That statement was made in that Sunday afternoon meeting when I was not present, no doubt. No, I don't remember, someone told me I distinctly remember.
- Ing. Was there any instance in which Mr. Hoshizaki failed to report to work on his regular assigned day?
- Saijo Yes, he failed to report on the very important day, that was the third day the chickens arrived. One to ten days are very important. Friday, on previous day it was his day off and he could not come since he had to attend to his business on Friday so Hoshizaki told Mrs. Saijo thru Mrs. Okasaki that he has to tend to certain business concerning his boy's induction being Saturday you see no office open in the afternoon; therefore, he must tend to that business. It is very important. Then office is open in morning; therefore, we expected he would report in the afternoon but he did not.
- Ing. In Mr. Hoshizaki's petition there was quite a point made about taking care of the chicks. Is this the chicks?
- Saijo Exactly. It is listed in Paragraph "j". Lot of things about his ability but really this was his first experience. Then besides I think on the eighth he was terminated. Really he tended 3 1/2 days. He took care of baby chicks 3 1/2 days. He had wonderful experience in taking care of those chicks. He made a wonderful record, so he says (Copy attached)

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER

Heart Mountain, Wyoming .

Memorandum

April 24, 1944

To: Mr. Satoru Seijo  
Poultry Foreman

Subject: Regarding termination of Mrs. Ichiye Funakoshi,  
Mrs. Tsuruo Yashiro, and Mrs. Yachiyo Hirose

For your information with respect to the termination of the above three workers, our records reveal the following facts:

Mrs. Funakoshi last day worked, December 13, 1943 and terminated December 31, 1943 for illness.

Mr. Yashiro last day worked, January 5, 1944 and terminated January 23, 1944 for illness.

Mr. Hirose last day worked December 7, 1943 and terminated December 31, 1943 for illness.

In as much as these three individuals were all terminated for illness, I see no reason why their termination should in any way affect their for project employment for any job which the Employment Office considers them qualified. Terminations of this type are no reflection upon the workers but merely indicate that because of illness, they are temporarily unable to continue with their duties.

/s/ Alden S. Ingraham  
Farm Superintendent

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Excerpts from the letter of complaint against Mr. Saijo signed by nineteen (19) Poultry Farm workers to Mr. William B. McFarlane, dated March 18, 1944 and was presented by Mr. Saijo at the May 15 hearing.

- (A) Mr. Saijo assumes the attitude of a "dictator" in trying to force the workers on the poultry farm to his way of thinking and whoever shows a difference of opinion to him on matters of farm management he accuses him as a non-cooperator.
- (I) When he discharges a worker he deliberately creates a reason so the worker could not return to work at the poultry farm even if he wanted to. Incidentally, if the worker is discharged in this manner it is impossible for him to get another job in the center on account of the reasons given by Mr. Saijo for the termination. For instance, Mrs. Hirase was terminated on account of temporary illness but Mr. Saijo reported the "reason" as "disharmony." Mrs. Yaghiro was also terminated on account of temporary illness, but Mr. Saijo reported the "reason" as "Physical Disability." Mrs. Funakoshi was terminated on account of illness, but Mr. Saijo reported the reason as "Out in Staff." Mr. Okura was terminated on account of "Out in Staff" and when there was a vacancy at the farm the employment office sent Mr. Okura back to the farm because his record was clear and he was eager to work. However; apparently because Mr. Saijo disliked him or for personal feelings.

Excerpt of petition signed by poultry yard workers.

Presented by Mr. Saijo at the May 15, 1944 hearing.

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MR. TADOTSU HATAUCHI 27-14-AD

Chrm. What's your occupation?

Haka. Working in the Poultry Farm.

Chrm. Do you know Mr. Hoshizaki?

Haka. Yes.

Chrm. He used to work at the Poultry Farm while you were working?

Haka. Yes.

Chrm. How long did you work together?

Haka. Since August last year, when we were working together in a group of five until sometime or so prior to his termination.

Chrm. You worked together in one group for about six months?

Haka. Yes.

Chrm. Do you know Mr. Saijo? He is the foreman down there.

Haka. Yes.

Hatch. In the testimony of Mrs. Saijo which was given some time ago, she said to this effect that one December day last year Mr. Hoshizaki and his group were cleaning chicken and pulling feathers and Mrs. Saijo saw him bearing under his arm with the chicken wrapped around with a newspaper. It was understood that it was stolen. Now I would like to know whether you know about that.

