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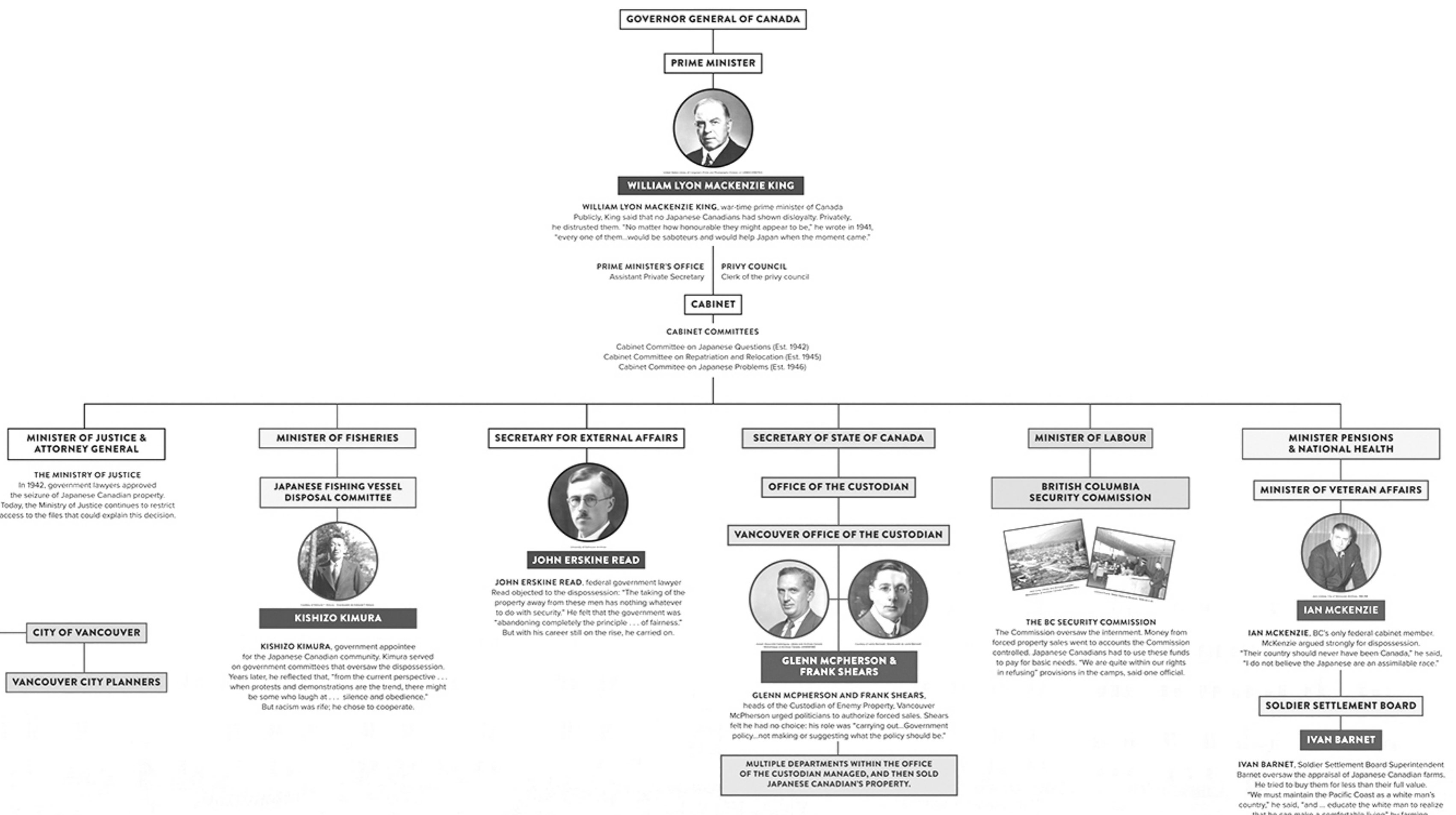
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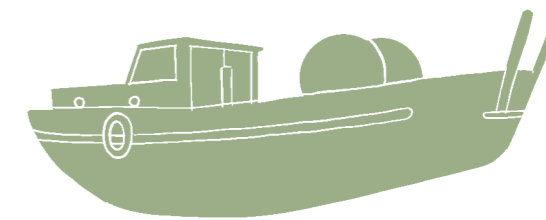
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Kaoru (in glasses) and his family live on a farm in the interior of British Columbia as they wait out internment.

