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12-12-41 Office call. Mrs. Tanaka in office requesting that this agency help her in tracing some cash and car which had been taken from her and her husband the previous day by two men claiming to be from the F.B.I.

PROBLEM: Shortly after 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, two men came with Betty Fujisaki to the Kotenkatsu Restaurant (the Tanaka's restaurant). Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were told to leave premises bringing only their necessary clothing. The two men took \$500 in cash, the wallet which Mr. Tanaka had in his pocket, Mrs. Tanaka's coin purse, some small change from the cash register and their Chevrolet. They locked the restaurant and took the key with them. Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka were not given a receipt. They wanted to verify the fact that the F.B.I. has the money in safe keeping.

LATER: The Director called the F.B.I. in San Francisco. The F.B.I. promised to send a man to investigate the situation at 1:15 the same date.

LATER: Office call. Mr. D. F. O'Donnell of the F.B.I. interviewed Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka and Miss Betty Fujisaki. Miss Fujisaki is a second-generation Japanese girl working as a bookkeeper at the Kusano Hotel which is next to the restaurant owned by the Tanakas.

According to Miss Fujisaki, the two men did not state that they were from the F.B.I. She had assumed that it was so. Mr. O'Donnell stated that the F.B.I. were not closing any firms or taking any property from people unless there was an arrest involved. This action is under the Treasury Department. He further stated that all F.B.I. and Treasury Department men have cards of identification. He suggested that special request for presentation of identification cards be made before giving any of their personal property. He advised that a receipt be requested for any property turned over to any Government official or to anyone claiming to represent any Government agency. Miss Fujisaki stated that she believed the name of one of the men was Mr. Nuton. Mr. O'Donnell stated that there was no one by that name working for the F.B.I. He suggested that the agency contact the Treasury Department. If the Treasury Department was not responsible for the closing of the restaurant and the taking of the cash and car, he asked that the worker contact him again and that the F.B.I. would further investigate.

LATER: Assistant Director telephoned Mr. Parker of the Foreign Funds Department of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco giving him the details of the Tanaka problem. He stated that he would clear with the proper officials.

LATER: Mr. Wolf of the Treasury Department telephoned to say that Mr. Nuton had been told to return all that he had taken. He also informed the agency that Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka may reopen the restaurant and continue as they had been prior to the closing.

LATER: Telephone call to Mr. Tanaka to tell him that Mr. Nuton would soon be there bringing with him all that had been taken from them.

12-13-41 Mrs. Tanaka in office. Mr. Nuton returned all their possessions yesterday. She stated that she had given him a receipt for the articles. She and her husband were contemplating living elsewhere for the present. It was suggested that she telephone worker temporary address and leave a card in the door of the restaurant giving same information in case that any Government official should question their change of residence.

She asked whether it would be permissible for her to drive a friend back to Salinas as he is unable, at the present time, to purchase transportation tickets. They wish to do this as a favor for Mrs. Yamamoto, who had given them several nights lodging when the restaurant had been closed. They were advised to remain in Alameda County as the Federal Government specifically stated that traveling would not be permitted for pleasure purposes.

LATER: Telephone call from Mrs. Tanaka stating that they had decided to continue living at the restaurant.

LATER: Telephone call to Mr. O'Donnell. Message left that the Tanaka case had been cleared.