Haka. No, I haven't seen such a thing.

Hatch. After you have been working six or seven months together thru contact and associating with Mr. Hoshizaki, do you think Mr. Hoshizaki has ever done such a thing? Do you think he is the type of man who does such a thing?

Haka. No.

Hatch. Is it okay to accept the wounded or dead chicken by the employees on the Poultry Farm? Is that okay to get such a thing?

Haka. I don't know whether that regulation was approved but many people

have taken home chicken which died from wounds.

Chrn. Was any dead chicken given to you?

Naka. I got one.

Chrn. Some people got dead chicken?

Naka. Yes.

I didn't see Mr. Hoshizaki get one tho.

Hatch. Somebody said in the previous session that Hoshizaki told his co-workers to bring those chickens to him then he'll dress them for those who brought those chickens. Have you ever heard such a thing?

Naka. No, I never heard before, no, I don't think he made such bold statement.

Hatch. Is Mr. Hoshizaki a good worker, you believe.

Naka. Yes.

Hatch. Did he ever say this is too much because we are getting only 16 dollars?

Naka. No, I didn't hear. I never heard such a thing. He never kicked about the 16 dollar question.

Haguro. When the chicken dies who okaye taking it home?

Naka. Mrs. Saijo.

Chrn. And Mrs. Saijo okayed when you took home your dead chicken?

Naka. Mrs. Saijo said, "Here's one, if you like, take it home."

Haguro. Have you ever gotten good eggs?

Naka. No.

Chrn. Did you see anyone take home good eggs?

Naka. No.

Saito. Is Mrs. Saijo the personnel foreman down there?

Naka. I don't know whether she is a personnel officer or not, but she issues all orders, distribution of workers and so forth.

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Chrn. Does Mr. Saijo work?

Naka. He doesn't work at all. He is a manager.

Chrm. You may be excused. Thank you very much.

MR. FRED FUJII 12-18-C

Chrm. You have testified before?

Fujii Yes.

Hatch. Mr. Fujii, about how many chickens die every day on the farm?

Fujii Four or five, I am not sure but I think so.

Hatch. You are foreran aren't you?

Fujii Yes, I am.

Hatch. How many of the four or five die of injury?

Fujii Some died from sickness, others by bleeding.

Hatch. How many of them die of wounds? What is the percentage?

Fujii Four out of five die out of wounds.

Hatch Do you throw them away?

Fujii We did sometimes, but sometime nice fat chickens are too good to throw away, they are alright for eating because died of wounds. We ask Mr. and Mrs. Saijo if we could take it home. They said, "Yes", so we took some home.

Hatch. When this Okura case came up and there was a meeting on the chicken farm in one of the rooms, who went to Mr. Saijo to get permission to have the meeting?

Fujii Okura came with a permit or work order and then Mr. Saijo refused to accept him. Then we asked Mr. Saijo "will you please employ Mr. Okura and accept him." Mr. Saijo said, "No". We asked him often times but he didn't give any reason why he refused him. I told Mr. Saijo, "of course, you may not like to accept man whom you discharged or terminated. But by killing that small Saijo and then it means to revive bigger Saijo, so it is better to take him back," still he says no.

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Then I told Mr. Saijo "since there are quite many people talking bad in behind, it would be better to get together and talk out so it brings good result. You will have your saying and we will have our saying and it will clear the misunderstanding. So let's have a meeting together. Let's make this poultry yard a bright and pleasant place to work. I proposed it would be better to have a meeting. He okayed that. It was some Saturday morning. When I was on the truck Mr. Saijo was on the ground and asked when shall we have this meeting? Mr. Saijo said the sooner is the better. Then I told him "how about Sunday afternoon?" Then Mr. Saijo said "it would be all right." We agreed.

Fatch. When you want to get okay from Mr. Saijo about the proposed meeting, did you go by yourself or did you go with others?

Fujii Mr. Hayakawa, Mr. Tokutomi, Mrs. Wakagawa, and Mr. Yoshizaki, these four, at least, I remember, were there. We talked nearby the poultry room.

Chm. Saijo knew about this meeting and he agreed to the Sunday afternoon meeting, and it was he who said "sooner the better."

Fujii Yes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

March 31, 1944

Community Council of Heart Mountain  
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Councilmen:

Mr. Sakaguchi, an employment officer of this Heart Mountain has used a high pressure method to force the re-employment of Mr. Okura whose re-employment procedure had not been completed. Mr. Okura has fallen a victim to the reduction of employment that took place in the middle of February.