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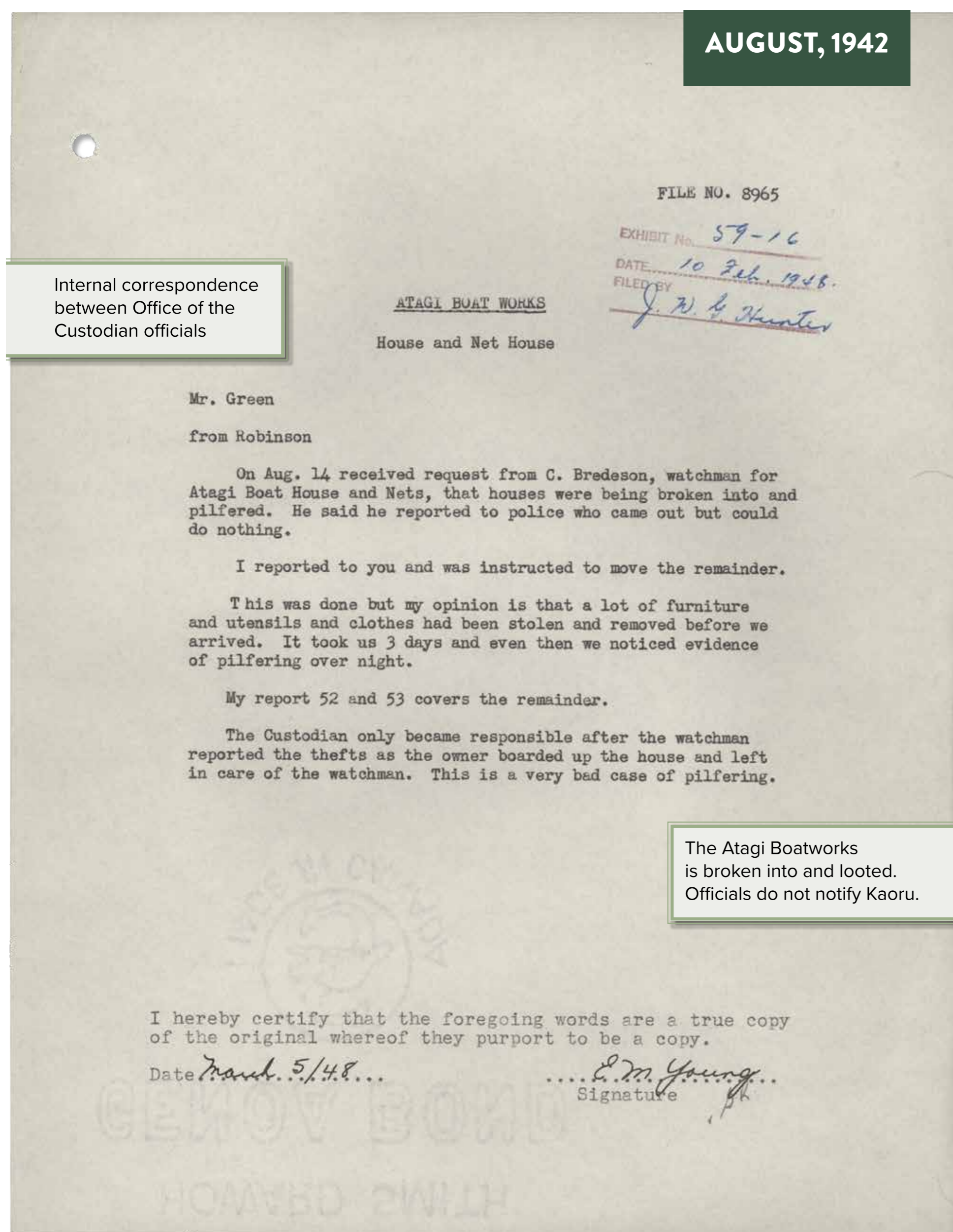
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ATAGI BOAT WORKS
 House and Net House

Internal correspondence
 between Office of the
 Custodian officials

Mr. Green
 from Robinson

On Aug. 14 received request from C. Bredeson, watchman for Atagi Boat House and Nets, that houses were being broken into and pilfered. He said he reported to police who came out but could do nothing.

I reported to you and was instructed to move the remainder.

This was done but my opinion is that a lot of furniture and utensils and clothes had been stolen and removed before we arrived. It took us 3 days and even then we noticed evidence of pilfering over night.

My report 52 and 53 covers the remainder.

The Custodian only became responsible after the watchman reported the thefts as the owner boarded up the house and left in care of the watchman. This is a very bad case of pilfering.

The Atagi Boatworks
 is broken into and looted.
 Officials do not notify Kaoru.

I hereby certify that the foregoing words are a true copy of the original whereof they purport to be a copy.

Date Maud. 5/48...

