

Memo To: Mr. David Bromley
Evacuee Property

From: Rev. S. Nagatomi
Buddhist Church

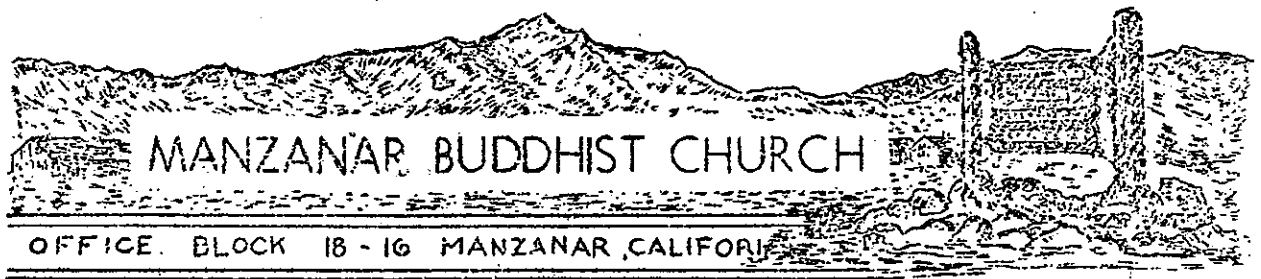
Date: March 28, 1945

Dear Mr. Bromley:

When evacuation was ordered on the West Coast, I was holding the position of head reverend for the San Francisco Buddhist Church. During this time, we tried our best to assist our people in storing their goods and belongings at the San Francisco Buddhist Church located at the corner of Pine Street and Octavia. As the result I have approximately over 1,000 items belonging to the evacuees under my care. During the past three years, I have constantly thought and pondered over it, but the West Coast Exclusion Act kept me from looking into the matter.

With the uplift of the Exclusion Act, hopes to take the trip has risen, but due to the load of my church work I have been unable to depart. I feel that after the Hana Matsuri (Flower Festival) on April 8th, I must go and look over the condition of the evacuee's properties and settle the many problems that have come about since evacuation. At this time, I would also like to visit the Japanese Cemetery in Corma Cemetery, San Mateo, California and Evergreen Cemetery in Los Angeles, California.

My plan has been altered lately because I have been notified by the Coastal Defense Commander that I am considered as an excluder. Although I have made an appeal to have my status cleared, it will evidently take time, and will not enable me to start my trip on April 10th as I have planned. Can you possibly make an arrangement thru your office so that I may be able to take this trip. If there is necessity of



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having a voucher as to my character, I am sure Mr. Merritt will be able to give you a summary. When taking this trip, someone who has been cleared for the West Coast will accompany me.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Very sincerely yours,

Rev. S. Nagatomi
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