

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Washington

REQUEST FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

SEP 4 1943

(Date)

TO: Project Director RALPH P. MERRITT

In accordance with Supplement 12 to Administrative Instruction No. 22 (Revised), issued June 5, 1943, you are hereby requested to make further investigation of eligibility for leave clearance in the matters checked below. One copy of this form and attachments is to be returned to this office with your docket, report, and recommendations.

NAME NAGATOMI, SHINJO ADDRESS 14-1-4SEX: Male Female AGE 12-24-01 CITIZEN: Yes No

- WRA-126R
 Copy of Form ~~WRA-261~~ attached
 Copy of request for change of answer attached

1. Question 28
- a. Was answered with an unqualified negative or not answered.
- b. Was qualified in such a way as to raise a question of applicant's sympathies or loyalties.
- c. Was originally answered negatively or with a qualification and was subsequently changed.
2. Applicant has requested repatriation or expatriation.
3. Intelligence reports.*
4. Not recommended for leave clearance by Japanese-American Joint Board.*
5. Late registration.
6. Application or other material requires further explanation.*

* See attachments

Remarks or explanations (on reverse side):

D. S. Myer
Director

Project Director - two copies
 Relocation Planning Officer - one copy
 Case file - one copy
 Special file - one copy

By: Robert H. Thurman

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SHINJO NAGATOMI

Reference is made to your request for a name check on Shinjo Nagatomi, individual No. 26905-A. Both the individual record form and the files of this Bureau reflect that Nagatomi was a Buddhist priest. The Buddhist religion as opposed to Shintoism is a true religion containing many of the precepts of Christianity. The Japanese version, however, differs from classical Buddhism in that many principles of Shintoism have been incorporated causing it to be one of the ways by which Japanese nationalism can be brought to the people. It has been learned that a number of Buddhist priests in the United States hold or have held commissions in the Japanese army, and one of them was known to act as an observer of the United States fleet for a Japanese Consul. The majority of these priests are also principals of Japanese language schools, and in this dual capacity have been in the best position of all Japanese in the United States to spread Japanese propaganda among the people of that race residing in this country.

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