Moreover, Mr. Sakaguchi has called all the chicken farm employees into a room, without getting even a word of consent from the supervisor of the said project, Mr. Saijo, and told the employees--although, he said that his mission was to negotiate the labor trouble on the chicken farm, he tried to force me to issue a work order, had insulted me using various words and told me that if Mr. Okura's re-employment was not possible, he had his own ideas. He used threatening words and insulted me in the presence of all others and injured my face (the word "face" used in the oriental way).

Moreover, he had instigated the employees from the back.

I, hereby, beg the Community Council to investigate this matter in an impartial manner.

/s/ Asano Saijo  
Asano Saijo

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Poultry Farm Dispute Hearing

Community Council Conference  
Room

May 18, 1944  
Tuesday  
1:55 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order by Chairman K. Doi.

MR. HINOSHI HAYAKAWA 12-8-E

Chairman Have you been witnesses before this Board before?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman Mr. Hayakawa, do you know Mr. Hoshizaki?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman Have you worked together with him?

Haya. Yes, together over there.

Chairman How long have you worked together with Hoshizaki?

Haya. Since last September.

Chairman Up to the time he was terminated?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman During that time have you seen Hoshizaki steal any chicken?

Haya. No, there wasn't such thing.

Chairman Do you know if Hoshizaki take home any chickens?

Haya. No, sir.

Chairman Have you seen him pulling feathers?

Haya. No.

Chairman You don't believe he ever did it?

Haya. No.

Chairman Is it true that when a chicken dies, the chicken is given away to the employees and the employees take the chicken home?

Haya. I don't know about that permission to take home anytime, however, often times Mrs. Saijo said that it is permissible to take dead chickens to your home. Such permission was given by Mrs. Saijo. However, dead chicken, that isn't pleasant thing to take so they didn't usually take it home.

Chairman And Mrs. Saijo has stated that since this chicken died of injury anybody could take it home?

Haya. Yes, such an occasion that she made that statement. And it isn't exactly dead of sickness but laying eggs so it died, consequently, it is clean, it is good to take home.

Chairman That's the statement made by Mrs. Saijo?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman Do you know of any case where Mr. Hoshizaki received such a chicken to take home?

Haya. I don't know.

Chairman Have you ever received any chicken to take home?

Haya. No.

Chairman Now, sometime in February there was a meeting of the poultry workers, is that correct?

Haya. Yes, sir.

Chairman What week day?

Haya. I don't remember exactly. It was Sunday afternoon.

Chairman What time?

Haya. After two.

Chairman Where was the meeting?

Haya. House number 12, west-end side.

Chairman Was Mrs. Saijo present at that meeting?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman Was Mr. Saijo present?

Haya. Mr. Saijo didn't come, just Mrs. Saijo.

Chairman Who sponsored the meeting?

Haya. It was held by sponsorship of Mr. Saijo.

Chairman Meeting was suggested by Mr. Saijo?

Haya. Yes.

Chairman Are you still working down there under Mr. Saijo?

Haya. Yes.

Chrm. It seems very queer to me that if Mr. Saijo sponsored the meeting, why he didn't come there? Do you know why?

Haya. That time Mrs. Saijo was there. Some discussion was held in reference to Mr. Saijo, therefore, he did not come. Discussion went out of line so no time to go after him to bring him down.

Chairman What were you going to discuss in the first place?

Haya. Mrs. Saijo defended about the termination of the employees so it went out of line so no chance to go down.

Chairman Is Mr. Saijo a good worker so far as you know?

Haya. No, I don't think, not very good worker.

Chrm. Do you know whether Mr. Saijo is a good worker or not?

Haya. Mr. Saijo's job is rather to order and command how to work and he doesn't work himself, however, once when there was killing of chicken he participated--once in a while.

Chrm. He very seldom works?

Haya. Yes, Just whenever it is nice weather he comes around and watch us.

Chrm. What is your opinion of Mr. Saijo as a supervisor?

Haya. As supervisor he is alright, but as foreman he doesn't consult with us workers or associates so he does not give us co-workers any satisfaction.

Chrm. In your opinion he is not a good foreman?

Haya. No, not a good foreman. He cannot cooperate with workers.

Chrm. 126 Why is that? Is he dictatorial in his manner?

Haya. Yes, that's the way.

