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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS OF A BOARD OF OFFICER AND CIVILIANS

Proceedings of a Board of Officer and Civilians which convened at Lihue, Kauai, T. H., pursuant to paragraph 18, Special Orders No. 320, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H., 19 December 1941, as amended by paragraph 24 of Special Orders No. 327, Headquarters Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T. H., 26 December 1941, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits A and A-1.

The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 11:15 a. m., at Lihue, Kauai, T. H., on January 14, 1942.

Members present:

Mr. C. E. S. Burns, President
Mr. Hector Moir
Mr. Lindsay Faye
Major George W. Tivy, (O-278106), Infl, Executive
and Recorder.

The Board Recorder and Reporter were sworn; the Board was sworn.

PURPOSE: The hearing of evidence and making recommendations as to internment of enemy aliens, dual citizens and citizens.

KAZUICHI TAKANISHI, the internee, appeared before the Board without counsel.

The order appointing the Board and the substance of the regulations under which it was convened were read aloud by the Recorder.

Warrant of Arrest was received and read in evidence, and is hereto appended as Exhibit B.

Except when Government witnesses were being heard, the internee, KAZUICHI TAKANISHI, was present during all open sessions of the Board, was afforded full opportunity to present evidence in his own behalf, to have counsel, to testify in person or submit a written statement, and to submit a brief.

(Lieutenant Bert H. Nishimura was duly sworn as Japanese interpreter.)

KAZUICHI TAKANISHI, internee, testified through the interpreter as follows:

Q (By Recorder) Do you wish to testify under oath?

A Yes.

(At this point, the witness was duly sworn through the interpreter)

Q Will you state your name?

A Kazuichi Takanishi.

Q Where do you live?

A Kekaha.

Q Do you want to be represented by counsel?

A No, I do not.

Q Do you wish to call any witnesses in your behalf?
A I do not care for any witnesses, but if it is necessary--

Q It isn't necessary at all.

A There will be no need because I will answer everything to the best of my knowledge.

(The witness was excused.)

RECORDER: The Government's case against KAZUICHI TAKANISHI was presented by Mr. W. C. Ingman, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as set forth in Exhibit "C".

KAZUICHI TAKANISHI, the interneer, was recalled as a witness, and having been previously duly sworn, testified through the interpreter, as follows:

Q (By Recorder) What kind of work do you do?

A Merchant.

Q Do you have a store of your own?

A Yes, a corporation.

Q What is the name of the store?

A K. Takanishi & Company, Limited.

Q Who are your business partners?

A Kazuichi Takanishi, Shizuyo Takanishi, Hajime Takanishi, Nobori Miyake, Shigemi Takanishi and S. Togioka.

Q You are a Consular Agent for the Japanese government?

A About three years ago, I was first appointed as a Consular Agent. These appointments last for two years. At the end of the first term, I wrote them and told them that I did not want to serve as Agent for them anymore. The second appointment had arrived and had done nothing about it. And in October I received notice that the appointment had been officially cancelled and returned my commission.

Q (By Board) October 1941?

A October 1941.

Q (By Recorder) What kind of work did you do as a Consular Agent?

A Nothing.

Q You never did?

A I never did.

Q Why didn't you want to be a Consular Agent?

A In my work I deal with all kinds of customers and in order not to antagonize any of them, I felt I should not do any kind of work to begin with. I don't know how or why I was appointed.

Q When you are appointed, do you have to take an oath?

A No, papers just came. After I received the papers and knowing that I have not done any work and was not going to do any, I thought it best to return my commission.

Q How many children do you have?

A Seven.

Q How old is the oldest child?
A I am fifty-two years old. My oldest son is twenty-seven years old.

Q Have you been back to Japan since you came over here?
A Yes, three times.

Q When did you first come to Hawaii?
A 1906.

Q When did you go back to Japan?
A February 1921 the first time. The second time 1927, two times in 1927.

Q Why did you go back two times in one year?
A The last time, I received a letter from home that my father was dying and that he wanted to see me, so I left for Japan.

Q That is the second time in one year?
A That is the second time in one year.

Q Have any of your children been back to Japan?
A Yes.

Q How many of your children?
A Three.

Q Boys or girls?
A Two boys and one girl.

