

November 28, 1984

Dear Mr. Hoshide:

Recently I read in one of our Japanese language newspapers (Nichi Bei Times) or in the Pacific Citizen that you were interested in photographs pertaining to some club activities in Seattle prior to World War II.

In our recent trip to Japan (September/October), I visited some relatives in Ibaraki Prefecture (Mizukaido City). One of my cousins had a photo album which had belonged to our uncle, Komin or Ren Masuda who came to Seattle at the turn of this century. He lived in Seattle until World War II at which time he was incarcerated initially at Bismark, North Dakota; Lordsburg, New Mexico and finally at Santa Fe Detention Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico. At the end of World War II, he repatriated to Japan and died at the age of 92 in 1972.

Since we lived in California, we only saw Uncle Komin on rare occasions and do not know too much of his activities in Seattle. I recall, however, that he loved acting and usually took female roles with some Japanese acting group in Seattle. I remember also that he worked for ~~_____~~^a Japanese language newspaper.

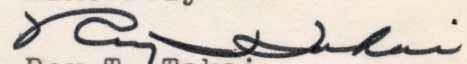
My cousin in Japan gave me two photographs which I am sending to you. None of us can identify any other person in these photographs except our Uncle Komin.

As captioned, one of the photographs was taken at a Chinese or Japanese Restaurant in Seattle when a Mr. George Ogishima was appointed to the Japanese Foreign Office. I did not know how to read the name of the sponsoring club since Japanese characters can be read several ways. The other photograph was taken during my uncle's incarceration at the Santa Fe Detention Center. I do not know if any other persons from Seattle or the Northwest are in this picture.

Please use the photographs if they are of use to you. If not, please dispose of them.

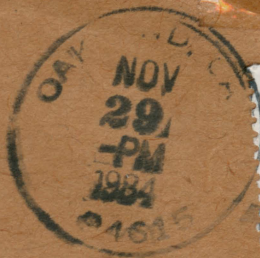
My cousins in Japan thought that these photographs would be of interest to some people living in the Seattle area.

Sincerely


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