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Mr. Lawrence Miwa
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Dear Mr. Miwa:

Thank you for your letter of October 9. Your concise analysis indicates that we are now in a position to go ahead along the most promising lines of action.

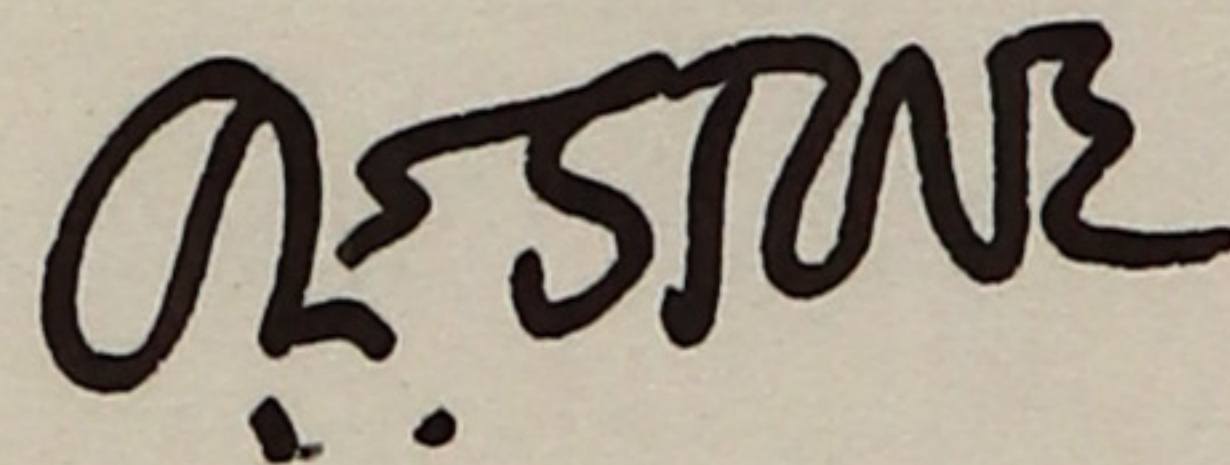
Although there is no absolute certainty as to what the Department of Justice will ultimately accept as conclusive proof of your status as successor-in-interest, my best judgment is that we should start from a basis of the English original will, because that will delineates most precisely your right to your father's claim. I have a slight preference for having the translation of this will into Japanese done in Japan rather than in New York. Accordingly, I suggest that you return the original English will to your brother and have him have it translated there into Japanese. As a matter of caution, I suggest that before following the procedure outlined in III B of your letter, your brother send you a copy of the translation into Japanese in order that you may check for yourself to be sure that such translation is correct and has no substantial errors. Assuming that you then find the translation satisfactory, you should then refer it back to your brother for certification by the appropriate Japanese court, and authentication of it, plus the death certificate by an American Consular official. Upon presentation of the original English will (plus Japanese translation) and of the death certificate (plus translation), so certified and so authenticated, we shall then be in a position to ascertain the position of the Department of Justice. It is my hope and my expectation that this procedure will satisfy the Department.

I await with interest the documentary proof of duress referred to in VI of your letter.

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I trust, that in referring to your brother my memorandum regarding the Nakata claim, you have remembered my suggestion that he retain all copies of any correspondence which he and Nakata may have on this subject. Moreover, as I have told you, the dealings with Nakata are ones in which we should feel our way and avoid taking too definite a position until we have analyzed the potential of the situation for negotiation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "O. E. STONE". The letters are stylized and slanted to the right.

O. E. STONE

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