- Chairman The chicken workers don't get along very well with Mr. Saijo?  
Is that correct?
- Haya. Yes.
- Chrm. And this is your true, unbiased opinion?
- Haya. Yes, that's my unbiased opinion.
- Chrm. You have no animosity against or towards Mr. Saijo?
- Haya. Mr. Saijo has been good to me so we never had any dispute among us.
- Chrm. You were not requested by anyone to give the kind of testimony you have been giving today?
- Haya. No, sir.
- Chrm. Any questions, gentlemen?
- Hatch. How was the atmosphere in the chicken farm just preceding the dismissal of Mr. Hoshizaki?
- Haya. That time after the cutting of workers, the persons who were intending to remain there and was trying to get back and that time when Mr. Okura secured another work order to be reinstated and he was refused, so the sympathy of the workers were with Mr. Okura.
- Chrm. Was the feeling among the workers against Mr. Saijo?  
There were bad feeling against Mr. Saijo?
- Haya. Well, of course it wasn't to the point of an antagonized attitude or such but they didn't have good feeling toward him. They asked Mr. Saijo to please accept Mr. Okura, so as a whole the attitude was not good toward Mr. Saijo.
- Hatch. Do you know if three, four, or five men got together and tried to drive Mr. Saijo out of the chicken farm? Or what we call conspiracy existed among the workers?
- Haya. No, there wasn't such thing.

- Hatch. Did Mr. Hoshizaki go around among the chicken farm workers investigating the workers against Mr. Saijo?
- Haya. No, not that way. No, he didn't do such a thing. Even at the meeting it was largely in order to create harmony among the employees and the foremen.
- Chrm. Do you think there will be harmony at the Poultry Farm between Mr. Saijo and workers from now on?
- Haya. Thing same like this, I don't think it can be done now.
- Hatch. What do you think was the real reason why Mr. Saijo dismissed Mr. Hoshizaki? What was the real reason in your opinion, if you have any opinion on the matter at all?
- Haya. In the truck Mr. Saijo was criticizing the Councilmen so Mr. Hoshizaki told Mr. Saijo not to criticize but "if you have anything to say you had better go to the Council and tell them directly."
- Hatch. Mr. Saijo used to swear at the workers or behind the workers?
- Haya. Yes, he swears all the time.
- Chrm. Does he swear at women workers?
- Haya. No difference, even before the women.
- Nagumo. You said you are neutral, and unbiased but your testimony shows you are testifying for Mr. Hoshizaki. Why is that?
- Haya. He was very sincere and industrious in his work because he was intending to learn and know more about the Poultry Farm. His efficiency shows his good workmanship from the record of his group which is a living example of his earnest work. From the standpoint of justice among the workers I testified for him.
- Chrm. Will Mr. Sakaguchi take the stand?
- Saka. Yes.

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Chrm. What is your capacity in the center.

Saka. Working at the Personnel Management Office as a labor Relation Advisor.

Chrm. And who is your division chief?

Saka. Mr. William B. Macfarlane.

Chrm. Mr. Sakaguchi, there has been a question before this board in reference to the termination and reinstatement of Mr. Okura, a poultry employee. Do you know anything about it?

Saka. Yes, we have a record here.

Chrm. I understand Mr. Okura was terminated on December 1, 1943.

Saka. Released on account of cut in staff.

Chrm. That was the time of gneral cut in staff?

Saka. Yes.

Chrm. Later on was he employed again?

Saka. He was assigned to work from February 13, 1944 at 8:00A.M. (Work Order attached).

Chrm. Was work order issued at that time?

Saka. Yes.

Chrm. You signed the work order ?

Saka. Mr. Macfarlane.

Chrm. Anybody else signed it?

Saka. When work order is issued only Mr. Macfarlane's is necessary and they get the workers copy and report directly to work.

Chrm. Isn't the divisional head's signature necessary?

Saka. Afterward, in order to complete the work order.

Chrm. Then when Mr. Okura reported to work he did have a work order issued to him commencing at 8:00 A.M. on that morning.

Saka. February 12, 1944 which was made the day before, February 11, 1944.

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Chrm. That's official?

Saka. Yes.

Chrm. Then, this man Okura was entitled to work commencing from the 12th day of February at the chicken farm?

Saka. Yes.

Chrm. Do you know whether he was refused work down there at the chicken farm?

Saka. He has been refused from what I heard from Mr. Okura.

Chrm. What did Mr. Okura tell you?

