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To: All Project Directors

Subject: Suggestions for conduct of leave clearance hearings

This memorandum is intended for persons who are holding leave clearance hearings. Copies are being sent to you so that they may be distributed to such persons. They should study the memorandum carefully. The memorandum is confidential because it contains information furnished to WRA on a confidential basis by Intelligence agencies.

General character and conduct of hearings. The conduct of leave clearance hearings is governed by section 60.10 of the new Handbook on Issuance of Leave for Departure from a Relocation Area. All persons who sit on leave clearance hearings must be thoroughly familiar with all parts of that section. The suggestions herein set forth do not supersede any part of the governing section of the Handbook, but are made rather for the purpose of assisting staffs at the centers in carrying out the provisions of the governing section.

Prior to the beginning of any hearing, the investigator or investigators conducting it should familiarize themselves with the file which was returned from the Washington Office and any other material which may be available at the project in reference to the evacuee being interviewed. This should include dockets on other members of the same family since such other dockets will often contain information relevant to the case of the person being interviewed. This familiarity with material already accumulated will enable interviewers to make use of it in determining what topics should be investigated and what lines of questioning should be pursued, and will enable them also to save time by not asking questions on topics as to which the facts are already known.

At the beginning of the interview the investigators should inform the applicant of the purpose of the interview and confront him, to the extent not prohibited by the Director in returning the file for further investigation, with the facts that throw doubt upon his eligibility for indefinite leave. The investigators should then question the applicant in detail about the questionable material in the file and do whatever is necessary to get a full and complete explanation. They should particularly ascertain whether the applicant can present any substantiating documents or testimony that would be useful, and, if he can, they should



adjourn the interview for such time as may be necessary for the applicant to obtain the documents or produce the witnesses. Each interview should be individualized.

Apart from identification questions, it is unlikely that the questions asked in any two of these interviews at the centers will be even substantially similar. Different approaches should be used in different cases, as they are suggested by the material in the files or by the answers of the applicant to questions asked.

Topics for inquiry. Some suggestions are made herewith as to questions that might be asked. The bulk of the suggestions made consists merely of topics and subtopics appropriate for use in questioning, rather than prepared questions. In any particular case only those topics should be asked about which are relevant to the case, as indicated by the file or by answers to other questions. In no case would questions be asked on all topics indicated. Information on some of the topics will already be in the file, in which case there is no need to ask about the same matters again unless cross-checking seems desirable. Questions should seldom be asked in the same order in successive cases, and practically never in the exact order in which suggested topics are here arranged. Other topics and questions not listed here would frequently be appropriate, as they are suggested by the facts or allegations in particular cases.

In a sense the topics here listed constitute an expansion of the items listed in section 60.10.2 and should be employed in connection with such of the items there listed as are involved in the particular case. In general, it will be found that the topics here listed in any single paragraph will probably be relevant in considering several of the items listed in section 60.10.2, and that several of the topics listed in this section will be relevant in considering any one of the items listed in section 60.10.2. Interviewers should, of course, maintain a judicial attitude in the conduct of hearings, neither attempting to help the evacuee to build up a good record nor making it difficult for him to bring out favorable facts. Suggested topics for investigation follow:

(1) Answer to Question 28, failure to answer or late registration - What did Question 28 mean to you at time of registration?, what does it mean now?, reason for original answer or attitude, reasons for changed attitude, consultations with whom, conversations with other evacuees, attitude of other members of family; bitterness growing out of evacuation, particular incidents, facts causing bitterness to be allayed; present attitude toward evacuation; associations with pro-Japanese groups in camp, or prior to evacuation; belief in validity of Japan's war aims.



