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MEMORANDUM

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To: Commanding Officer  
Northern District, Ninth Service Command  
837 Dexter Horton Bldg., Seattle, Washington

Attention: Intelligence Officer

Subject: Individuals Blacklisted by Nisei

1. The data in Enclosure (1) is forwarded in accordance with your request.

2. The District Intelligence Officer has learned that leaders among the Japanese-Americans (Nisei) who have returned to Seattle believe that certain other Japanese, because of their background and reputation or present activities, should be discouraged from relocating on the Coast, since their presence may be detrimental and prejudicial to community acceptance of the entire group. These individuals listed in Enclosure (1) were classified by various informants to be persona non grata among Seattle Japanese.

3. Information regarding these persons was developed in an indirect manner from sources which must necessarily be considered highly confidential and the disclosure of which might lead to severe repercussions. Although these sources are considered to be reliable, their opinions may possibly be colored by personal feelings or desire for gain.

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Enclosure:

(1) Individuals Blacklisted  
by Nisei

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INDIVIDUALS BLACKLISTED BY NISEI

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FUJII, Yoshito, Seattle, Washington.

Nisei opinion - Regarded as un-American, a threat to security of U.S., and an embarrassment to Nisei.

Record in 13ND files - (Ref: 13ND Case History of, dated 6/24/44). Alien, paroled from internment 5/22/42. Background of association with Japanese of questionable loyalty. Was a co-worker with Roy Ichizo AKIYAMA (suspect) for Issei domination of community government at Minidoka Relocation Center. Succeeded in becoming head of the Community Council with five other Issei; leader in other organizations. Held chairmanship of Council from February 1943 until April 1945. Fostered discontent and dissension at the Center.

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HARADA, Yoshito, Seattle, Washington.

Nisei opinion - Reported to be definitely pro-Japanese because of association with Charles Theodore TAKAHASHI by whom he was employed as a clerk.

Record in 13ND files - A Kibei, age 29, and a leader in KIBEI NIKKEI in Seattle prior to evacuation (an organization for Kibei considered very pro-Japanese). Employed by C. T. Takahashi Co. as clerk, messenger, and assistant. Though he has been seeking employment in Seattle, it is believed HARADA is still in the employ of TAKAHASHI since on at least one occasion he is known to have been back to Minidoka and conferred with TAKAHASHI. Brother, Toshio HARADA, age 32, applied for expatriation of his U. S. citizenship 3/28/44.

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HIDAKA, Heizo, Seattle, Washington.

Nisei opinion - Reported to be pro-Japanese, very critical of the U. S. Government, an agitator, and an outcast in the Nisei group because of his past actions.

Record in 13ND files - An alien, formerly partner in Jackson Furniture Co., Seattle. Active in support of Seattle Japanese Language School. Member of Japanese Association.

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HOSOKAWA, Setsugo, Seattle, Washington.

Nisei opinion - Disloyal to U. S. Very unpopular among the Nisei because of his deceitfulness and "crooked" business practices.

Records in 13ND files - Alien, former head of Togo Realty Co. Official of Japanese Association and Hiroshima Prefectural Association. Name among memos of Kanekichi YAMAMOTO, espionage agent of the Japanese Government, and head of Pacific Coast gambling chain, now reported in Special Services Section (Intelligence) of Japanese Government. Visited by Japanese Naval officials. Nisei son, William Kump HOSOKAWA (Ref: DIO/13ND Case History of, dated 6/13/42) present address, Des Moines, Iowa, had consecutive service during years 1937 to 1941 in Seattle, Singapore, and Shanghai under the Japanese Foreign Office.

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6. ISHIHARA, George, Nampa, Idaho.

Nisei opinion - When ISHIHARA returned to Seattle for the purpose of re-opening two Japanese Language Schools the Nisei stopped him and made ISHIHARA understand he was not wanted in the Seattle area.

Record in 13ND file - A Nisei, prior to the outbreak of the war ISHIHARA is reported to have declared: "If Japan and America go to war I'll flee to either Mexico or Canada." At Minidoka ISHIHARA was supervisor of community activities and in this capacity proposed that Japanese folk dances and language plays should be included in the program.

6. ITO, Kenji, (believed to be in San Francisco, Calif., at present on business.)

Nisei opinion - Seattle Japanese, both Issei and Nisei, are nervous about ITO's possible return to the area because he has been outspoken in criticism of the U. S. Government and many consider him un-American. It is said he "will not add any prestige to the local Japanese colony."

Record in 13ND files - (Ref: DIO/13ND Case History of, dated 11/30/42 and subsequent memoranda and cards.) Though acquitted of charges of being an unregistered agent of a foreign government 4/1/42 it is believed by this office that ITO was actually an agent of the Japanese Government and that the verdict was a result of having had a clever defense and a large number of women on the jury. This was also reported to be the opinion of local Nisei following the trial. At Minidoka ITO has been an agitator and troublemaker and has tried to embarrass and arouse sentiment against the Project administration.

6. KADOSHIMA, Kazuo, (address unknown).

Nisei opinion - KADOSHIMA returned to Seattle during April 1945 to operate Lindy Apts., his former business, but with Toshio TOYOJI attempted to create a disturbance in a Caucasian-owned drugstore where service had been refused Japanese. No prosecution followed the incident, but it was widely discussed among the Nisei and caused them much concern. KADOSHIMA has now left Seattle. Record in 13ND files - No derogatory information.

