

Prepared for the Office of the President:

Re: Miyoshi Ikawa

1. On April 14/42 I was authorized to inform Mr. Ikawa (an American citizen of Japanese parentage) that he had been selected for a graduate research assistantship in Biochemistry. This authorization was based on a conference held April 13 with Messrs Noble Clark, H. L. Russell and E. B. Hart.

2. Mr. Ikawa reported for duty April 27. Prior to his departure from the California Institute of Technology, he had obtained on 4/21/42, official authorization from the office of the U. S. Provost Marshal, to travel from Pasadena, California to Madison, Wisconsin, and carried a travel permit directed to all Peace Officers and all other persons concerned, dated 4/23, certifying change of residence.

3. The research project to which Mr. Ikawa had been assigned was to be financed through the Graduate Research Committee. The official appointment was not put through per the original schedule. So on the 11th of May I conferred with Messrs Christensen and Clark on the question of having Mr. Ikawa work in the laboratories under my supervision while the official appointment was not yet effective. It was agreed that his could be done.

4. Mr. Ikawa's temporary deferment with Local Board No. 189, Los Angeles County, Pasadena, California (Class II-A), expired July 13, 1942. Since the University office on Occupational Deferment would not handle Mr. Ikawa's case, I took the matter up directly with the Los Angeles County Board. This was done after I had conferred with Messrs Christensen and Clark on the advisability of this approach.

5. On August 15/42 the Los Angeles County Board notified me

that Mr. Ikawa's deferment was renewed until 2/13/43, (Class II-A).

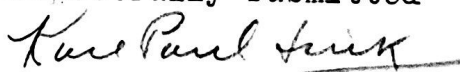
6. Mr. Ikawa came here from the California Institute of Technology with a splendid record and with strong testimonials from various members of the Chemistry and Biology departments of this institution. Since Mr. Ikawa has been here, he has shown extraordinary diligence and good applications of his talents as a chemist. He has, in fact, made splendid progress on the difficult problem to which he was assigned - a problem which is regarded as important by the administrators of the College of Agriculture and the Graduate Research Committee.

7. Mr. Ikawa is, in the opinion of myself and all of my laboratory associates, a loyal American citizen, and he is anxious to be of use to the country through his talents as a chemist.

8. On June 16/42 Mr. Ikawa received the enclosed letter from Dean Fred. In view of the fact that the only restriction placed on Mr. Ikawa by the Federal Authorities is that "he shall not enter into any part of Military Area No. 1 after his evacuation therefrom", it would appear to me that he should be permitted to enter the Graduate School and be appointed to the graduate research assistantship for which he had been engaged.

I personally, have interviewed several Federal offices in Chicago apropos the implications in Dean Freds letter "that they may be vouched for by some Federal Authority". On this point I have been informed that Mr. Ikawa has the full rights of any American citizen in the area which he has been permitted to enter by Federal Authority, and that we must recognize that fact.

Respectfully submitted


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Copy to Dean E.B.Fred
Dean Noble Clark
Prof. E.B.Hart
Dr. Russell

June 15, 1942

Mr. Miyoshi Ikawa
Madison
Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Ikawa:

The University of Wisconsin is working on the problem of the admission of students who are forced out of the coastal areas. Meanwhile we are saying to those who are applying for entrance that we must have certificates of character and good conduct as well as scholarship from the institutions from which they come and, second, that we must have some kind of official clearance from a Federal authority indicating that they are not subject to internment and that they are being vouched for by some Federal authority.

We have the record of your work at California Institute of Technology on file in this office. As soon as we have some official word from Washington, we shall get in touch with you.

Very sincerely yours

E. B. Fred
(Signed)

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