

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF ALIEN PROPERTY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Honorable Eugene D. Millikin
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Senator Millikin:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 17, 1954, transmitting a letter to you dated July 15, 1954 from Lawrence Fumio Miwa.

Lawrence Fumio Miwa states that his father, Seigo Miwa, died in Japan in May of 1954. Our files indicate that Seigo Miwa was a native of Japan who had resided for many years in Hawaii. After the outbreak of war he was interned, and in 1943 he was repatriated to Japan pursuant to his own request. By Vesting Order No. 2783 (filed January 18, 1944, 9 F.R. 742) this Office acquired 95.52% of the outstanding capital stock of J. S. Miwa and Company, Ltd. as property of the late Seigo Miwa. In 1948 the vested property was liquidated, realizing in excess of \$130,000. Additional property belonging to the late Mr. Miwa was vested by Vesting Order Nos. 3567, 5183, 7497, 10305, 11596 and 13491, but not all of the property affected has been completely liquidated as yet.

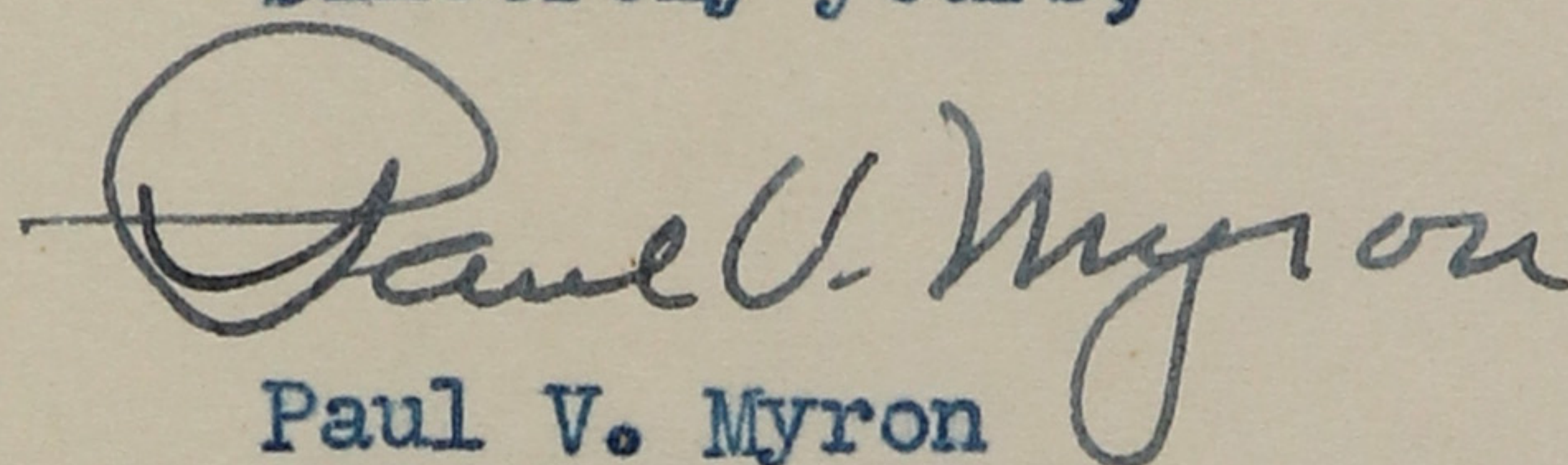
On January 28, 1948 Seigo Miwa filed a claim for the return of vested property, (Claim No. 36891). As a citizen and resident of Japan while the United States was at war with that country, he was not entitled to a return of vested property unless he could establish that he was deprived of full rights of Japanese citizenship pursuant to some law, decree or regulation of the Japanese Government directed against political, racial or religious groups, (50 U.S.C. App. 9(a), 32(a)(2)(D)). Although the late Seigo Miwa claimed to be affected by the provisions of the statute relating to enemy oppression, he had produced no substantial evidence to support such a finding.

