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NISEI VETERANS & FAMILY
Interviewee form

Name Jimmie M. Matsumura (Maiden name also, if applicable)

(please print)
Place of birth Los Angeles, Calif.

Place of upbringing, if different Los Angeles, Fukui (Japan), Los Angeles
(1926-36) 19 (w/ brother) 1937 (return)

Number in family 4 What position in the family were you? 1st Son

What were the occupations of your mother? Hotel owner; Restaurant owner
your father? Same as above

What village/district in Japan were they from? Torihama, Fukui Prefecture (Japan)

Did your parents provide explicit training in Japanese language, customs and values?

yes no somewhat

Please give examples:
How much education did you have? high school 5 yrs (Japan)
4 yrs (L.A.) college 1/2 yr. due to call into Service

If you went to college, where, and what did you major in?

Los Angeles City College, majoring in English

OUTBREAK of WAR

How old were you at war time? 24 yrs How old were other members of family? Father (56)
Mother (43)

Were you and your family evacuated? Father Brother (22)
Mother from where? Los Angeles
Brother

When were you evacuated? None What assembly center were you taken to?

Which camp(s) were you detained in? Family in Heart Mt, Wyoming

Did you leave camp to go to work or college? _____ If yes, please explain.

What year did you enter the service? 4/1/41 Where were you at the time? L.A.

Were you a volunteer? _____ a draftee?

MILITARY

Where did you serve? U.S. Mainland, Pacific (Guam Is.), Japan
161st Inf. 41st Div.; Student W.D. Mil. Int. School

Which unit(s) were you with? Presidio, S.F.; W.D. Mil. Int School Instructor (Serge)

(Assist Camp Director) graduate

(YAKIMA, WA) AT

*Cadres to clean up Camp Savage for the instructors
9-12. selected from 69 staff as the instructors*

(Veterans and Family)

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What kind of work did you do? Instructor, Mil.Int.and Jap. Language, Minn. Translation Monitor, Weapon Identifier (Penta Bldg. Washington, D.C.); Instructor-Mil. personnel

(Wash DC)

Who were some of the other nisei in your unit? George Koshi, Kazuo Yamane, John Kenjo, Seishin Kondo, Eddie Fukui and Floyd Yamamoto.

Are you still in contact? No

Who were some of your immediate officers? Major John F. Aiso (Minnesota)

Major Lardner W. Moore (Wash. D.C.)

Are you still in contact? No

Not with Major Moore.

Whereabouts unknown.

FOR M.I.S. VETERANS:

Did you serve in the occupation of Japan? Yes

If so, where? GHQ Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and Yokohama Doing what? War Crimes (Def) Investigation; Scanning and Confiscating Documents

top-Secrets Jap. government's documents Under whose command? Gen. Douglas MacArthur

How long did you serve there? 3 yrs. Did you get to know any Japanese nationals with whom you are still in contact? Sekines (in-laws)

Which other nisei served with you there? G.Koshi, K.Aiba, J.Yamada, K.Kido

Are you still in contact? Yes

POST-WAR *(Veterans and Family please answer)*

Did you return to your home area after the war? Yes

What situation did you return to? Very poor situation. Lost house and everything due to forced evacuation from the West Coast. Parent's bank accounts were frozen by the U.S. Government. Was unable to continue my college education. Had to work to rebuild economy.

Deported in Japan 1946;

If you have children, how old are they? What do they do, and where do they live?

Mrs. Irene M. Ota (37 yrs.) Elementary School Teacher, Los Angeles

School Dist. Res. Montebello, Cal.; Mrs. Emily M. Mori (35 yrs.)

Pre-School Teacher, L.A.S.D.; Res. Walnut, Cal. Thank you.

● CURRENT INFORMATION (Date: 7/14/85)

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Please have questionnaire filled out and

Please bring to the meeting on Monday, July 15th.