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46 Kawazoe-cho  
Nishinomiya City  
Hyogoken, Japan

Mr. Shigeru Nakata  
1017 Alewa Drive  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Nakata:

How are you, Mr. Nakata? How is Mrs. Nakata? I hope everything has been coming along well with you. You might have probably heard from Katherine in Hawaii of my father's death last May; however, I would like to inform you formally of his death at this time since my mother and I just finished a burial ceremony for him in Hiroshima this month. Also, I would like to use this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation of your kindness given to my sister Katherine and brother Lawrence in Hawaii. As of now, I have a trading company of my own established in Osaka, Japan, which, I hope, will contribute to the good of the United States and Japan in due course.

Since his death, I have felt by his wishes that something must be done with his vested property in the United States of America. Accordingly, I had asked Lawrence to look into this matter, and I know that he has conducted some correspondence with the Department of Justice in August. The Office of Alien Property tells him that the value of my father's vested property is approximately \$150,000.00. This comes as a surprise to us because we had the impression that its value was substantially higher. Since you have been in Hawaii and knew the business, I would appreciate whatever information you can give me which will help explain this matter. For example, have you any reason to believe that there was anything irregular about the way in which the government handled the property or sold the property which might have occasioned this lesser valuation, or are there any claims against the property? I would like to have any particulars in this general connection which you may know about.

Coming back to my trading business, I am planning to make ~~the~~ business with the United States. If you <sup>are</sup> interested in importing goods from Japan, or if I can help you in any manner in connection with it, will you please let me know. I am very glad to get in touch with you on it. My business address is:

Mr. Shoso Miwa  
Bon Ton Trading Co.,  
16 Koraibashi 5-chome  
Higashiku, Osaka, Japan



Will you please give my best regards to Mrs. Nakajima  
and other people my father used to know of.

Sincerely yours,

Ehoso Miwa