Saka. Mr. Okura came back to our office at 10:00 o'clock and talked to Jimmy Igo who is Placement Officer. He told Mr. Igo all about it, and he recommended that you should talk to Mr. Sakaguchi and so he came to me and stated that he went to work there this morning. As soon as he got off the truck Mr. Saijo said, "Why you come here?" He said, "I come to work." He asked Mr. Okura to wait outside by House Number 12. He was waiting for one hour and half but he didn't assign him any work or even refused him. He was standing and waiting for 1½ hours doing nothing at the farm project and was greatly embarrassed. Someone suggested better go to the Employment Office and so he told me all about the story. I told him it was our duty to find out why he couldn't hire you. I told Mr. Okura let's go and find out and that was on Saturday morning. I have Saturday noon off so I said let's go look down there to the chicken farm. He hesitated as he thought it would be too much trouble for me since it is my day off. So we went to the Poultry farm about 10:30 A.M. and went down to the office but Mr. Saijo was not there and finally we found him in Barrack 4 so we went up there and there was one lady working in the chicken coop and Mr. Saijo was talking to her. Mr. Saijo just looked from the corner of his eyes and I said, "Good morning, Mr. Saijo". He didn't talk to

me because he saw Mr. Okura. He said, "Go down to the office if you wish to talk to me." I said, "Mr. Saijo, I am not a messenger boy. I want to find out the real reason why you cannot accept him." He said to leave Mr. Okura outside and he said, "You should know the reason." I said, "I am not a mind reader unless you tell me". He said, "We terminated him because time of reduction of personnel. He was an inefficient worker." I told him, "You have to clarify the reason why he was inefficient. He was eager to work this time." I said and Mr. Saijo tried to walk away from me so I followed him.

Chm. Was he belligerent?

Saka. I said, "I am not here to fight but if I can't discuss the matter with you, I am going to Mr. Ingraham so I came back to see Mr. Okura and went to Barrack 12 where there were Mr. Fujii, Seo, and someone else. We can't talk this thing like this. If there was any statement please bring it to the office. So that is the reason, we couldn't get any result. He did not even refuse. He said he will give us an answer later the next day, but up to date we haven't received any answer. I think Mr. Okura is still on the active file, 3330, Poultry Project.

Chm. After you came back did you see Mr. Ingraham?

Saka. No, that was just before noon so I didn't go back that time.

Chm. You did not discuss with Mr. Ingraham or Mr. Hartman?

Saka. No, I did not have time.

Chm. Was the work order issued by the Employment Office according to the requisition from the Agriculture Department?

Saka. Yes.

Chm. You were just filling the requisition from the Agriculture Division?

Saka. Yes.

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- Chrm. And in your opinion Mr. Saijo had the full say in reference to hiring or termination and that divisional heads were just following his recommendation?
- Saka. I don't know about that.
- Chrm. What is your general opinion on that?
- Ing. I think it is right as a general principle it is impossible for us to investigate every individual case. The reason why, because we submit several cases. I think Mr. Sakaguchi has a wrong interpretation in regards to the final acceptance. Foreman are instructed not to employ without work order. That signature by the divisional head is still necessary before he is put to work. That's our opportunity to accept or refuse him. This procedure of red tape remains and must be followed before it becomes authentic. Also going thru this channel when terminated.
- Hatch. I would like to present as a testimony that Mrs. Saijo is too free to attack anybody that my stand in her way. Look in this letter and you will find just a brief translation in the back. (letter attached)
- Chrm. It is ordered that this letter of Mrs. Saijo's be translated properly and made a part of this record.
- Chrm. You attended the meeting, Mr. Sakaguchi?
- Saka. I was invited to attend.
- Hatch. Did you abuse Mrs. Saijo with abusive language?
- Saka. No.
- Hatch. Did you bring about this meeting?
- Saka. No.
- Chrm. You said you attended the meeting?
- Saka. I went there by the understanding of Mr. Saijo and workers there in order to smooth matters out.

Chrm. That's what you understood it to be.

Chrm. At the meeting what did you find out?

Saka. There was no justice among the workers, between Mr. Saijo and the workers.

Chrm. You mean Justice? What do you mean by justice?

Saka. They were receiving unfair treatment.

Even some of the workers were terminated on false reasons. For instance, Mr. Saijo mentioned three ladies who were working there and who were terminated on false reasons. I think, that was in the petition signed by the workers, but Mr. Saijo introduced the letter from Mr. Ingraham to reject, that wasn't true.

