

February 13, 1945

Alien Property Custodian
417 Montgomery St.
San Francisco 4, California

Re: CEK:PLI/HL
Elmer Tadashi Urakawa

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 31st in reference to the above entitled matter. As I was out of town for the past two weeks and just returned to my office today, this accounts for the delay in replying to you.

I have been attempting to locate Elmer Tadashi Urakawa so that I could close his estate and when I received your letter, it was the first time I had any intimation that he had left for Japan.

In reference to your inquiry, I herewith send you the following information:

1. The real estate contract was made with Rudolph E. Maedel and Lena Maedel, his wife, who are listed in the contract as being residents of Seattle, Washington. I do not know their present whereabouts but possibly a check through the telephone book or the Seattle Directory may give you the desired information. I am enclosing my office copy of memorandum of conditional sales and real estate contract, which I wish you would return to me after you have examined it.
2. The guardianship proceedings are filed in the Superior Court of King County, State of Washington, bearing court No. 73508. As I explained before, I have not been discharged as guardian as I was not able to locate Elmer Tadashi Urakawa. I have several years' premiums on guardian's bond and guardian's fees to collect from him.
3. I have received no notice terminating my employment with him. Of course, for some time prior to the war until the present time, I have not been in contact with him and I do not know what the present status of his contract is.
4. I do not know who is exercising authority over his property or what, if any, disposition has been made of it. I am this day writing to his brother to get some information so that I can take steps, if possible, to close the guardianship estate and discharge myself as guardian.

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I trust that this supplies the information you desire and if I can be of any further assistance to you, please feel free to write to me.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS MASUDA

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