6. KATO, Hisashi (believed to be at Spokane, Washington).

Nisei opinion - Regarded as pro-Japanese. Left Seattle giving his wife's illness as a reason, but Nisei report that he knew he was not wanted in the Japanese Community.

Record in 13ND files - An alien. No derogatory information.

NOJI, Mitsugu, Seattle, Washington.

5.2 TAKIJI? Statement of Caucasian informant - "I am glad that they did not ask me to sponsor this Japanese, because I would have had to refuse. I know this man is definitely disloyal to this country and for that reason, and because of the bad influence he might have on other local Japanese, I would certainly not recommend his release." Above informant advises the Nisei and supervises much of their activity. NOJI has not attended any of the meetings held by local Japanese since his return.

Record in 13ND files - Alien, paroled from internment 6/10/42. Member SOKOKU KAI, FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURAL ASSOCIATION, official in Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1940.

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NOMURA, James Shinzo, Seattle, Washington.

Nisei opinion - Loyalty is decidedly doubtful. Activities prior to war regarded as mysterious and is believed to have acted as an informant for Japanese espionage agents. Said to be related to Ambassador NOMURA. Source of worry to Nisei. Has been unsuccessful to date in obtaining employment at Sears, Roebuck & Co. where he worked prior to internment. Record in 13ND files - Reported related to high ranking Army officers in Japan and to have been himself in Japanese Army. Both of these reports denied by NOMURA before the Alien Enemy Hearing Board. He and wife are Buddhists. Active in community affairs at Minidoka. In March 1943 was elected to Board of Directors of Community Enterprises at Minidoka through efforts of the pro-Japan group.

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OGAWA, Thomas Tohru, Minidoka Relocation Center.

Nisei opinion - Regarded as very troublesome and pro-Japanese. Constantly involved in agitation against governmental agencies and authority. Expects to return to Seattle soon.

Record in 13ND files - Dual citizen of Japan and Canada (born at Vancouver, B. C.) Employed by Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha. Was to have been transferred to Japan by this Co. after outbreak of war but said he preferred to remain in U. S. Taken into custodial detention 4/27/42; paroled 7/28/43. Had letters from Japan seeking his repatriation. Leader in Community Government at Minidoka and of pro-Japan faction opposing administration's policies. Reported to be back of most of the labor trouble at Minidoka. Is believed to be professing loyalty to U. S. because he thinks Japan will lose the war. Has been assisting in survey of relocation possibilities.

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OKIYAMA, Yeihan, Minidoka Relocation Center.

Nisei opinion - Regarded as a dangerous enemy alien and one who Nisei fear will arouse antagonism toward them. His son, Yei-ji, now in Seattle, is also regarded as questionable.

Record in 13ND files - (Ref: DIO/13ND Case History of, dated 11/30/43).

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SAKAGUCHI, Takeshi, Bellevue, Washington

Nisei opinion - While outwardly loyal and willing to concur with plans of other Nisei it is felt that SAKAGUCHI has a definite leaning toward Japan.

Record in 13ND files - Believed a U. S. citizen. Treasurer in 1938 of Bellevue Vegetable Growers Association. Daughter, Betty, is the wife of Kenji ITO, listed above.

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SHIOTA, Jack, (present address unknown).

SHIOTA, Norman, (present address unknown).

Nisei opinion - Definitely anti-American and a threat to the peace and well-being of loyal Nisei. Pressure from the Nisei is believed in part responsible for the departure of the two brothers following the incident precipitated by them in a Caucasian-owned drugstore where they were denied service (the same drugstore as that mentioned under KADOSHIMA). One is now reported to be in the Army.

Record in 13ND files - Sons of Harutoshi SHIOTA. Attended U. of Washington and worked part-time in a pharmacy after returning to Seattle.

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SHITAMAE, Frank Niroku, Seattle, Washington.

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Nisei opinion - Nisei have stated on several occasions that they are apprehensive of SHITAMAE's being in Seattle because of his actions and unquestionable loyalty to Japan.

Record in 13ND files - An alien, former partner with brother, George Shihei SHITAMAE, in operation of N. P. Hotel. Active in Japanese affairs in Seattle including support of Japanese Language School. Went to Japan in 1940 where he attended the 2600th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of the Japanese Empire. Brother, George Shihei, was paroled from internment 8/24/44, and is classified as an Excluee by WDC. Yoshito FUJII listed above is subject's son-in-law.

TAKAHASHI, Charles Theodore, Minidoka Relocation Center.

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Nisei opinion - Regarded as the "number 1 objectionable Japanese".

They fear that if he is permitted to return the prestige of loyal Nisei will receive a severe blow since TAKAHASHI's activities will be certain to be under question and will reflect on all the Nisei.

TOYOJI, Toshio, (present address unknown).

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Nisei opinion - Unpopular at Minidoka Relocation Center, of a troublesome and belligerent nature. Seattle Nisei would refuse to accept him as one of their group. (See KADOSHIMA, Kazuo, listed above.)

Record in 13ND files - A citizen. Active in Seattle Buddhist circles prior to evacuation.

YAMAGUCHI, Kay Kaneo, Bellevue, Washington.

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Nisei opinion - Reported by four different Japanese to be a troublemaker and un-American. Is an outcast as far as Nisei are concerned.

Record in 13ND files - A citizen. Farms with a Filipino, Johnnie Los Angeles.

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