

Chikayasu Inaba
ISN-28-4-J-086-CI
Comp. 3, Co. 12, Bar. 10,
Lordsburg Internment Camp,
Lordsburg, New Mexico.

Sent. 30, 1942

Hon. Geo. V. Silverstein,
U. S. District Attorney,
Southern District of California,
Federal Building, Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Being interned as the result of Parole Board Hearing which was conducted at the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on May 23, 1942, I have been transferred to the U. S. Internment Camp, Lordsburg, New Mexico, since July 19, 1942.

I hereby request and petition to your authority to reopen a hearing in my case at the earliest opportunity, and I forward affidavits which signify my character, activity and loyalty to the United States of America, and also the record of my past activities for your consideration.

THE PAST ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

Statement 1. Entrance:

Entered the United States at San Francisco on May 12, 1918, in order to live with my father at West Riverside, California, and had worked with my father in an orchard managed by Mr. O. K. Kelsey until 1921. During this period, also worked in a Mission Inn, Riverside, California for about six months. In the year of 1921, I moved to the present address and have been managing a chicken farm and at the same time have engaged in farming until my arrest on Feb. 21, 1942. Mr. O. K. Kelsey is now a leading figure in the police department of the city of Riverside, California, and has been a friend of my family whose personality we highly respect.

Statement 2. Purposed of visit:

In April of 1924, I visited Japan in order to marry my present wife, Mrs. Miri Inaba, and returned home reentering in the United States on June 11, 1924. I spent only three weeks in Japan for this visit.

Statement 3. Family: (their present address is Block 2, Building 5, Apartment 4, Manzanar Relocation C. Calif

Father, (Mr.) Hisaburo Inaba, 53 years of age.
Mother, (Mrs.) Hanai Inaba, 58,
Brother, (Mr.) Hideo Inaba, 39,
Sister, (Miss) Toshiye Inaba, 21,
Sister, (Miss) Yoneko Inaba, 19,

Wife, (Mrs.) Miri Inaba, 36,
Daughter, (Miss) Midori Inaba, born April 15, 1925,
" (Miss) Haruko Inaba, born January 18, 1927,
" (Miss) Setsuko Inaba, born March 18, 1929
Son, (Mr.) Akira Inaba, born September, 27, 1931
" (Mr.) Miteuru Inaba, born April 9, 1935
Daughter, (Miss) Lola Hanako Inaba, born September 18, 1936,
Son, (Mr.) Anthony Shizuo Inaba, born March 18, 1942.

All the children were born in this country, and are the citizens of the United States of America by birth. They and my wife and also the other members of the family except my brother, Hideo Inaba, reside at the present time in the Manzanar Relocation Center; and all of them are my financial dependents except my brother, Hideo Inaba mentioned above.

Statement 4. Business:

Since the year of 1921, until the time of detainment on Feb. 21, 1942, has been engaged in farming and has managed chicken farm at West Riverside, Riverside, California. I could not carry on my business well in the beginning, because I was not familiar with the business, but I have since then devoted myself to the business with my wife in the hope of taking care of my children. I believed in "Earnestly is the best policy" Meanwhile my belief resulted in prosperity. The business has been carried on better recently, and now I am well-off to enjoy American way of life not only materially but also spiritually. As for my business relations, to be sure, I have no bank account in Japan, and the all business connections are Americans.

They are following:

- (1) Citizens National Bank of Riverside, President, Mr. Brouce
- (2) Bank of America, Riverside Branch, Cashier, Mr. Clay Freeman,
- (3) Quality Feed and Seed Co., Riverside, Managed by Mr. Bill Dogger,
- (4) Poultry man's Corporative Association, Riverside Managed by Mr. John Cobe,
- (5) Claypool and Co., San Bernardino, California, by Mr. Walter Taylor,
- (6) Hal Williams, Pomona, California, by Mr. Gage,
- (7) Alberts Milling Co. Los Angeles, California, by Mr. Allu,
- (8) Mrs. Mary Erasmus, Moreno, California,
- (9) Small's Seed Co. Riverside
- (10) Westrook Hardware Co. Riverside, Standard Oil Co., Riverside, Branch,
- (11) American Fruit Grower Inc., Riverside managed by Mr. Yost
- (12) J. E. Winship & Son Arlington,
- (13) West Riverside Lumber Co., managed by Mr. Cook
- (14) West Riverside Canal Co. President by Mr. Williamson with assistant of Mr. John Gorbriegge.
- (15) Aggalar and Wasser Seed Co. Los Angeles, California.

Statement 5. Lot.

Bought for children a lot of ground seven acres wide including buildings. The property rights are in the names of Miss, Midori Inaba and Mr. Akira Inaba and Mr. Mitsuru Inaba.

Statement 6. Property.

Possessed a poltry farm (in which I raised regularly 4,000 chickens), a farm (which were in the above stated lot), farming tools, houses, an automobile and furniture, amounting approximately \$ 10,000 in all. All the interests raised had been used to extend my business or to buy some more equipments every year, except the living expenses of our family, of course. Having received a considerable amount of money from my endowment policy five years ago, I bought 4 Tokyo Electric -ight Dollar Bonds (whose maturity value was \$1,000 and market price was \$ 500). And later on, I bought a Daido Electric Dollar Bond (which maturity value was \$ 1,000) and a Japanese Government Dollar Bond (which maturity value was \$ 1,000). All these six yielded six per cent profit amounting to \$ 400 a year in total befor the War started. These investment had assisted my business a great deal financially. These were bought through Mr. Clay Freeman, Bank of America, Riverside for the purpose of investment, as I was advised by some of my friends.

Statement 7. Wife's visit of Japan:

My wife, Mrs. Muri Inaba visited her father last summer, July, 1942 accompanied with one of her daughter, Miss Setsuko Inaba. The purpose of her visit was to see her father being disabled with age. It was her hearty desire to see him before his death, and she could not realize it, until we had enough money. She tried to come back to this country as soon as possible, but delayed more or less because of critical international situation. It was our joy and happiness to welcome her back to our family again who had expected to live to live together in this country we love, forever as permanent residents. But I was separated again from the family soon after the War broke out and was detained on account of being suspected as a dangerous alien enemy.

Statement 8. Activities:

I have been trying to make contributions to the country I love, or the mother land of seven children who are the citizens by birth. I willingly contributed a considerable amount of money and heartily understanding their ideals and functions, I also contributed to the Red Cross, the Community Chest, etc.; and cooperated with American friends as a member of American Parents Teachers Association or a member of the Farm Bureau, or as a member and as vice-President of the local Japanese Association of Riverside which was only public corporation of Japanese residents, contributing to the community to which we belong and to the country at large. I have been myself loyal to this country I love as a permanent resident of the United States being unable to be naturalized. As a member or as the vice-president, my belief was just the same as before even after the war broke out. It is our duty and privilege, I told to my friends unceasingly in all ways, to buy Defense Bond, as much as we can, and be good and loyal citizens of our country of Democracy.

Statement (9. Loyalty:

Dreaming an ideal society in the country of the United States which stands for the Humanity and Justice of Democracy, I came to this country twenty four years ago to join the father and to reside with him. Since entered this country, I have never committed any crimes. I was always thankful to God for His daily bread. I loved my farm and my West Riverside where I expected to live my life till death.

I pledge that I will be loyal to this country. I do solemnly swear that all that I have mentioned above are nothing but truth. I would feel much obliged to you if you would help me to have a rehearing. Your courtesy and kindness will be deeply appreciated. I am

Respectfully your,

Chikaysu Inaba