Signature E. M. Young

A watchman reports that the Atagi home in Steveston has been "broken into and pilfered"

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AYA SUZUKI

TOSHIYE HOSHIKO

USABURO OIKAWA

KANAO NARUSE

SHICHTARO ODAGAKI

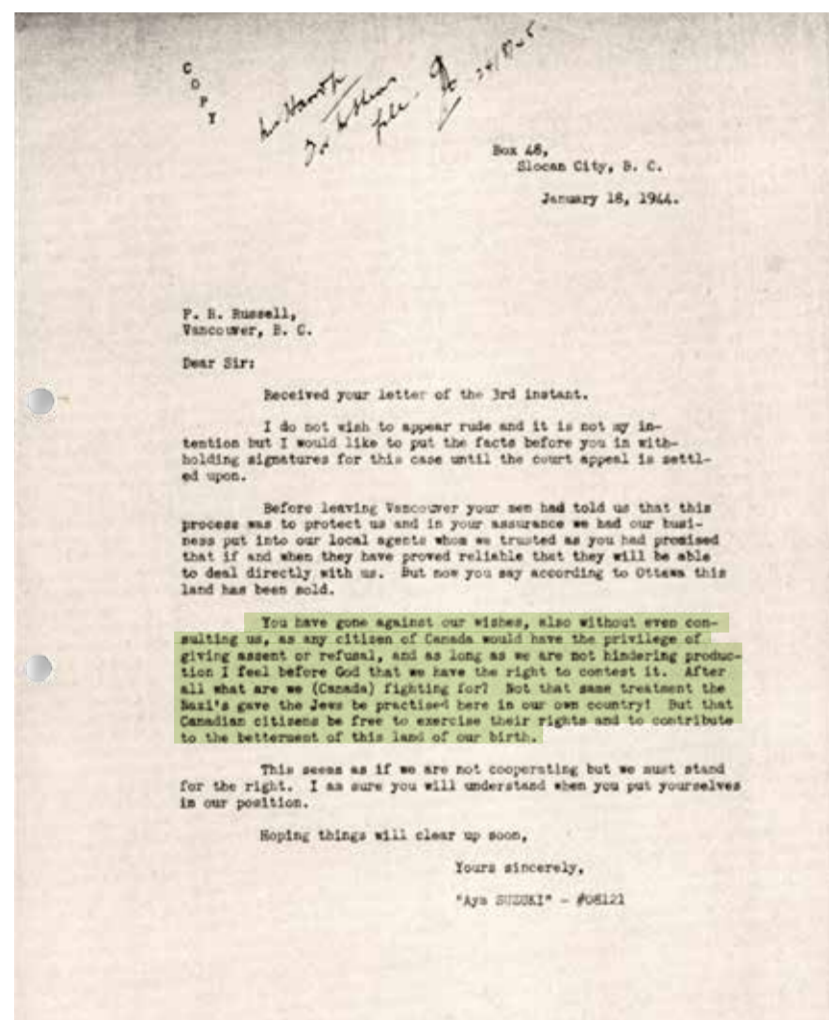
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Slovan City, C.-B.
18 janvier 1944

P.H. Russell
Vancouver, C.-B.

Monsieur,

J'accuse réception de votre lettre de troisième instance.

Je ne veux pas sembler impoli et ce n'est pas mon intention, mais je voudrais vous présenter les faits en ce qui a trait au retard des signatures pour ce cas jusqu'à ce que l'appel en cours soit réglé.

Avant de quitter Vancouver, vos hommes nous ont dit que ce processus était pour nous protéger et avec votre garantie, nous avons confié nos entreprises à nos agents locaux, en qui nous avons confiance, car vous aviez promis que si et quand ils s'avéreraient fiables, ils seraient en mesure de faire affaire directement avec nous. Mais, maintenant vous dites que, selon Ottawa, cette terre a été vendue.

Vous êtes allés à l'encontre de nos vœux et sans même nous consulter. Comme tout citoyen du Canada aurait eu droit de consentement ou de refus, et aussi longtemps que nous ne perturbons pas la production, je crois, devant Dieu, que nous avons le droit de contester. Après tout, pour quelle raison nous (Canada) battons-nous? Non pas que le même traitement que les nazis ont fait subir aux Juifs a été effectué ici dans notre propre pays, mais que les citoyens canadiens soient libres d'exercer leurs droits et de contribuer à l'amélioration de notre pays natal.

Cela peut sembler comme si nous ne voulons pas coopérer, mais nous devons défendre nos droits. Je suis certain que vous comprendriez si vous vous mettiez dans notre position.

J'espère que le tout sera réglé bientôt,

Veillez agréer mes salutations distinguées.

« Aya SUZUKI » - #08121

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