

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CLAIMS DIVISION

TO: CLAIMANTS UNDER THE EVACUATION CLAIMS ACT OF JULY 2, 1948

This is in response to your recent request for the forms necessary to submit your claim for compromise settlement pursuant to Public Law 116, 82d Congress,* which was described in my communication to you dated September 20, 1951.

If you wish to take advantage of the new law, you may do so by following the directions set forth below. Before attempting to fill out any of the enclosed papers, please read these directions all the way through.

ENCLOSED PAPERS: Enclosed with these instructions is a form headed "AFFIDAVIT", which you must fill out if you desire to have a compromise settlement of your claim under the new law. In addition, you will find other papers (that were selected on the basis of your answers to the questions on the request form) which may be marked "MARITAL STATUS", "PERSONAL PROPERTY", "MOTOR VEHICLE SCHEDULE", "LIFE INSURANCE SCHEDULE", "BUSINESS SCHEDULE", "LAND SCHEDULE", "BUILDING SCHEDULE" or "CROP SCHEDULE". Instructions as to whether or not to fill out these forms are contained in the "AFFIDAVIT" form.

If you were married at the time of your evacuation you should find an additional form among the enclosed papers entitled "REQUEST FOR SEVERANCE AND/OR CONSOLIDATION". A full explanation of this form and its use is given on the back of the form. You are not required to use this form if you do not wish to do so. If you do, it must be signed both by you and by the person who was your spouse at the time of your evacuation.

It is suggested that you read through all of the enclosed forms before filling out any of them and that you then commence with the "AFFIDAVIT" form and fill out the other forms as you come to them in the "AFFIDAVIT" form. If you are not certain about any of the answers given by you, you should so indicate by writing in words such as "approximately", "about", "not certain", "I estimate", etc.

If, for any reason, you do not find a schedule that you think you should have for the purpose of describing items of your claim write the word "None" over the name of that schedule in question 17 of the "AFFIDAVIT" form and then describe the item as best you can in answer to question 17(h). You may find that some of the enclosed forms are not needed in order to describe your claim. In that case, you may throw away the forms that you do not need.

*/ Public Law 116, 82d Cong., approved on August 17, 1951, amended Section 7 of the Evacuation Claims Act to read as follows:

"Sec. 7. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this Act such sums as Congress may from time to time determine to be necessary, which funds shall be available also for payment of settlement awards, which shall be final and conclusive for all purposes, made by the Attorney General in compromise settlement of such claims upon the basis of affidavits and available Government records satisfactory to him, in amounts which shall not in any case exceed either three-fourths of the amount, if any, of the claim attributable to compensable items thereof or \$2,500, whichever is less."

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After you have completed the forms, but before swearing to the "AFFIDAVIT", please check each item of property listed in your claim with question 13 of the "AFFIDAVIT". Be sure that in the answer to question 13 you have explained how the loss which you suffered as to each item of property was caused by the fact that you were evacuated.

PART I of the "LIFE INSURANCE SCHEDULE", if it applies to your case, must be filled in by you to the best of your ability, and must be sent by you to the Life Insurance Company. (PART II of that form is for use by the Company and must not be written on by you.)

You must send all of the forms except the Life Insurance form to the Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. A large addressed envelope which does not require postage is enclosed for this purpose.

GENERAL: If you find that not enough space is provided for answering any question of the "AFFIDAVIT" form, or of any schedule, or if it is not possible to cover all items in a particular form, continue your answers on separate sheets of paper and at the end of so much of the answer as is contained in the form, write "(Continued on separate paper)". At the top of the separate paper show that it is a continuation; for example: "(Continuation of Answer to question 13 of the AFFIDAVIT form)".

If you intend to ask for a compromise settlement of your claim, please complete and return the affidavit and other forms as soon as possible. Answer every question which applies to your claim fully and carefully. Failure to use care may slow up the processing of your claim and may even result in your being awarded a smaller sum than you would have received if complete information had been given by you. You are advised, however, that the mere fact that the forms are being sent to you does not necessarily mean that your claim is a valid one under the terms of the Evacuation Claims Act.

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