Q Did they go to school there?
A Yes, three of them, when they were small.

Q Then they came back to Hawaii?
A Yes.

Q You say your oldest boy is twenty-seven?
A Yes.

Q Do you have any other boys that are twenty-one or twenty?
A Yes, twenty-three.

Q Where is he now?
A The one who is twenty-three years old is at Waseda University.

Q And where is the twenty-seven year old boy?
A He's also in Tokyo.

Q Is he going to school there?
A Yes.

Q What is he studying?
A Agriculture.

Q What is the twenty-three year old boy studying?
A Business. He was taking up law but changed to commercial.

Q Have any of your sons been in the Japanese Army?
A No.

Q You have only two children in Japan now?
A The one who is twenty-seven years old is back at Kekaha.

Q Does he work in the store?
A Yes, and only one is in Japan now. The girl came back. Three went, two returned and one is back in Japan.

Q (By Board) When did the twenty-seven year old boy come back?
A His name is Hajime.

Q When did he come back?
A He went to Japan when he was seven years old. He was about seventeen when he came back.

Q He has been back about ten years?
A About that.

Q (By Recorder) How old are your other boys?
A Twenty-one years old, boy, nineteen years old, boy, eighteen years old, -boy and fifteen years old, -boy.

Q Are all of these children living at home now?
A One is in Japan and the others are all at home.

Q Is the girl married?
A Married last year in Honolulu.

Q Who is she married to?
A K. Ueda.

Q What is his address?
A 1311 Palama Street.

Q What kind of work does he do?
A He buys and sells merchandise.

Q Does he have a store?
A No, he works with the T. Honolulu Company.

Q Where do you do your banking?
A Waimea.

Q Which bank?
A Bishop Bank.

Q Do you have American bonds?
A Yes.

Q How much?
A About five hundred dollars.

Q Do you have any Japanese government bonds?
A No.

Q Do you have any Yen certificates?
A No.

Q Did you ever donate money to the Japanese government?
A Not to the government.

Q Did you ever donate any Imonbukuro?
A Once.

Q When was that?
A About 1939.

Q What was in that bag?

A I don't know, I only donated money.

Q How much?

A Ten dollars.

Q Who did you give the money to?

A Kekaha Japanese Association.

Q Who did you turn it to?

A Mr. S. Togioka was the President of the Kekaha Japanese Association.

Q Are your children registered in Japan?

A Yes, except the youngest.

Q Have any of them been expatriated?

A No.

Q Do you have any relatives in the Japanese Army and Navy?

A No.

Q Are any of your boys in the American Army?

A The one in Honolulu is in the Territorial Guard. No, he is not in the Territorial Guard. He joined to ROTC but he dropped out.

Q Have you entertained any Japanese Officers?

A No.

Q Have you taken part in any entertainment of Japanese Officers or Sailors?

A Yes, once.

Q When was that?

A About four years ago.

RECORDER: Any further questions by the Board?

BOARD: No further questions

RECORDER: Internee excused.

(Internee is excused.)

FINDINGS:

The Board, having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds:

1. That the internee is a subject of the Empire of Japan;
2. That the internee is loyal to the Empire of Japan;
3. That the internee is apparently not engaged in any subversive activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In view of the above findings, the Board recommends:

That the internee, Kazuichi Takanishi, be interned.

The Board adjourned at 11:56 a. m., 14th January, 1942.

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(Member)

[Signature]
(President)

[Signature]
(Recorder)

(Member)

ACTION BY CONVENING AUTHORITY:

Headquarters Hawaiian Department,
Office of the Assistant Chief of
Staff for Military Intelligence,
Contact Office, Dillingham
Building, Honolulu, T.H.

7 March, 1942

IN THE FOREGOING CASE OF:
Kazuichi TAKANISHI
alias Ichichi TAKAHASHI

We, the undersigned representatives of our respective Intelligence Bureaus,
concur in the recommendations of the Board.

Contact Office of the Assistant
Chief of Staff for Military
Intelligence, Hawaiian Department.

George W. Bicknell

District Intelligence Office,
14th Naval District.

J. H. Mayfield

Federal Bureau of Investigation.