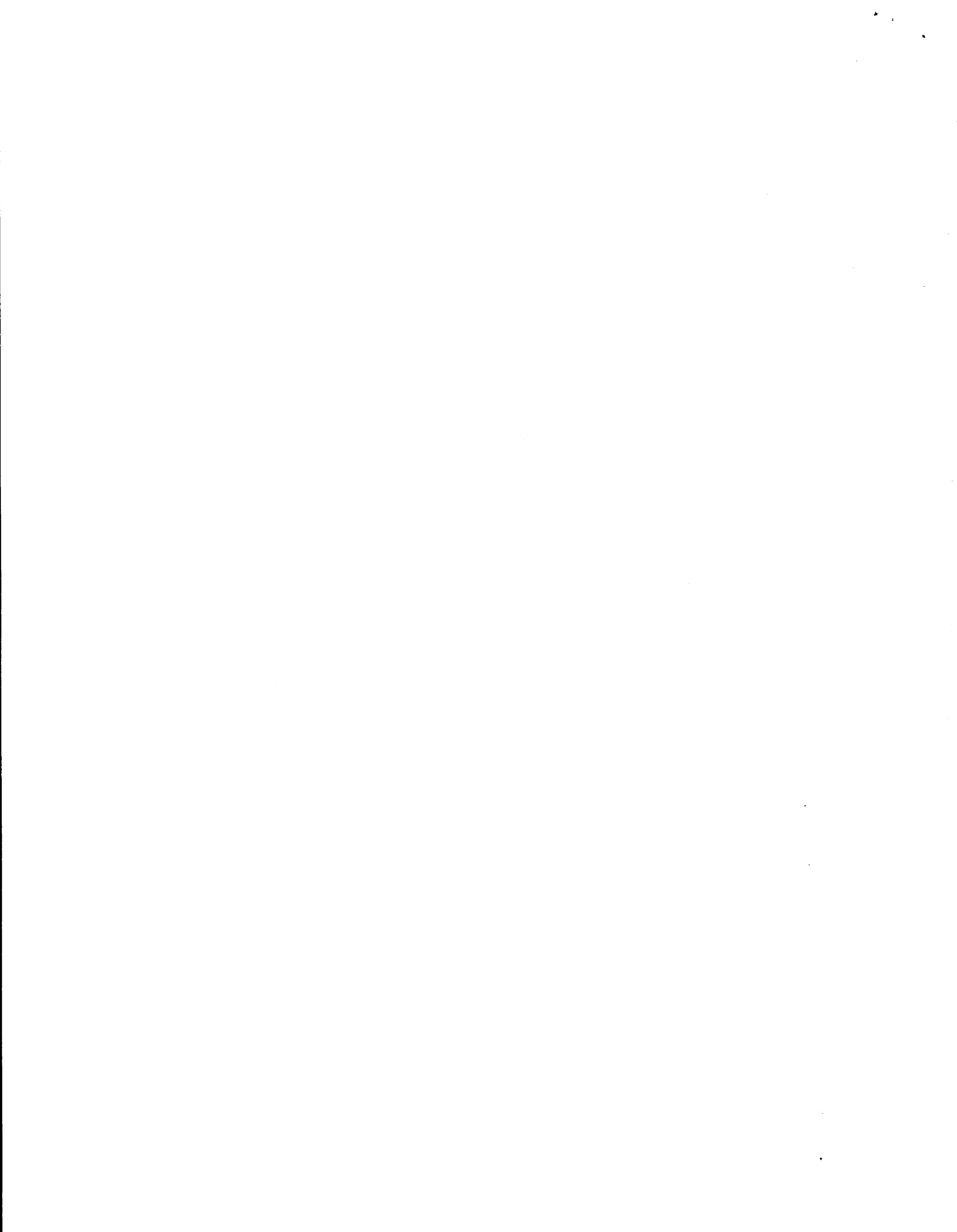
(2) Repatriation or expatriation - Circumstances of and reasons for making application; who influenced you, circumstances of and reasons for withdrawal of application, influences; what practical advantages for you and your family do you now see in returning to Japan, in remaining in U. S., do you think you could live fairly pleasantly in Japan?, influence of loyalty toward either U. S. or Japan, has feeling of loyalty changed in the last few months?

(3) Military and Naval matters - length of military training in Japan, type of instruction, proficiency and rank attained, average weekly time spent, attitude toward military training received, importance compared with other subjects studied; military service at any time, in U.S., Japan, or elsewhere; reservist status at any time; reason for termination of service or reservist status; attitude toward service, by self or family members, in U.S. Army now, against Germany, against Japan; attitude toward Selective Service for evacuees.

