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SUBJECT: Petition Submitted by Tullake Residents

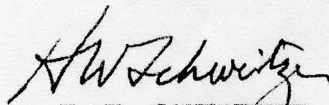
TO: Commanding Officer, 752nd Military Police Battalion, Camp
Tullake, California

1. Inclosed for your information and file is copy of a petition submitted by certain Japanese residents of the Tullake Center to the Honorable Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War.

2. The signatures attached to this petition were all written in English and were transcribed by Civil Affairs Division's translators, who report that some of the names had to be reversed for uniformity.

By command of Major General McCOACH:

For the Director, Civil Affairs Division:



H. W. SCHWEITZER
Major, J.A.G.D.

Actg. Asst. Adjutant General

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Residents to S/W,
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December 7, 1943

Hon. Secretary Henry L. Stimson,
The U. S. Department of War,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hon. Stimson:

We, the duly elected representatives of the Tule Lake Center, W.R.A. at Newell, California appeal to you on the following concerns relative to the existing circumstances at Tule Lake Center, W.R.A. at Newell, California: Whether the administrators of the said center are operating the center above mentioned as per instructions of the W.R.A. was doubted in the minds of the local residents of the said center; therefore, in view of the aforementioned the representatives of the said center commenced an immediate negotiation with the administrators of the said center; and in due process of negotiation thereat arrived Mr. Dillon Myers, Director of the W.R.A., who made certain promises to the requests of the representatives of the center. The said representatives at which time agreed to take an amicable course with the said administrators so long as those various agreements were fulfilled by the proper authorities. Whereas, and in view of these agreements, the said administration proceeded to violate the provisions of the said agreement; and therefore, the residents hereat diversified their attitude. At this time the said representatives selected a committee of fourteen in order to negotiate further with the said administrators requesting for the bare essentials of livelihood; thereupon, Mr. Best, Director of said center, as to the aforementioned, in reply, declared that it is beyond possibilities to operate the said center on the basis of these requests; and soon thereafter the said Mr. Best placed into the hand of the military authorities his authority to control the said center. The said representatives avowed that they will offer their utmost co-operation to whomever it may be, the

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military authorities or the W.R.A., and once again in order to reach an amicable conclusion the negotiating committee approached the military officials as the said center by this time was under the military control; and at which time the said military officials considered the negotiating committee to be the representatives of a mere small fraction of the total populace of the said center; furthermore, the said negotiating committee were considered to be a mere political organization and instigators; thereby, the said military officials refused to negotiate with the said negotiating committee; and moreover, the military authorities took into custody not only the members of the said negotiating committee but aside from the said negotiating committee two hundred members or thereabouts of the local residents who have not a charge of offenses against them are also under military custody. Because of the refusal of the military authorities to recognize the said negotiating committee the local residents of the said center have signed resolutions twice thereupon signifying that the said negotaiting committee is a true and entrusted delegate of the said residents of the said center.

We, the representatives, are desirous of informing you of the developments of the existing circumstances thereof; and that we are consenting to offer utmost co-operation in the early settlement of the matter; and therefore, if the military authorities do not recognize the disposition of the said negotiating committee we cannot but help maintaining status quo. Therefore, and furthermore, we submit to you the above mentioned information for your discernment in order that we may request assistance relative to bringing this matter to a successful conclusion.

Yours very truly,

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Heretofore and in consideration of the above mentioned we, the representatives aforementioned affix our official signatures on attached form.

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BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES LIST ATTACHED TO LETTER TO HON. SECRETARY HENRY
L. STIMSON, DATED 7 December 1943:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>BLOCK NO.</u>
Kano, Iwao	4	X Nagatani, Kaoru	34
Kawakami, Kinzo	5✓	Kuwano, Shinichiro	35✓
Kataoka, Larry S.	6	Miyagi, Yukihiro	36
Weda, Kenshi	7	Uchida, Juhachi	37✓
Matsumo, Shonosuke	8	Furuzawa, Juzaburo	38
Yamamoto, Kaichi	9✓	X Hoshiko, Hiroshi	39✓
Okumura, Seisuke	10	Kanda, Satoru	40✓
Kawamura, Shiro	11✓	X Katayama, Hitoshi	41✓
Yamauchi, Daishiu	12	Nakagawa, Kazuo	42
Kobayashi, Muraji	13	Hibino, Yusaku	43✓
X Yamanaka, Ryujiro	14✓	Nakashima, Yoshihei	44
Iwata, Jack M. (Masaki)	15	Sano, Yoshikazu	45
Chuman, Hayao	16	Itow, George	46
Fujino, Jisaburo	17	Kajiwara, Koshiro	47
Kozuma, Masaichi	18✓	Sasaki, K.	48
Ono, Chugoro	19	X Yoshida, Shigeki	49+
Masuda, Hideo	20	Yamamoto, Kazuo	50+
Tokunaga, Harukichi	21✓	Nakamoto, Haruyoshi	51+
Ikami, Nobutaka	22	X Tanabe, Yaichi	52+
Tsuchiya, Yoshiyuki	23✓	Nagashima, Kosuke	53+
Kawahara, Tadayuki		Yabuki, Kikuji	54+
Hamada, Hatsuki	24	Naito, Shizuo	56+
Ueda, Kazuo	25	Miki, Hisato	57+
Nakano, Mario M.	26✓	Takeshita, Chikanosoke	58+
Tanaka, Yukio	27	Tateishi, Segenosuke	59
Tokuji, Tsutsumi	28	Naritomi, Seiichi	66
Yamagata, Morio	29✓	Saito, Shu	67✓
Nakanishi, Saimatsu	30	Otsuka, Tomio	68✓
Kamiya, Kazuji	31✓	Takahashi, Aizo	69
Shimizu, Iwao	32✓	Fujimoto, William T.	70
Kushida, Kazuo	33	X Kamimura, Hiroji	71✓
		Matsuura, Tatsumi	72
		Kobayashi, Yukio	73
		Kurihara, Susumu	74