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Mr. Hugh T. Fullerton,
Major, A. G. S.,
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Presidio, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In re Prosecution of Persons of Japanese Ancestry for violation of Public Law 503.

I refer to your letter of November 19, 1942.

The following constitutes a list of all persons of Japanese ancestry prosecuted in this district for violations of Public Law 503 (including those persons prosecuted for conspiracy to violate Public Law 503), together with a statement of the disposition of each case and the name of the institution to which those who received jail sentences were sent.

San Francisco

United States vs. Koji Kurokawa, No. 27633-W. In this case the Information was filed on June 12, 1942. The defendant pleaded guilty on June 13, 1942, and on that day was given a sentence of six months in jail. The Marshal delivered him to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington.

United states vs. John Ura, No. 27634-S. In this case the Information was filed on June 12, 1942. The defendant pleaded guilty on June 20, 1942, and on that day was given a sentence of one year in jail. The Marshal delivered him to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington.

United States of America vs. Fred Tuyosuburo Korematsu, No. 27635-W. In this case the Information was filed on June 12, 1942. The defendant was tried and found guilty on September 8, 1942, and on that day was sentenced to five years probation. He was then delivered to the custody of the Provost Marshal of the Western Defense Command, which arranged to place him in a War Relocation Center. The defendant in this case has filed an appeal from the judgment of conviction and that appeal is presently pending in the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

United States of America vs. Liwa Chew, No. 27646-W. In this case the Information was filed on June 18, 1942. The defendant pleaded guilty on June 23, 1942, and on that day, was placed on probation for one year. The defendant was then delivered to the office of the Provost Marshal of the Western Defense

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Command, which took her to the Japanese Assembly Center at Tanforan.

United States vs. Ida Esteban, No. 27670-S. In this case the Information was filed on July 10, 1942. On July 24, after a report from the probation officer and after Ida Esteban expressed her willingness to enter the Japanese Assembly Center at Tanforan, the Information was dismissed and arrangements were made through the office of the Provost Marshal for the acceptance of Ida Esteban into the Japanese Assembly Center at Tanforan.

United States vs. Lincoln Seiichi Kanai, No. 27740-R. In this case the defendant was first arrested on a Commissioner's complaint. He was removed from Milwaukee to California and on August 13 an Information was filed in the District Court. On August 25 the defendant entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to six months on each of the two counts of the Information, to run concurrently. The Marshal then delivered the defendant to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington.

United States vs. Pat Brennan Kawasaki, No. 27732-S. In this case the Information was filed on September 22, 1942. The defendant pleaded guilty on September 26, 1942, and on that day was given a sentence of six months in jail. The Marshal delivered him to Federal Prison Camp No. 10 at Tucson, Arizona.

United States vs. Morris Eugene Suyetomi, No. 27746-S. In this case the Information was filed on October 2, 1942, at which time the defendant entered his plea of guilty. Thereafter the matter was referred to the probation officer and on October 10 the District Court placed Suyetomi on probation for a period of six months. He was then delivered to the office of the Provost Marshal for the Western Defense Command and by that office taken to a Japanese Assembly Center.

United States vs. Toshio Sonoda, No. 27752-R. In this case an indictment was returned against Toshio Sonoda and Kazue Yabusaki (see immediately below) on October 7, 1942, charging conspiracy to violate Public Law 503. Sonoda entered a plea of guilty and on November 18, after his matter had been referred to the probation officer, this eighteen year old boy was placed on probation for one year and returned to the War Relocation Center at Tule Lake, California.

United States vs. Kazue Yabusaki, No. 27752-R. This defendant was indicted jointly with Sonoda, named immediately above, on October 7, 1942. On November 21, 1942, he entered a plea of guilty and was on that day sentenced to six months in a County Jail and will be shortly delivered by the United States Marshal to Federal Prison Camp No. 10 at Tucson, Arizona.



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United States vs. Ichiro Ogata, No. 8082. In this case the Information was filed on April 17, 1942, and on July 7, 1942, the defendant, having expressed a willingness to enter a Japanese Assembly Center, his case was dismissed.

United States vs. Katsumi Chikasue, No. 8818. In this case the Information was filed on June 6, 1942, and the defendant pleaded guilty on June 11, 1942. On that day he was given a sentence of six months in jail. The Marshal delivered him to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington.

United States vs. John Takeo Ui, No. 8119. In this case the Information was filed on June 6, 1942. On July 6, 1942, the defendant was found guilty, after a trial, and given a sentence of six months in jail. The Marshal delivered him to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington.

United States vs. Haruo Iwawaki and Kimiye Iwawaki, No. 8133. In this case the Information was filed on July 10, 1942, and on September 21, 1942, it was dismissed when it appeared that the violation on the part of these two defendants was not wilfull. They immediately thereafter entered a Japanese Assembly Center.

United States vs. Richard T. Doi, No. 8181. In this case the Information was filed on September 21, 1942, and on September 28, 1942, the defendant entered a plea of guilty. Thereafter on October 13, 1942, he was sentenced to five months in jail on each of the two counts of the Information, with a proviso that the sentences run concurrently. He was delivered by the United States Marshal to the Solano County jail at Fairfield, California.

The United States Marshal informs me that those persons delivered to Federal Prison Camp No. 5 at Dupont, Washington, may no longer be there and that in all probability they have been transferred to the Federal Prison Camp at Kooskia, Idaho. However, this can be officially verified only by writing to Federal Prison Camp at Dupont, Washington.

Respectfully,

FRANK J. HENNESSY, United States Attorney.

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