The letter of Lawrence Fumio Miwa indicates that he intends to press this claim as the successor-in-interest of his father. In order to recover he will have to establish the eligibility of the former owner in addition to his own personal eligibility for a return of vested property under the statutory provisions to which I have referred. After an appropriate amendment to the claim has been received, Lawrence Fumio Miwa will be substituted as the new claimant in this matter and the processing of the claim can be resumed.

Mr. Lawrence Fumio Miwa's letter to you dated July 15, 1954 is returned herewith.

If I can be of further assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Paul V. Myron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

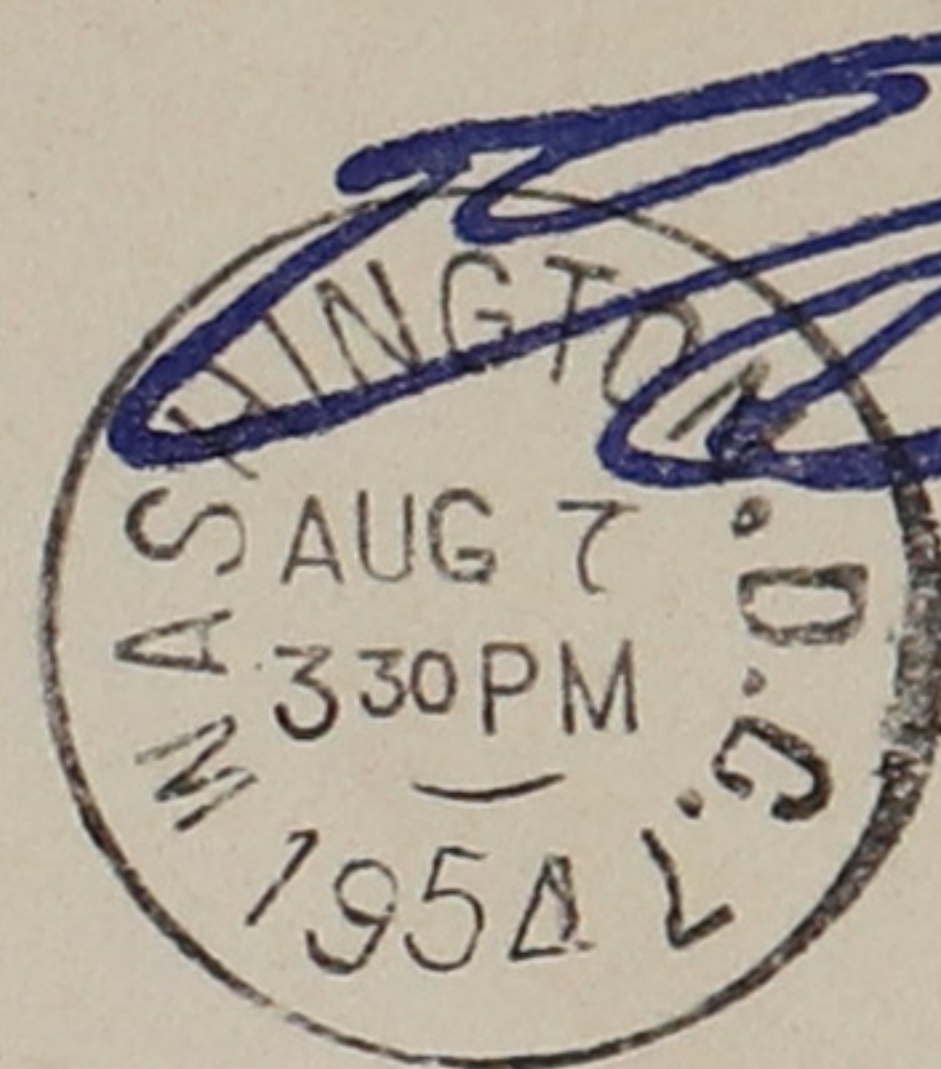
Paul V. Myron
Deputy Director
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