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1338 Greenwood St.  
San Diego 10, California  
June 17, 1947

The Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization  
Philadelphia  
Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed my petition in duplicate for issuance of an immigration visa to my husband, Ai Chih Tsai. Included are statements from two banks, a list of Series E War Bonds in my possession, and my birth certificate.

I am sure you have a record of his stay in this country when he came here as a student in 1938, but I would like to present his history briefly, especially noting the circumstances under which he left this country in 1946.

From 1938 to 1944 he was a student in excellent standing at the Divinity School, University of Chicago. He received the Master of Arts degree and the Bachelor of Divinity during this period. Being a ministerial student, he was able to serve the Church of Christ, under the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois (Dr. Harrison Ray Anderson, pastor) for two years. In April, 1944 he accepted a position with the Navy Department in New York City (Columbia University) doing research on behalf of the war effort.

From February 1945 to May 1946 he worked for the War Department in Washington, D.C. at the Pentagon Building. During this period, from October to December of 1945 he received a leave of absence and joined the U.S. Strategic Bombing Survey which went to Japan to study the effects of the war on that country. Upon his return he continued to work at the Pentagon.

Then in May 1946 he accepted a position with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, after being assured by the UNRRA office in Washington, D.C. that he would have no difficulty re-entering this country.

We had believed we would only be separated one year and were looking forward to an early reunion when my husband learned in Shanghai, where he is presently located with UNRRA, that the office there could not affect his early return, but must apply as an immigrant to re-enter this country. If we had known that there would be some question as to his re-entering this country and that he would find himself in his present situation, my husband would not have accepted this position with UNRRA or have gone overseas at all.

Now I am petitioning for his visa in the hope that one may be granted him at the earliest possible time and that he could rejoin



me and our daughter soon. From his past record you can be assured that he will never become a public charge for he has always been able to support us all adequately.

I hope you will give this case every consideration as I believe the circumstances under which he left this country justifies such consideration. Thank you very much for your kind attention.

Sincerely yours,

Ryo M. Tsai (Mrs. Ai Chih Tsai)

Enclosures

- Petition in duplicate for issuance of immigration visa.
- Financial Statement - Bank of America (in duplicate)
- Financial Statement - San Diego Trust and Savings Bank (in duplicate)
- Certified Copy of Birth Record
- List of Series E War Savings Bonds (in duplicate)