

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

October 19, 1945

Lt. Frank S. Okusako
442nd Infantry U. S. Army

Dear Lt. Okusako:

This is in reply to your request for a statement from me concerning the record and conduct of your family while residing at this center, particularly concerning the conduct of your three brothers and sister-in-law who are detained in this center by the Department of Justice because of renunciation of their citizenship.

An examination of our records shows no adverse information as to any of the following persons about whom you inquired:

George Okusako (Father)	FN 38724	4301-C
Toshino Okusako (Mother)	FN 38724	4301-C
Fred G. Okusako (Brother)	FN 38724	4301-C
Kaoru Harry Okusako (Brother)	FN 38723	4207-A
Osako Alice Okusako (wife of Kaoru)	FN 38723	4207-A
Minoru Tom Thomas Okusako (Brother)	FN 38724	1618-B
Morioka Paulynne (wife of Minoru)	FN 38724	1619-B

I am informed that none of the above persons have been members of the Sokuji Kikoku Hoshi Dan, the Hokoku Seinen Dan or the Hokoku Joshi Dan. Insofar as we have been able to determine, all the members of your family have lived in this center peacefully and have been law-abiding.

I understand that your brother, Fred, is extremely interested in American sports and has been very active in baseball and basketball.

Your brother, Kaoru Harry, has worked in the warehouse as leader of a baggage crew. I have been informed by Mr. George M. Smith, Property and Warehousing Officer, that Harry has been a model worker and has always been extremely cooperative and conscientious.

I am informed that your brother, Tom, was block warden for a period of time. After leaving that position he became block manager, representing his block in the Block Managers' Organization, the only official evacuee representative body. I am informed that he too has been cooperative and conscientious.



As I previously stated to you, our records indicate that the applications for renunciation of citizenship of the following members of your family have been approved by the Attorney General and that the Attorney General has declared them to be interned:

Kaoru Harry Okusako
Minoru Tom Okusako
Morioka Paulyne Okusako
Fred G. Okusako

The remaining members of your family are free to relocate. I also explained to you that the Attorney General of the United States is vested with the responsibility and authority for establishing the procedure for the renunciation of citizenship and for making the necessary determinations in connection therewith. The Department of Justice is also generally responsible for the supervision and control of aliens of enemy nationality during time of war.

Since the War Relocation Authority is not responsible for the detention of your brothers and sister-in-law, you should address any further communications concerning their status to the Attorney General, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

I am sorry that we are unable to assist you any further with your problem but I wish to assure you that I would be more than pleased to help you if I possibly could.

Sincerely,


R. R. Best
Project Director