Chrm. In your opinion that letter introduced by Mr. Saijo does carry very much weight because, I don't believe that the departmental heads can investigate each and every case. The best record is the reason stated in the termination papers. That's the best evidence, Any document prepared afterward is not the best evidence. When they received their termination paper three or four months ago, the reason stated on that termination is the best evidence.

Saka. That's right.

Chrm. Subsequent documents made after, in my opinion, has no weight at all. That's the way I feel about it. The best way for you gentlemen is to ask the people who were terminated what the reason for termination was at the time of termination. At the time it might have been incompetency or it might have been any other reason and that is the best evidence for the reason of the termination, you can find that out from the people that were terminated and instrument prepared three months later is not admissable.

- Hatch. A lady came to this hearing and said that she was discharged on physical disability. Have you got that kind of record in your files?
- Saka. Yes, we have in our office.
- Hatch. Was that charge really physical disability?
- Saka. I think that reason was a mistake.
- Hatch. Then what about disharmony? One or two ladies were discharged on disharmony?
- Saka. I think there was one.
- Hatch. Have you got any record with you there? You wanted to say something, will you please give in your words?
- Saka. These reasons were reinstated by Mr. Ingraham after he came back from Gila Conference at Gila Center and changed to illness for Mrs. Yashiro, Mrs. Hirose, and Mrs. Funakoshi.
- Chrm. It was changed sometime after the termination? Is that correct?
- Saka. That was early part of March while that meeting at the Project Farm was held on February 13, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Ingraham left for Conference to Gila and we have waited for him until first part of March. Then I went over there and said these reasons were stated on false testimony and if it is possible to have it changed to illness so they could get illness compensation.
- Chrm. What was the first reason Mr. Saijo gave to Mr. Ingraham and to your office?
- Saka. Mrs. Yashiro, G-15-B, terminated and released on account of physical disability on January 6, 1944. Mr. Y. Hirose released on account of disharmony on December 22, 1943. Mrs. I Funakoshi released on account of cut in staff on December 13, 1943. These were all changed to illness and besides that, termination was

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changed for Mrs. Yashiro from January 6 to January 22 for 15 days sick leave.

Chrs. Mr. Ingraham, is it true that the reason stated at the time of termination were recommendation of the foreman. Is that correct?

Ing. They either come from the foreman or the Timekeeper. If anything looks peculiar I look into it. Physical disability means that they weren't able to come to work, but Mr. Sakaguchi wanted to correct it so they could get illness compensation and we are glad to do it. Let's see, one Mrs. Sunakoshi, out in staff, that probably was the right and correct reason. It so happened that she was ill at that time.

Saka. Mrs. Funakoshi was working until December 15, 1943. I think she fainted and Mr. Hartman accompanied by Mrs. Saijo took her to the hospital and on the next day she was terminated on account of out in staff.

Ing. Probably she would have been terminated but in order to get that sick leave it was necessary to extend the termination date. Whether she got sick or not, I believe she would have been terminated.

Chrs. Thank you, Mr. Sakaguchi

MRS. OKIYO TANAKI 22-5-0

Chrs. Are you working at the Poultry Farm?

Tana. Yes.

Chrs. How long have you been working there?

Tana. Eleven months from June 5 of last year.

Chrs. You have been there while Mr. Hashizaki was working? You know him don't you?

Tana. Yes, I do.

Chrs. You worked on the farm until he was terminated? Is that correct?

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- Tama. Yes.
- Chrs. The testimony you will give will be unbiased, impartial and will be fair and the truth.
- Tama. Yes.
- Chrs. Were there any complaint about giving too much work among the workers?
- Tama. Well, I have something. I think we should be given same amount of work, but he doesn't seem to give us any consideration.
- Chrs. In other words he is not fair in his distribution of work.
- Chrs. What about Mrs. Saijo?
- She is not truthful?
- Tama. That's the way I take it because when my mother was terminated last year and she worked just as much as anyone else, she said around March or April she will call her back to work but she didn't do that.
- Chrs. You think Mrs. Saijo has alot to do about hiring people there?
- Tama. Some.
- Chrs. She isn't the queen?
- Tama. No, she isn't the queen.
- Chr. She acts like a boss down there?
- Tama. She does.
- Chr. What do you think about Mr. Saijo?
- Tama. I don't think so much of him.
- Chr. He is no good as a foreman?
- Tama. No.
- Chr. Why?
- Tama. He is not the one that gives the work.
- Chr. Mrs. Saijo is the one who does most of the bossing down there?
- Tama. Yes.

