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United States Department of State  
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Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise me as to whether a claim may be filed by a former Japanese War Prisoner against the Japanese Government for labor performed in mines owned by Japanese Industrialists during the period of imprisonment? If such claim is valid, will you also advise me as to whether it may be filed through the State Department?

Any information which you can send me on the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*  
 ROGER SANS

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My dear Mr. Sans:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of February 18, 1946, in which you inquire whether a claim may be filed with this Department by a former Japanese war prisoner against the Japanese Government for labor performed in mines owned by Japanese industrialists during the period of imprisonment.

While the Department is not yet in a position to indicate what procedure will be adopted in dealing with claims against Japan, or what classes of claims may be entitled to share in any funds which might become available for the settlement thereof, it is suggesting to individuals who were American citizens at the time of the occurrence of acts giving rise to claims, and who desire to file such claims with this Department for possible future consideration, that they be prepared in the form of an affidavit setting out in narrative, chronological form all essential facts upon which the claim is based and the amount of damages for which claim is made. It is important that the allegations of claimants be corroborated as fully as possible by affidavits of other persons having knowledge of the facts and by any additional documentary evidence of a persuasive nature that may be available. The affidavit of claim as well as the supporting evidence should be filed in duplicate.

As of possible assistance in the preparation of a claim of the character to which you refer, there is enclosed herewith a memorandum prepared by the Department with reference to claims based upon personal injury and loss of life. While not specifically applicable to claims

for

Mr. Roger Sans,  
Care of Neal Chalmers,  
Porter Building,  
Woodland, California.

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for labor performed by prisoners of war, this memorandum contains certain suggestions applicable to all classes of international claims, such for example, those bearing upon the character of evidence required to establish American citizenship, the facts and circumstances giving rise to the claim, extent of damages, etc.

Claims on behalf of former members of the armed forces of the United States should of course include evidence of an official nature showing their status as members of such forces and complete details with reference to the time, place and circumstances of their capture, release, etc.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

Benedict M. English  
Assistant to the  
Legal Adviser

Enclosure:

Memorandum,  
January 5, 1946.

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Attention: Benedict M. English  
Assistant to the Legal Adviser

Re: Le 711.94114 Pay-L  
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Dear Mr. English:

Enclosed is the affidavit of claim relative to the above subject of M/ Sergeant Francis E. Bell, A.S.N. 38011898, P. O. Box 114, Woodland, California, as well as supporting affidavits. These affidavits were prepared as suggested by your letter of March 8, 1946.

Any other information which you may require will be sent to you upon request.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*  
ROGER SANS

Encl.

RS:bw

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, )  
CITY OF WOODLAND, ) ss.  
COUNTY OF YOLO. )

FRANCIS E. BELL, A. S. N. 38011898, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says:

I was inducted into the United States Army on March 15, 1941, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and sent to Ft. Bliss, Texas, where I was assigned to Battery "C" of the 200th C. A. (A. A.). We were trained there in antiaircraft warfare until we sailed from San Francisco, California, on the night of August 28, 1941. We arrived in Manila, P. I., on the 17th day of September, 1941. We were undergoing further training there when Japanese aircraft bombed Clark Field, adjacent to Ft. Stotsenberg. The regiment was immediately divided into two equal parts, and I was assigned to the newly formed 515th C. A. (A. A.) regiment. Then followed our campaign on Bataan Peninsula, and our forces were surrendered there on the morning of April 10, 1942. The surrender order was given by General George King on orders from his superior, General J. Wainwright. I was then placed (upon the completion of the march from Bataan) in the Japanese Prison Camp No. 1 at Camp O'Donnell, Luzon, P. I. We, who were able, performed manual labor there for which we received no pay. On the 2nd day of June, 1942, I was transferred to Camp Cabanatuan with several thousand other war prisoners and forced to do manual labor until July 23, 1943, for which I received no pay. On this date a five hundred man work detail, of which I was one, was sent to Japan on a light Japanese transport under vile, crowded conditions and a starvation diet. We arrived on the 10th day of August, 1943, and aside from five days training were immediately put to work in the

Mitsui Coal Mine near the City of Omuta, on the island of Kyushu. This mine was highly hazardous to life and limb because of the poor knowledge of mining of the Japanese. Aside from forty days that I was in the Camp hospital due to injuries received in said mine, and three holidays which we were granted each month to rest, I worked every day. This work ended on the 15th day of August, 1945, when the Japanese government surrendered.

For the work done in the Philippines I received no pay. For the work in the mine in Japan (and only those days worked), I received fifteen sen daily because of my rank as Staff Sergeant.

As I understand, the lowest daily wage of Philippine laborers at that time was approximately three pesos or \$1.50 in American coin. The lowest daily wage of Japanese laborers in the Mitsui Mine was six yen daily. The value of the Japanese yen fluctuated, but its value was approximately forty cents at that time.

According to the above figures, I have \$1.50 daily due me for twenty-six days monthly from April 10, 1942, to July 23, 1943. This makes a total of fourteen months and thirteen days or four hundred thirty-three days. Subtracting fifty-seven days for holidays granted, the total is three hundred seventy-six days; three hundred seventy-six days at \$1.50 a day equals \$564.00 I have due for work in the Philippines.