(4) Employment record - before and after evacuation; in Japan, if any; by Japanese government or on Japanese vessel; by a Japanese language periodical; by a semi-official Japanese firm (See List "C", attached hereto); circumstances under which employment began, character of work done, advancement record, incidental activities such as promotion and public relations work, public contacts made in course of work, visits to Japan and contacts with Japanese officials in course of work, reasons for changing jobs, would applicant like to go back to old employment after war ends?

(5) Travel and residence outside United States - Time and length of each trip, reasons for trips; if trip was Kengakuken (organized "educational and cultural" tour) who was leader of trip; associates in Japan or other foreign country; places where you lived abroad; occupations while abroad; reason for return to U. S.; occupation and residence immediately after return; economic status during residence in Japan, social life there; personal liking, or dislike for life there, comparison with life in U.S.; why did you not return to U. S. sooner?; expectation of returning to Japan after war, for visits, on business, to live.

(6) Membership in Japanese organizations - (See Lists "A" and "B", attached hereto.) Were you an officer, sponsor, organizer, leader, or mere member, how long; extent of activity in the organization or organizations, explain purpose of organization, number of members locally, nationally, how long you attended, how you happened to join, your personal participation in meetings, in outside activities, who you worked with in the society, amount of contributions to society, who were the leaders, relations with parent society, if any, in Japan, effectiveness of organization, of your part in it, your attitude then toward its work, your attitude now, do you think organization should resume activity after war?, would you wish



to continue membership? (A Study of Community Analysis Report No. 3, March 1943, on Japanese Groups and Associations in the United States, would be profitable for all hearing board members.)

(7) Citizenship status - Dual citizenship, by whom registered, when, where; your first knowledge of fact of dual citizenship; application to cancel dual citizenship, when, where, why; why cancellation not attempted; present attitude toward dual citizenship; what advantages do you see in retaining your Japanese citizenship, personal reasons for retention.

(8) Economic ties with Japan - Property in Japan, owned by self or family, investments in Japanese securities, circumstances of acquisition; business connections; prospect of inheriting Japanese property; did your former occupation in this country involve relationships with Japan or with persons officially or otherwise connected with Japan?

(9) Hobbies and Interests - Inquire generally; judo, kendo, politics, Japanese literature, writing, etc., honors received; activities in relocation and assembly centers.

(10) Religion - Sect, member or non-member, length of membership, degree of activity.

(11) Language Abilities - English, Japanese, other; speak, read, write; language teaching experience; Japanese publications which you have read or subscribed to; Japanese writing for publication; Japanese language reports, to persons in U. S. or Japan, made in course of employment or otherwise.

(12) Pro-Japanese Activities - Purchase of war bonds; contributions to Japanese patriotic funds, societies or organizations; public statements; collaboration with Japanese officials; ask for evacuee's reasons for each activity.

(13) Education - Common school, high school, college, both in America and Japan, dates; Japanese language school, length of attendance, why you attended, attitude toward the school; military; personal preference as between Japanese and American system of education, subjects studied in Japan, personal acceptance of historical and political concepts taught in Japan, plans for educating own children, if and when.

(14) Relatives - Names of parents, their birthplaces, their addresses, if living, age, occupations, are they applicants for restrictions, are they internees or evacuees? Number of brothers and sisters, names, addresses, their ages compared to yours, their education, their employment, before and after evacuation, their military status, are they applicants



for repatriation or expatriation, what time relative, in U. S. or in Japan, are any close relatives in Japan or elsewhere, marital or other, age, his or her birthdate, are you living together, if not, explain present's citizenship, education, military service, occupation, history, expatriation or repatriation requests; children, names, age, addresses, education, past and future, plans for their future, are they registered for dual citizenship, their present occupation, negative air base to service, 25 by parents, spouse, brothers or sisters, children or other close relatives, parents, military, officers, or others are living in Japan, how long there, why they are there, intention to stay in U. S., your intention to join them in Japan, frequency of exchange of letters before war, addresses of family close; similar questions concerning other close relatives as to whom their negative factors would be listed in section 10.10.2.