R. L. Shivers

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Headquarters Hawaiian Department, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for
Military Intelligence, Contact Office, Dillingham Building, Honolulu, T.H.

7 March, 1942

To: Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, Fort Shafter, T.H.

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George W. Bicknell
GEORGE W. BICKNELL,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. A.C. of S.,
G-2 Contact Officer.

ACTION BY REVIEWING AUTHORITY:

Territory of Hawaii,
Office of the Military Governor,
Iolani Palace, Honolulu, T.H.

9 March, 1942

In the foregoing case of Kazuichi TAKANISHI alias Ichichi TAKAHASHI,
the recommendations of the Board are approved, and, it appearing necessary, it
is ordered that Kazuichi TAKANISHI alias Ichichi TAKAHASHI be interned.

By Command of Lieutenant General EMMONS:

Thomas H. Green
THOMAS H. GREEN,
Colonel, J.A.G.D.,
Executive.

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Special Orders)

No. 320)

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN
DEPARTMENT

Fort Shafter, T. H., 19 December 1941

EXTRACT

18. Under the Provisions of Presidential Proclamations 7 and 8 December 1941, and pursuant to instructions contained in radiogram, The Adjutant General's Office, 10 December 1941, the following Board of Officer and civilians is appointed to meet at Lihue, Kauai at the call of the President of Board for the purpose of hearing evidence and making recommendations as to internment of enemy aliens:

MR. C.E.S. BURNS, President
MR. HECTOR MOIR
MR. LINDSAY FAYE
Major GEORGE W. TIVY, (O-278106), Inf., Executive
and Recorder.

The Executive and Recorder of the board will prepare proceedings of the board for each individual hearing and submit same to this headquarters in quintuplicate without delay. (AG014.31)

By command of Lieutenant General EMMONS:

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT H. DUNLOP,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

EXHIBIT "A"

Special Orders)

No. 327)

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN
DEPARTMENT

Fort Shafter, T. H., 26 December 1941

EXTRACT

24. Paragraphs 17, 19, and 19, Special Orders 320, this headquarters, cs, which appoints Boards of Officers and civilians to meet at Hilo, Hawaii; Lihue, Kauai; and Wailuku, Maui; for the purpose of hearing evidence and making recommendations as to internment of enemy aliens, is amended to include citizens and dual citizens. (AG014.31)

By command of Lieutenant General EMMONS:

J. LAWTON COLLINS,
Colonel, General Staff Corps,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT H. DUNLOP,
Colonel, Adjutant General's Department,
Adjutant General.

EXHIBIT "A"--1

HEADQUARTERS HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT
Fort Shafter, T. H.

W A R R A N T O F A R R E S T

To any Sheriff; or to any Sheriff's Deputy; any Police Officer within the Territory of Hawaii; or any Member of the Military Police; or any Member of the Corps of Intelligence Police; or any officer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; or to any Member of the Navy Shore Patrol;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to take the body of

TAKANISHI (KAZUICHI), (ICHIICHI) TAKAHASHI

on suspicion of being an alien enemy of the United States, and to detain said person pending final action by the Commanding General, Hawaiian Department, United States Army.

This Warrant of Arrest is issued under the authority of the Secretary of War of the United States by his delegated agent this 7 day of December, 1941.

(Signed) GEORGE W. BICKNELL
George W. Bicknell,
Lt. Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. A.C. of S., G-2
Contact Officer

(SEAL)

OFFICER'S RETURN

EXECUTED the within Warrant of Arrest on the body of _____

TAKANISHI (KAZUICHI), (ICHIICHI) TAKAHASHI

named therein, this 7 day of December 1941.

A true copy

Eugene J. Fitz Gerald
Lt., Col., United States Army

(Signed) EUGENE J. FITZ GERALD
EUGENE J. FITZ GERALD
Lt. Col., United States Army,
Provost Marshal

EXHIBIT "B"

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The Board met pursuant to the foregoing order at 1:10 p. m., at Lihue, Kauai, T. H., on January 9, 1942.

Members present:

Mr. C. E. S. Burns, President
Mr. Hector Moir
Mr. Lindsay Faye
Major George W. Tivy, (O-278106), Inf., Executive and Recorder.

The Board Recorder and Reporter were sworn; the Board was sworn.