From August 10, 1943, to August 15, 1945, the time spent in the Mitsui Coal Mine, is a total of twenty-four months and five days or seven hundred twenty-five days. Seventy-two days for holidays granted plus forty days off for injuries makes a total of one hundred twelve days I did not work. Subtracting the

one hundred twelve days not worked leaves a total of six hundred thirteen days at \$2.40 a day (or six yen), less the fifteen sen, or in round figures five cents which we were paid. Six hundred thirteen days at \$2.35 a day makes a total of \$1,440.55. This sum, plus \$564.00 for work in the Philippines makes a total of \$2,004.55 I have due me.

I hereby file claim against the Japanese government and The Mitsui Mining Company of Japan for the sum of \$2,004.55.

Proof that I was interned as a prisoner of war by the Empire of Japan as stated above may be confirmed by consulting my records in the War Department, United States Army, or records kept by the Japanese Government and the Mitsui Mining Company of Japan.

Witnesses who will swear I was interned in the Philippine Islands and worked as stated above are as follows:

Major Turner, Battery "D", 515th C.A. (A.A.) U. S. Army  
Home address - Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Major Cash Scarde, H.Q. Co., 515th C.A. (A.A.)  
Home address - Roswell, New Mexico.

Major Gerald Greeman, H.Q. Co., 515th C.A. (A.A.)  
Home address - Deming, New Mexico.

Witnesses who will swear I was interned in Japan and worked in the Mitsui Mine as stated above are as follows:

Lt. Col. Robert Schott, U.S. Medical Corps (Dental)  
United States Army, (see attached affidavit)  
Home address - Letterman General Hospital

S/Sgt. Gavino Rivera A.S.N. 20843156, (see attached affidavit)  
Home address - Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Corporal Owen R. Lee, A.S.N. 19044323, (see attached affidavit)  
Home address - Los Angeles, California.



Sergeant Jesus M. Silva, A.S.N. 20843162, (see attached affidavit)

Home address - Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Corporal Richard B. Cordova, Jr., A.S.N. 18048983, (see attached affidavit)

Home address - San Antonio, Texas.

Major Achille Tisdelle, Aide de Camp to General George King, Corregedor, P. I.

Home address - Chicago, Illinois.

M/Sgt. Jock C. Wheeler (org. unknown)

Home address - San Francisco, California.

The Army personnel named in the preceding paragraph were interned in the same prison camps as myself.

Francis E. Bell

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 11th day of July, 1946.

Roger P. Sans  
Notary Public in and for the County

of Yolo, State of California.

*My Commission expires May 21, 1951*

STATE OF CALIFORNIA        )  
                                  )        ss.  
CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO    )

Lieutenant Colonel ROBERT W. SCHOTT, A.S.N. 0329774,  
being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That I was a prisoner of War of the Japanese government  
in the Philippine Islands and was sent to the Mitsui Mine Camp,  
Fukuoka #17 at Omuta, Island of Kyushu, Japan.

That I, Lieutenant Colonel Schott arrived at this camp  
on March 24, 1944, and was appointed American Camp Commander on  
25 April 1945               , and served in that capacity until our liberation.

That from March 24, 1944, I was a witness to the fact  
that M/Sergeant Francis E. Bell, A.S.N. 38011898, was forced to  
do manual labor in said mine camp until the surrender of the  
Japanese government on August 15, 1945.

Robert W. Schott

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8<sup>th</sup> day of ~~May~~ <sup>July</sup>, 1946.

Charles W. Mottrey  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of                       , State of

Notary Public in and for the City and County  
of San Francisco, State of California  
My Commission Expires December 20, 1946.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO. )  
                                  )     ss.  
CITY OF SANTA FE         )

S/Sgt. GAVINO RIVERA, A. S. N. 20843156, being duly sworn,  
deposes and says:

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That on July 23, 1943, we were sent to Japan on a five hundred man coal mining detail and we, including M/Sergeant Bell, were forced to work in the Mitsui Mine at Omuta Island of Kyushu, Japan, from August 10, 1943, to August 15, 1945.

S/Sgt Gavino Rivera

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 22 day of May 1946.

Dolores Sena

Notary Public in and for the County  
of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico

My Commission expires November 10, 1948

STATE OF CALIFORNIA                    )  
   )  
 CITY OF Los Angeles                    )    ss.

Corporal OWEN R. LEE, A.S.N. 19044323, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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Corporal Owen R Lee  
 ASN 19044323

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 16th day of May, 1946.

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B.W. Tuttle  
 Notary Public in and for the County  
 of Los Angeles, State of California

My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1950

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,        )  
                                   )       ss.  
 CITY OF SANTA FE.         )

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*Jesus M. Silva*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this *20th* day of May, 1946.

*Salvador Seva*

Notary Public in and for the County  
 of *Santa Fe*, State of *New Mexico*

My Commission expires November 10, 1948

STATE OF TEXAS, )  
 )  
CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. ) ss.

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Richard B Cordova Jr  
Cpl. 18048983,  
417 Furnish Ave,  
San Antonio, Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18th day of May, 1946.