(15) Internal Security and Intelligence Factors - Relevant facts from taxes records should be in the applicant's file, and should be studied by hearing board members before the hearing starts. The applicant should be asked about, and given an opportunity to explain, significant items in his internal security and intelligence records.

(16) Pro-American activities - Purchase of war bonds and stamps; contributions to American patriotic funds, societies or organizations; membership in American organizations; public statements; affirmative patriotic activities.

(17) Plans for the future - For self and family; relocation or residence in center during war; desire for leave clearance; attitude toward residence in segregation center; residence after war; return to West Coast; type of occupation contemplated; home for children; future residence in or visits to Japan; reasons.

(18) Immediate Plans for Relocation - His opportunities for self and family, where, when, letters received, interviews with relocation officer; locations preferred; type of work desired.

(19) Is there any statement you would like to make for us to consider in connection with our consideration of your application for leave clearance?

(20) Additional Interviews and Investigation - It is to be understood that, in accordance with the Administrative Instruction, additional investigation may be undertaken apart from the hearing itself, that witnesses may be examined either in the presence of an applicant or separately, and the applicant himself may be recalled for further interviews.



(21) Lists "A", "B", and "C" - There are attached hereto two lists of Japanese organizations, Lists A and B, and a list of Japanese firms in the U. S., List C. These lists were compiled by the Intelligence agencies. The organizations in List A are regarded by some of the Intelligence agencies as subversive. Those in List B are regarded by them as potentially or mildly subversive. The firms in List C are believed by them to have had at least semi-official connections with the Japanese Government or to have engaged in subversive activities in the U. S. In the case of some of the organizations or firms in these lists, the evidence of Japanese affiliations is much milder, of course, than for others. It will obviously not be possible or worth while to ask each person interviewed about his relation to each of the numerous organizations listed, but the docket should be carefully checked and he should be asked specifically about his relation to any of the organizations or firms with which there is any evidence or reasonable suspicion that he may have been connected.

Facts Indicating Loyalty to United States. It is as important that facts affirmatively indicating the applicant's probable loyalty to the United States be brought out clearly in the interviews, as that facts indicating disloyalty be brought out. Sometimes these positive factors will not appear in the docket. In such cases they should be revealed by questioning. The type of facts which would be significant in this connection is indicated by the following list:

- (1) Entire education in the United States or entire education of children in the United States.
- (2) Christian religion.
- (3) Membership in such bodies as J. S. C. I., Rotary, Lions or Kiwanis Clubs, Chambers of Commerce, labor unions, and other typically American organizations.
- (4) Cancellation of dual citizenship if supported by adequate details.
- (5) Favorable factors about immediate relatives.
- (6) Relatives in military service, particularly if they volunteered.
- (7) Favorable reference letters.
- (8) Purchase of U. S. war bonds.
- (9) Extensive Caucasian and other Japanese associations.