Chr. So you think Mr. Saijo hasn't very much to say, it is Mrs. Saijo who is pulling the reins.

Tama. Yes, that's the way I think it.

Chrm. It is a family affair down there?

Tama. It is.

Chrm. Is that your opinion?

Tama. Well, more or less.

Chrm. You are willing to work hard?

Tama. Yes, I have always been.

Chr. You are working hard now?

Tama. Yes.

Chrm. Do you know Mr. Hoshizaki?

Tama. When he came to the Poultry Farm to work, that's how I knew him.

Chrm. Is he a good worker?

Tama. Yes.

Chrm. Did you see him steal chicken?

Tama. No, I didn't see him do that.

Chrm. Did he ever swipe eggs?

Tama. No, I never did see him.

Chrm. What is your opinion in relative to his termination?

You know that he was terminated, didn't you? What do you think was the reason why he was terminated? Do you think he was terminated because Mr. Saijo didn't like him?

Tama. I don't know why he was terminated. I just thought he was a good workers.

Chrm. You wondered why bums weren't terminated and wondered why a good man was terminated?

Tama. I wondered why he was terminated. I don't know the reason.

Chrm. You think he was terminated because Mrs. Saijo had it in for him?

Nagano Is Mr. Hoshizaki the kind of man of agitator?

Tana. No.

Chrm. He wasn't causing dissention down there and get along with the people?

Tana. Yes.

Chrm. He didn't make a speech or anything to cause dissention and disharmony among the workers, did he?

Tana. No, I didn't hear him say anything like that.

Hatch. Do you think there was efficiency among the chicken farm workers?

Tana. We all worked hard there.

Chrm. You may be excused. Thank you very much for coming over.

MRS. MAKO TOKESHI 17-18-AB

Chrm. Are you still working down there at the Poultry Farm?

Tok. Yes.

Chrm. Mr. Saijo is a nice man?

Tok. No, I don't think so.

Chrm. Why?

Tok. From morning to night he is using bad language so I don't think he is a good man.

Chr. Talking bad about some people?

Tok. Yes, when that very same person isn't there he speaks bad of him.

Chrm. You stated that he is not a very good foreman, is that correct?

Tok. Yes. He is not so good.

Chrm. Is it because he gives too much work?

Tok. No, not that way.

Chrm. You are willing to work hard?

Tok. Yes.

Chrm. But you like to work in a better atmosphere?

Tok. Yes.

Chrm. You don't mind about hard work?

Tok. No, if it is pleasant I don't mind.

Chrm. You would rather work hard than loaf in a poor atmosphere? Is that right?

Tok. That's right.

Hatch. You were near Mr. Saijo when Mr. Okura brought the work order?

Tok. Yes, I was there.

Hatch. What did Mr. Saijo say in rejecting Mr. Okura, what reason did he give for not accepting him to the farm?

Tok. Mr. Okura came down to work with a work order. Mrs. Saijo told him to wait. Mr. Hoshizaki told Mr. Saijo "since he came with a work order, why don't you give him the work?" Mrs. Saijo said to few concerned that the Employment Division did send someone who was terminated once before. Mr. Hoshizaki told Mr. Saijo "since Okura was sent down with work order why don't you accept him with big heart and give him employment." Mr. Saijo said, "I have the right to refuse him or any employee if I don't want him". Mr. Hoshizaki suggested that poultry farm workers should have a meeting and find out different matters and Mrs. Saijo said it is a nice thing, that Mr. Saijo thought it was a nice thing himself. When Mr. Hoshizaki asked him "when do you think is the appropriate time?" Mr. Saijo replied that so far as he is concerned it is all right any time. Mr. Hoshizaki asked Mr. Saijo how about tomorrow afternoon? Mr. Saijo said so far as he is concerned it is fine.

MRS. SOME OKAZAKI 17-8-B

Hagumo In relative to the affairs of Mr. Saijo and Hoshizaki will you

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be impartial, unbiased, and take neutral stand?

Oka. I am in favor of Mr. Hoshizaki.

Haguno You come twice here to stand on the witness, why do you favor Mr. Hoshizaki.

Oka. I would like to testify to the right thing that Mr. Hoshizaki has done and justice done. I have some more to say. The other day Mrs. Saijo said that the meeting where Mr. Sakaguchi was held without knowledge of Mr. Saijo. About that meeting Mr. Saijo, he knew about it. In the machine he said, "do you know we are going to have a meeting?"

