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Mr. Lawrence Miwa
c/o Mr. Earle Brown
40 - 3rd Avenue
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Dear Lawrence:

I have your letter of August 24. Paragraph "d" of Schedule 9A should be corrected to read as follows:

Country Japan from/ 7 Dec. 1941 to Oct. 1945
(Day)(Month)(Year) (Day)(Month)(Year)
prior to

Address 2-Chome, Yokogawa-cho, Hiroshima City, Japan

Country Japan from Nov. 1945 to 28 June 1947
(Day)(Month)(Year) (Day)(Month)(Year)

Address 874 Karuga-cho, Kure City, Hiroshima-Ken, Japan

The last paragraph immediately below your signature is the statement by a notary public or some other officer authorized to take your oath. You are to appear before such official to sign both the original and duplicate of Schedule 9A and you must swear that the statements made by you in the schedule are true to the best of your information, knowledge and belief. The official will then sign his name and affix his seal and put his official title under his signature. When this is done, both original and duplicate of Schedule 9A should be transmitted to the Office of Alien Property. If you prefer, please send them back to me and I will forward them for you with an accompanying letter.

I understand very well the contents of the letter from Mr. Oliver Stone, Washington lawyer, to Dr. Johnson. The chances of return of your father's property are rather slim under the existing law. However, there is the possibility of a new legislation being enacted and a claim of this nature, which, if allowed, would benefit American citizens, will have a salutary effect-- in that, legislators will consider such claims in their deliberations for the passage of additional legislation for the relief of persons not now eligible for return of vested property. The Dirksen Subcommittee Report dealing with this subject matter gives one further hope that amendatory legislation for return of vested property might be enacted in the future. If so, claims now filed would probably be considered in the light of the new legislation, such new legislation liberalizing the provisions

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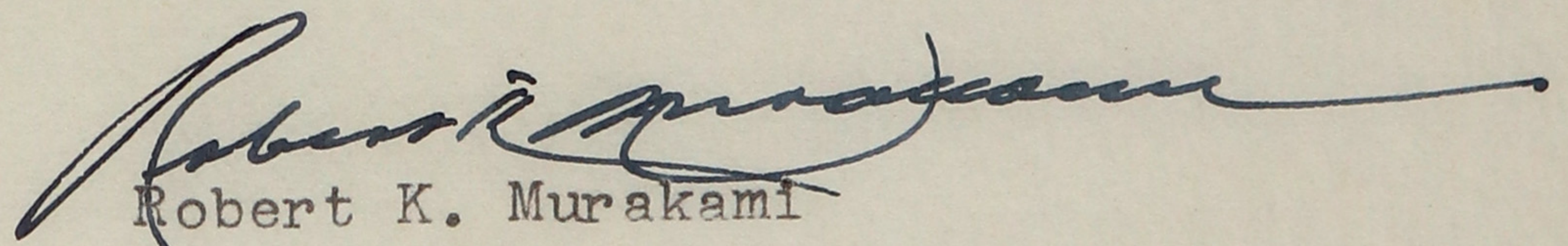
for the return of vested property. The chances of return at the present may be slim and yet there is some hope that Congress might, in the light of international consideration, act favorably upon the recommendations of the Dirksen Subcommittee Report. We can only hope and wait. I do not think you should spend too much money in preparation for such eventuality, but a small investment may be worthwhile. Therefore, I am not recommending that you invest a lot of money now on the slim chance that you may be able to get your father's property back. If, however, one of the witnesses to your father's Will is not a Japanese subject, then there is a possibility of getting his deposition at the American Consulate. In such event, the probate of your father's Will may not cost you more than a couple of hundred dollars.

When I asked you whether or not you were ever expatriated, I meant "from Japanese nationality." I am informed by your sister that steps for your expatriation from the Japanese nationality had not been taken and that your name still remains on the Japanese koseki tohon.

↳ Census register

I believe I was able to get the answers to the other questions asked you from your sister. I shall await further instructions from you before proceeding further.

Yours sincerely,


Robert K. Murakami

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