PURPOSE: The hearing of evidence and making recommendations as to internment of enemy aliens, dual citizens and citizens.

RECORDER: Mr. W. C. Ingman will present the government's case against each of these individuals.

MR. W. C. INGMAN, Special Agent, Bureau of Investigation, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

Q (By Recorder) Will you state your name, your official capacity and what government agency you are submitting evidence from?
A W. C. Ingman, Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Q Will you give us the information that you have in the cases that are to be called by this Board?

A Yes.

Q Will you present the government's case against the following named persons?

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| 1. Koichi Ogi | 21. Kazumi Matsumoto |
| 2. Meiji Hayashi | 22. Hoei Tomomitsu |
| 3. Sukenoshin Nakano | 23. Kakeo Seike |
| 4. Koji Tatsuhara | 24. Masao Kitijima |
| 5. Honi Ohye | 25. Takao Ama |
| 6. Chiko Odate | 26. Gijo Ozawa |
| 7. Setsugo Togioka | 27. Yukiyo Sodekani |
| ✓ 8. Kazuichi Takanishi | 28. Kitsu Furuya |
| 9. Tzuruso Hasegawa | 29. Tarao Iseri |
| 10. Kakichi Okamoto | 30. Paul Sutekichi Osumi |
| 11. Satoro Kubota | 31. Katsutaro Yamasaki |
| 12. Kakuho Asaoka | 32. Yonezo Kanja alias Kamikoso |
| 13. Hisahiko Kokubo | 33. Sohei Hamano |
| 14. Juchihiki Inoye | 34. Yoshue alias Kishisuke Yoda |
| 15. Ichiro Nakatsuka | 35. Kyosei Naito |
| 16. Shinsei Hirayama | 36. Myoshun Hayashi |
| 17. Enichi Saiki | 37. Bunkichi Nogami |
| 18. Kynshichi Hayashi | 38. Junzo Mashita |
| 19. Chiyomatsu Hamamura | 39. Haruye Ishii |
| 20. Ikuzo Kuniyuki | 40. Shigumi Tanji |
| | 41. Kyoichi Uyeda |

EXHIBIT "C"

- A Yes sir. The FBI files show that they were until recently agents of the Japanese government, that is, what is commonly called consular agents of the Japanese government.
- Q Mr. Ingman, will you state to the Board what connection a consular agent has with the Japanese government and what his duties are?
- A The Japanese Consul General of Honolulu, T. H., has appointed a large number of Japanese situated in strategic positions throughout the Islands to act as Consular Agents or "Toritsugi-nin." The duties of these Consular Agents are primarily to aid eligible Japanese in filing their annual petitions for exemption from Japanese military service; to handle expatriation matters; to communicate with Japanese governmental agencies and businesses regarding the affairs of the Japanese who is incapable of attending to these matters himself, and act in performing duties which may otherwise fall on the Consulate. These men are chosen from the leading alien Japanese in the communities and are believed to act as espionage agents or observers. This has been verified in one instance.

Each of these Consular Agents has been issued a certificate of appointment in Japanese bearing the seal of the Japanese Consul General. The translation of these certificates is as follows:

"CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN
HONOLULU

(Name)

You are hereby entrusted for the next two years to act as agent in the _____ district, to aid the Japanese residents there in filing applications and notices.

Showa 15th year, 1st month
(January, 1940)

CONSULATE GENERAL OF JAPAN
Honolulu"

These appointments were for two years and were valid until the agent moved into another district or left for Japan.

These Consular Agents seemed to be chiefly occupied in preparing and filing petitions for the military deferment of Japanese subjects residing in foreign countries, reports on stay of deferment because of the residence of a Japanese subject in a foreign country, and other reports pertaining to Japanese conscription. They also prepared a number of forms pertaining to Japanese family records such as births, deaths and marriages. In all, there were forty-two types of forms handled by these Consular Agents, all of which were for the information of the Japanese Government.

None of these Consular Agents are registered with the Secretary of State as diplomatic or consular officers or are entitled to diplomatic immunity. Further, none of them have registered in compliance with the provisions of the Act requiring the registration of agents of foreign principals. In this connection, it may be stated that the Japanese Consulate at Honolulu has