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September 12, 1954
508 West 114th St.
New York 25, N. Y.

Mr. Oliver Stone
Arlington building
1025 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you very much for your September 3rd and 8th letters. I will try to answer all the questions being asked by you without going into details.

1 With respect to my father's passport and the other similar document covering the trip which he made in September, 1943 to Japan, I asked my sister in Hawaii and my families in Japan to send such papers directly to me as soon as possible for your reference.

2 I am almost sure that my sister (here-in-after, referred to as Mrs. Katherine Sato,) has a copy of my father's claim and attached documents, which were sent by my mother to Mrs. Sato for the purpose of preparing the probation of the Will in Hawaii. If I, by writing to Mrs. Sato, found that Mr. Murakami has not begun the probating of the Will in Hawaii, I will direct her to mail such papers to me for your reference.

3 It is not true at all that I am familiar with the details of Mr. Shigeru Nakata's claim against the vested property; therefore, I do not know yet whether I wish to contest it. I have an intention of writing to him to check up how he managed the business in connection with the vested property during the past years, because he ought to know all the details of the accounts in the company as a former manager. However, I will not write to him until I hear from you any opinions on this. He does not live at 2556-A South Beretania Street, Honolulu, as referred to in your letter of September 3rd. His present address is:

Mr. Shigeru Nakata
1017 Alewa Drive
Honolulu, Hawaii

If you want to write to him in connection with any details on the vested property, will you please do so at his new address given above.

4 In regard to other addresses which may be needed by you:

(Residence address in Japan)	Mr. Shoso Miwa 46 Kawazoe-cho Nishinomiya City Hyogo-ken, Japan
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(His business address had been given to you at your office.)

Mrs. Katherine Sato (Former Miss Katherine Miwa)
620 Analu St.
Honolulu, Hawaii

5 I understand from the letters of Mr. Murakami, the copies of which you have, that the original draft of the Will, the original draft of my father's death certificate, and a copy of the claim filed by late J. S. Miwa (The original claim is in the Justice of Department.) are needed to have the Will probated in Hawaii. Therefore, Mrs. Sato asked her mother to mail all these papers to her in Hawaii. I assume that such papers are in the hand of Mrs. Sato now. I am in doubt whether Mr. Murakami has already begun the probating of the Will by referring to these papers. As already being indicated under #2, the copy of the claim will be mailed to me directly for your reference. However, as to a certified copy of my father's death certificate and a certified copy of his Will, both of them duly authenticated by an American Consular official in Japan, which are necessary to establish me as the successor-in-interest, I will have to tell my mother in Japan to send them to me directly. I just remembered that a copy of the Will which, I assume, is not duly authenticated by an official had been sent to Mrs. Sato. Therefore, I will direct Mrs. Sato to mail the copy back to my mother to be authenticated and then to be mailed to me for your reference. To make the matter clear, it seems there are two possible ways which I can do:

FIRST POSSIBILITY,

(a) To have the Will probated by Mr. Murakami under the three documents referred to, that is, the original Will and death certificate, and a copy of the claim.

(b) To have the copies of the Will and death certificate duly authenticated to establish the successor-in-interest in favor of me by submitting them to the Justice of Department.

SECOND POSSIBILITY,

(I) To have the copy (not the original draft which Mrs. Sato has now in Hawaii, I assume) of the Will probated in the Japanese court and submitted to the Justice of Department along with the authenticated copy of the death certificate. I assume that the copy of the Will so recognized in Japan must also be authenticated by the American Consular official in Japan, and that the original drafts of the Will and the death certificate now in the hands of Mrs. Sato should be left as they are.

(II) To inform Mr. Murakami not to proceed the probaton of the Will now.

(III) I assume that the proceedings in (I) above will take the place of the necessity of having the Will probated in Hawaii.

6 It is my hope that in your writing to Mr. Murakami, you will

clarify the points in favor of my desire to proceed the matter under the SECOND POSSIBILITY, that I will prefer the postponement of having the will probated in Hawaii, that he will withdraw completely from the handling of my father's property confiscated in favor of you. I also hope that you will write to him indirectly so as to cause no ill feelings between you and Mr. Murakami and to some extent between Mr. Murakami and me.

Thank you again for your kind help, and I will do my best in giving you any information I can obtain when needed by you.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Miwa

P. S.

(A) Mrs. Sato in Hawaii has:

- 1 Original draft of the Will.
- 2 Original draft of the death certificate.

* 1 & 2 not authenticated by an American Consular official,
I assume.

- 3 The copy of a claim filed by late J. S. Miwa.
- 4 The copy of the Will.

(B) Mr. Shoso Miwa in Japan has:

- 1 Another copy of the Will.
- 2 Another copy of the death certificate.
- 3 Another copy of a claim filed by late J. S. Miwa.

(C) In your writing to me, will you please clarify whether I need the original ones or their copies for the recognition of the Will in the Japanese court and their authentication by the American Consular official.

(D) I will defer writing to Mr. Murakami, and also to Mrs. Sato and my families in Japan except that I may write only to the latter to gather such materials needed by us.

Thank you,

Lawrence Miwa