## LIST 940

AIKOKU KAI  
 AIYU KAI  
 BLACK DRAGON SOCIETY  
 BLOOD BROTHERS GROUP  
 BUTSU KAI  
 CHERRY ASSOCIATION  
 DAI NIPPON BUTSU KAI  
 DEFENDERS ASSOCIATION  
 FATHERLAND SOCIETY  
 FOUNDERS ASSOCIATION  
 GINSHATSU TU  
 GUNJIN KAI  
 HETEKI GIMUSHA KAI  
 HELMUSHA KAI  
 HINODE KAI  
 HINOMARU KAI  
 HOKU KAI  
 HOKOKU DAN  
 HOKOKU KAI  
 HOKUBEI BUTSU KAI  
 HOKUBEI HETYAKU GIMUSHA KAI  
 HOKUBEI HETEKI GIMUSHA KAI  
 HOKUBEI TEIKOKU DAN  
 HOKUBEI ZAIQO GUNJIN KAI  
 HOKUBEI ZAIQO SHUKO DAN  
 HOKUBEI ZAIQO GUNYU DAN  
 HUSHI KAI  
 HUMANITY ASSOCIATION  
 IMPERIAL COMRADESHIP SOCIETY  
 IMPERIAL MILITARY FRIENDS SOCIETY  
 IMPERIAL RESERVISTS ASSOCIATION  
 IMPERIAL RULE ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION  
 ISSHIN KAI  
 JAPAN NAVY LEAGUE  
 JAPANESE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION  
 JINEX KAI  
 KAIGUN KYUKAI  
 KANJO KAI  
 KIKURYU KAI  
 KUGSHIN CLUB  
 KYUGO KAI  
 KUKA KAI  
 LIVING FRIENDS SOCIETY  
 MIJI JINGU KAI  
 MILITARY VIRTUE SOCIETY  
 NANKA TEIKOKU GUNYU DAN  
 NANKA ZAIQO GUNJIN KAI  
 NANKA ZAIQO SHUKO DAN  
 NATIONAL FLOWER ASSOCIATION  
 NAVAL CLUB, the  
 NINETY FIVE ASSOCIATION  
 NIPPON KAIGUN KYUKAI  
 NORTH AMERICAN RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
 NORTH AMERICAN RESERVISTS ASSOCIATION  
 ORGANIZATION OF BLOOD BROTHERS  
 PATRIOTIC ASSOCIATION  
 RANK HOLDERS ASSOCIATION  
 RISING SUN FLAG SOCIETY  
 SAKURA KAI  
 SEXTET KAI  
 SEIKI KAI  
 SERVICE SOCIETY  
 SHINKO CLUB  
 SHINSHU KAI  
 SILVER SHIRTS MOVEMENT  
 SINCERITY ASSOCIATION  
 SOCIETY FOR THE CELEBRATION OF  
 EMPEROR MEIJI  
 SOCIETY OF MEN ELIGIBLE FOR MILITARY DUTY  
 SOCIETY OF THE FLAG OF THE RISING SUN  
 SHOKOKU KAI  
 SOLDIERS' ASSOCIATION  
 SUIKO SHU  
 TAGUMA CLUB  
 TAISEI YUKUSHAN KAI  
 TEIKOKU GUNYU DAN  
 TQC ASSOCIATION  
 TQC KAI  
 TWENTY-FORTY CLUB  
 TUKYO CLUB  
 TUKYO CLUB  
 WAKABA KAI  
 YUKUSHAN CLUB  
 YUKUSHAN KAI  
 YUSHI KESSHI DAN  
 ZAIQO GUNJIN KAI  
 ZAIQO SHUKO DAN



AIKOKU FUJIN KAI  
 ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS UNION  
 ARCHERY ASSOCIATIONS  
 ASSOCIATION OF JAPANESE CANNERY WORKERS  
 ASSOCIATIONS OF JAPANESE RAILROAD FOREMEN  
 ASSOCIATIONS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF SAVINGS  
 BARBERS ASSOCIATIONS  
 BEHIND-THE-GUN SOCIETIES  
 BEIKOKU CHUO NIHONJIN KAI  
 BUDDHIST ORGANIZATIONS  
 BUKKYU KAI  
 BUKKYU SEINEN KAI  
 BUSSEI KAI  
 CENTRAL JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
 CENTRAL JAPANESE CULTURAL FEDERATION  
 CHOKI CHUCHIKU SHOREI KUMAI  
 CHU CHIKU KUMAI  
 CHUCHIKU SHOREI KAI  
 COMMITTEE FOR THE SITUATION  
 COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS  
 CULTURAL BROADCASTING SOCIETY  
 CURRENT AFFAIRS SOCIETY  
 DAI NIPPON SEINEN KAI  
 DANYO SEINEN KAI  
 DCHO GROUP  
 EAST WEST CLUB  
 FENCING ORGANIZATIONS  
 GAKUEN KOEN KAI  
 GAKUEN KYOKAI  
 GREATER LIFE OF YUFEI CLUB  
 GUN IN KAI  
 HOGO GAKUEN KYOKAI  
 HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS  
 HOUSE OF GRANTH  
 HOUSE OF LONG LIFE  
 IMPERIAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY  
 IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAUTICAL SOCIETY  
 JAPAN INSTITUTE  
 JAPANESE ASSOCIATIONS  
 JAPANESE COMMITTEE FOR TRADE AND INFORMATION  
 JAPANESE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE  
 ICHIKU KAI

