

September 21, 1954
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Mr. Oliver Stone
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 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you for your kind answer to my call of Tuesday morning. As I suggested to you, I am definitely planning to see you at Washington, D. C. this coming Saturday (9/25/54). I will again make a call to you on Friday afternoon so that I may have a specific appointment either on Saturday morning or afternoon. I would like to clear up anything that has come up on the problems of the vested property, and if a few things, in this meeting, could not be settled, I hope I can have an opportunity to see you again in New York to talk about those unsettled problems.

The contents of my brother's and sister's letters which I received recently are very complicated; therefore, I would like to explain them to you orally at your office. I will translate their letters into English to show you. However, there are several points which I would like to have you know from those letters. They are:

1 My sister has received from my mother the original copy of the WILL and the death certificate, both of them not yet authenticated by the American Consulate.

2 My mother has sent me the copies of my father's letters which should be in file at the Office of Alien Property. (Copies of the balance sheet of J. S. Miwa Co. and Ltd., his affidavits, etc.). I will take them with me to Washington D. C.

3 My mother also sent me a short biography of my father and me to be checked and corrected by you and me. She wants to have the corrected forms of those papers back as soon as possible so that she may be able to draft the formal papers to be signed by her and filed at the Office of the Alien Property. Since they are written in Japanese, I will translate them into English before Saturday.

4 As you have probably noticed, one of the witnesses to the WILL is an Indian from India. My folks in Hawaii say the following points about the WILL.

a. Original WILL should be recognized.

b. The better way is to recognize the original WILL in Hawaii and send its copy to Japan.

c. If the Indian witness can swear on oath through the American Consulate official in Japan that the WILL was duly written by my father, it would be very convenient to have the WILL probated.

d. If (c) is improbable, the necessary papers from the court in the U. S. will have to be sent to Japan in order to have one of the witnesses to identify the WILL and then have the papers sent back to Hawaii for recognition.

e. Is there any possibility that the American Consulate is willing to recognize the WILL being executed and recognized by the Japanese law?

f. As the above statement suggests, the wisest way to do is to send an order from the U. S. court to the Japanese court to tell the latter to have the WILL recognized by the witness and also a petition of some sort from the U. S. court to the American Consulate official to have the WILL certified by the Indian witness. After these proceedings, the WILL should be recognized in Hawaii.

g. Two questions come up at this point:

(A) Is it proper that the original WILL should be in the U. S. court first before its recognition in Japan, since the property was confiscated by the U. S. ?

(B) Second question is that of (e).

5 My sister wishes to be a property-custodian.

6 Another very important question is: if the Japanese court has recognized the WILL first before anything done, is it probable that the inheritance tax be paid to the Japanese government since an American (I in this case) receives the property which formerly belonged to an alien (my father in point)?

These mentioned above are some of the problems I would like to settle with you. I will itemize any other important things on some other paper to discuss with you this coming Saturday.

I will call on you by a phone to make it sure about the specific appointment before I leave New York.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Miwa