



Civil Rights Division

Office of Redress Administration

Verification Unit

P.O. Box 66740
Washington, D.C. 20035-6740

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Dear Recipient:

You have been identified by the Office of Redress Administration as potentially eligible for compensation of \$20,000. This preliminary determination has been made in accordance with Section 105 of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, 50 U.S.C. app. 1989b, which authorizes compensation to eligible persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated, relocated or interned during World War II. This correspondence is addressed to eligible individuals only. If the recipient is deceased, information should be submitted about the death and whereabouts of the heirs.

If you wish to receive this compensation, please follow the instructions below. **No payment will be issued until you have sent the materials listed below and Congress appropriates the necessary funding.** The purpose of this requirement is to verify your identity for payment. *It is not to determine eligibility.*

If you do not wish to receive this payment, follow the instructions on the back of this page.

If you wish to receive payment, follow these instructions so that your identity can be verified.

● Send these items if the boxes are checked:

- 1. Declaration of Eligibility. (Page 1 of attachment)
- 2. A recent document with both your name and address on it. (Instructions, page 3 of attachment)
- 3. Proof of birth. (Instructions, page 3 of attachment)

● Place these documents in the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail. You do not need to put stamps on the envelope.

■ After ORA has reviewed the materials that you send back, we will send you the following:

→ A letter if the review is complete.

or

→ A letter if we need more information.

■ Once funding is available, we will notify you that you have been certified for payment. You will receive your payment in the form of a United States Treasury check for \$20,000. By law, acceptance of this payment will be in full satisfaction of all claims against the United States arising out of the evacuation, relocation or internment.

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If you refuse payment.

1. Write a letter stating that you do not want to receive payment.
2. Place your letter in the enclosed envelope and drop it in the mail. You do not need to put stamps on the envelope.
3. Your written refusal will be considered final, for both you and your heirs, upon receipt by ORA.
4. If we do not receive this letter within eighteen months after the date of this letter, we will assume that you will accept payment.

Confused and need assistance? Call the ORA Help Line toll free, at 1-800-395-4672 (Voice) or 1-800-727-1886 (TDD), Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 5:30 pm east coast time. ORA can be reached locally at (202) 653-8360 (Voice) or (202) 786-5986 (TDD).

You should know that submitting a false statement or fraudulent documents is a federal crime punishable by fine or imprisonment.

Lastly, in order for us to expeditiously process all of the necessary paperwork for potential recipients, please assist ORA in finalizing your verification by promptly returning your documents in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Bratt
Administrator for Redress

Send these items if the boxes are checked:

- 1. Declaration of Eligibility. (Page 1 of Attachment)
- 2. A recent document showing your current address on it. (Instructions, page 3 of Attachment)
- 3. Proof of birth. (Instructions, page 2 of Attachment)

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#2 A DOCUMENT WITH BOTH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON IT.

Submit a recent printed document (two years or less) with both your name and address on it. Send an original you don't want back or a photocopy that is either notarized or write the statement which appears at the bottom of this page. Some examples of acceptable documents are:

- A recent bank statement.
- A recent utility bill, such as electric, telephone, or cable television.
- A recent rent or mortgage payment receipt.
- A recent credit card bill.
- A statement from the administrator of the convalescent home where you reside.
- If you do not have any of these, you may send statements from at least two people who know your current address. The last sentence of the statement should include the following: **"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."** Then sign the statement and write today's date.

#3 PROOF OF BIRTH.

Here are some examples of acceptable documentation for proof of birth. Other documentation might be acceptable as well.

- A photocopy of your birth certificate that is either notarized or signed with the statement which appears at the bottom of the page.
- A religious record, signed by the person responsible for maintaining those records.
- A hospital birth record, signed by the person responsible for maintaining those records.
- If you do not have any of these, you may send statements from at least two people who know your birth date. The last sentence of the statement should include the following: **"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."** Then sign the statement and write today's date.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, ALL PHOTOCOPIES MUST BE

notarized

or

include the following statement on the copy:

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document."

_____ Sign and write today's date

Don't forget, the Hotline can answer your questions (1-800-395-4672).