JAPANESE CULTURAL BROADCASTING SOC.  
 JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
 JAPANESE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AM.  
 JAPANESE HOTEL ASSOCIATIONS  
 JIKYUKU TEN KAI  
 JISEKI MACHU KAI  
 JUNIOR CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE  
 JYUDO ORGANIZATIONS  
 JYUDO MUSHI KAI  
 JYUDO KAI  
 JYUJITSU ORGANIZATIONS  
 KAIKAI DA MO CHUO KAI  
 KENDO ORGANIZATIONS  
 KENGAKU DAN  
 KINJIN KAI  
 KIBEI ORGANIZATIONS  
 KOOKAN JUDO FEDERATION  
 KUKUMU SHIGIN KAI  
 KUKUSAI SONRA SHINKU KAI  
 KUMOKYO (Shinto Sect) ORGANIZATIONS  
 KYUDO ORGANIZATIONS  
 LANGUAGE SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS  
 LONG TERM PATRIOTIC BOND SUBSCRIPTION SOCIETY  
 MIDAI KAI  
 MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS CLUB  
 MUTUAL AID SOCIETIES  
 NANKA SHON SONRA KYOKAI  
 NATIONAL RECITATION SOCIETY  
 NICHIREN ORGANIZATIONS  
 NIKON BUNKA CHUO SEIBEI  
 NIKON SONRA HOSU KYOKAI  
 NIKON BUNKA KYOKAI  
 NIKONJIN KAI  
 NISAI MATTERS GROUP  
 NISAI LONG DISTANCE CLUB  
 PACIFIC CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY  
 PATRIOTIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS  
 PASTORAL LIFE SOCIETY  
 QUALITY ASSOCIATIONS  
 WINGWING CLUB LIFE CLUB



LIST "C"

ASANO BUSSEI KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 BANK OF CHINA  
 BANK OF KOREA  
 BANK OF MANILA  
 BANK OF JAPAN  
 BANK OF TAIWAN  
 C. T. TAKAHASHI & COMPANY  
 DOMEI TRADING CO.  
 DOMEI NEWS AGENCY  
 JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE  
 JAPANESE AMERICAN SECURITIES  
 CORP. OF LOS ANGELES  
 JAPANESE AMERICAN THEATRICAL COMPANY  
 JAPANESE NEWSPAPER AGENCIES  
 JAPANESE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS  
 JAPANESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER  
 JAPAN COTTON TRADING COMPANY  
 "K" LINE  
 KANSAI KISEN KAISHA  
 KOKUSAI KISEN KAISHA  
 KOKUSAI LINE  
 LANIATED  
 MINAMI MANBU TETSUDO KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 MITSUBISHI BANK  
 MITSUBISHI TRADING KAISHA  
 OF OREGON TRADING COMPANY  
 NISSEI AND COMPANY  
 NISSEI BANK  
 NISSEI BUSSEI

NISSHI LINE  
 N.Y.K. LINE  
 NATIONAL MERCHANDISE COMPANY  
 NEWSPAPER (Japanese) AGENCIES  
 NICHIBEI KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 NICHIBEI SHUKEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 NIPPON SOEKI ASSENYO  
 NIPPON JINRO  
 NIPPON BENKWA KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 NIPPON PUBLISHING COMPANY  
 NIPPON TRADE AGENCY  
 NIPPON YUSEI KAISHA  
 OKINAWA TRADING COMPANY  
 O.S.K. LINE  
 OSAKA SHISEN KAISHA  
 OSAKA STEAMSHIP LINE  
 PACIFIC COAST COMPANY  
 PAN-PACIFIC TRADING & NAVIGATION  
 COMPANY  
 SAMURA AND COMPANY  
 SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY COMPANY  
 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRADING COMPANY  
 SUMITOMO BANK  
 TAIHEIYO SENIYU KAISHA  
 TAIYO SENIYU KAISHA  
 YAMAGUCHI KISEN KABUSHIKI KAISHA  
 YAMAGUCHI LINE  
 YOKOHAMA SHOKU GINRO  
 YOKOHAMA SHOKU BANK