Chrm. Are you willing to work hard?

Oka. Yes.

Chrm. You would rather work hard in a pleasant atmosphere than to work in a poor atmosphere?

Oka. Yes, I like to work in a pleasant atmosphere, but now I can't work because it is unpleasant.

Chrm. Atmosphere is bad now?

Oka. Yes, it is bad.

Chrm. Mrs. Saijo is the boss down there?

Oka. Yes.

Chrm. How about Mr. Saijo?

Oka. Mr. Saijo tells once in a while to bring paper or killing chicken. Ordinarily Mrs. Saijo makes arrangements for workers down there.

Chrm. All of the workers down at the poultry farm including you are under constant fear of being terminated if you cause any displeasure to Mrs. Saijo. Is that true?

Oka. Since Mrs. Saijo said such a thing we are in such fear.

Chrm. Mrs. Saijo stated that she terminated Hoshizaki. Is that correct?

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Oka. Yes, Mrs. Saijo said it.

Chrm. And is it true that Mrs. Saijo said "if you do anything towards the reinstatement of Hoshizaki we will fire you, too." Did Mrs. Saijo state that?

Oka. I did not hear definitely to that effect but Mrs. Saijo said since your hand has been taking sign for Mr. Hoshizaki case, if you do such a thing I am the boss and from the standpoint of supervisor, I won't hesitate to take adequate action.

Chrm. The poultry workers are in constant fear of being terminated by Mr. or Mrs. Saijo?

Oka. Yes, formerly they were afraid of termination but now they will fight for justice regardless of whether they lose their job or not.

Chrm. What do you mean fight for justice?

Oka. Mrs. Saijo said: Why from our position we will act if anybody do take any action against them. I said while I am worker here, I will fight for justice. Anyway I am ready to fight for anything that is right.

Chrm. Do you think Mr. and Mrs. Saijo is dictatorial in their attitude?

Oka. Yes, sir.

Chrm. Mrs. Saijo stated that they are the supervisors down there so they'll terminate anyone they please. Did they make such a statement?

Oka. Yes, I have heard.

Chrm. Mrs. Saijo acts very much like a boss down there. Is that true?

Oka. Yes.

Chrm. Mrs. Saijo is worse than Mr. Saijo?

Oka. I think so because she tells lies.

MR. KEIJIRO HOSHIZAKI 12-5-00

Nagumo In the testimony of Mr. Sugimura last time he said that you interfered with his work in spite your being under him. Have you ever done such an interference?

Hoshi I didn't know the duty or job of Mr. Sugimura. I thought the one who took care of the baby chicks were responsible to look after the stoves and I found out afterward the taking care of stoves belonged to him and I did not know it at that time.

Nagumo The testimony was made to this effect that you told before the people that we are working for the WRA not under Mr. Saijo. Was that true?

Hoshi. No, I never made such a statement.

Nagumo Both Mr. Ingraham and Mrs. Saijo testified to that effect. Unless you have said something similar to that word, I don't see how that came up. Don't you have anything to say to that?

Hoshi. I have made this statement; that we are working for the WRA under different foreman or supervisor including Mr. Saijo but we are not working for the Saijo family as a business of the Saijo family.

Chrm. You have no personal animosity or grievances or hatred against Mr. Saijo, have you?

Hoshi. No.

Chrm. Have you any further statement to make Mr. Hoshizaki?

Hoshi. Yes, I make a request to this body that a thorough investigation be made in reference to the Poultry Farm. In my opinion the records of the Poultry Farm is very bad, is not very good, both in Management and production. I believe that many improvement

could be made.

Chrm. On what basis do you come to that opinion?

Hosh. I base my opinion on the fact that too many chickens died and from the comparative view point of the Poultry Industry on the outside.

Chrm. The Administration may think that the Poultry Farm cannot run without Mr. Saijo but in your opinion do you believe that the Poultry Farm could be conducted without Mr. Saijo?

Hosh. It is my opinion that anyone of the present foremen can run the chicken farm just as well without Mr. Saijo and in fact, I believe many improvements will be made if someone else was put in Mr. Saijo's place, and furthermore, I believe unless some justices are done there will be no peace or harmony among the workers there and I am very much afraid of the consequences.

Chrm. Meeting is adjourned at 4:30 p.m.