Sandra Roland  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Bexar , State of Texas  
SANDRA ROLAND, Notary Public,  
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Francis E. Bell.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
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Roger P. Lano  
Notary Public in and for the County  
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*my commission expires May 21, 1951.*

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CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO )

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ROBERT W. SCHOTT

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 8th day of July, 1946.

CHARLES W. SLATTERY  
Notary Public in and for the City and County  
of San Francisco, State of California.  
My commission Expires December 29, 1946.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO. )  
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*S/Sgt Gavino Rivera*

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 22 day of May 1946.

*Dolores Sena*

Notary Public in and for the County  
of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico

My Commission expires November 10, 1948

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
CITY OF Los Angeles ) ss.

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ASN 19044323

1336 W 51st St Los Angeles Calif

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 16th day of May, 1946.

B.W. Little  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Los Angeles, State of California

My Commission Expires Jan. 13, 1950

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Jesus M. Silva

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Dolores Silva  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico

My Commission expires November 10, 1948

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO. ) ss.

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Richard B Cordova Jr  
Cpl. 18048983,  
417 Linnish Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas.

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Sandra Roland  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Bexar, State of Texas  
SANDRA ROLAND, Notary Public,  
in and for Bexar County, Texas

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In reply refer to  
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My dear Mr. Sans:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 13, 1946 and of the accompanying documents in duplicate, in further regard to a claim of Francis E. Bell against the Government of Japan with reference to labor performed as a prisoner of war.

It is believed that you may desire to consider more fully the suggestions contained in the memorandum sent to you under date of March 8, 1946, with reference to the character of evidence required to support claims of this kind. Particular attention is called to the nature of evidence to be submitted to establish the American citizenship of claimants.

While the affidavits enclosed with your letter of July 13 confirm the fact of Sergeant Bell's imprisonment they are, with the exception of that of Sergeant Bell, silent with reference to the matter of compensation received for labor performed during such period.

It would be desirable that Sergeant Bell communicate with the office of the Adjutant General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D. C. supplying such information as necessary for his identification, and requesting

that office

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Porter Building,  
Woodland, California.

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that office to furnish this Department a record of his military service during the war, together with any available official information concerning the subject matter of his claim. This Department does not have facilities for undertaking the collection of evidence necessary to support the large number of claims presented to it for consideration. That is an obligation which must be assumed by claimants or their representatives.

It is noted that you have not filed with the Department a power of attorney to represent the claimant in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

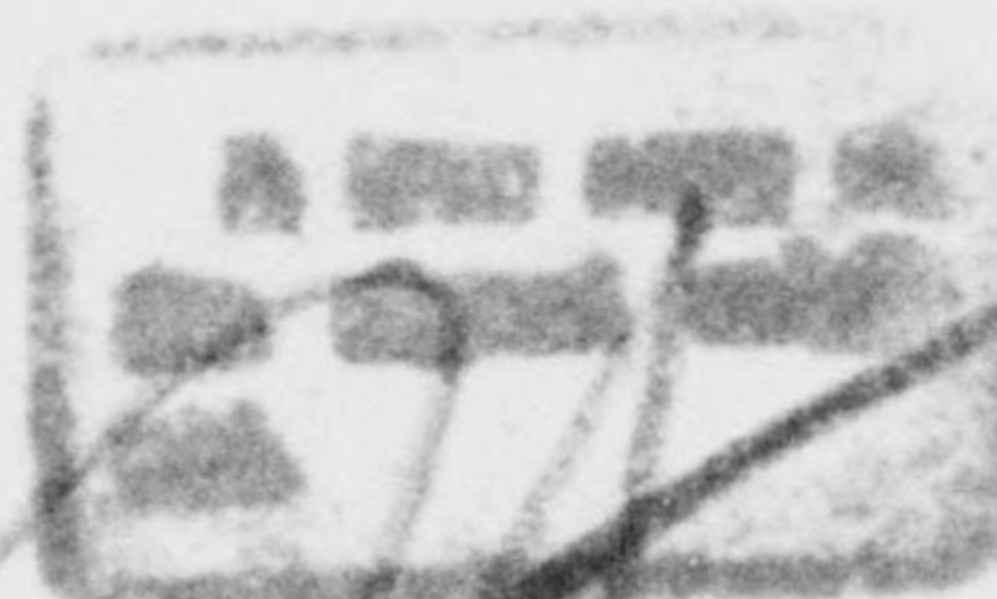
For the Secretary of State:

Benedict M. English  
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Legal Adviser

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September 12, 1946

Secretary of State  
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Washington 25, D; C.

Attention: Benedict M. English,  
Assistant to the Legal Adviser

Re: Le 711.94114 Pay-L  
/7-1346

LEGAL ADVISER  
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Dear Mr. English:

In reference to the above subject, on July 24, 1946, you advised us that the Department of State requires Sergeant Bell's military record and that it is his responsibility to request the War Department to furnish you with his record. Sergeant Bell thereupon requested such information but was advised that any information desired by the State Department would be supplied only upon receipt of a direct request from that department. Enclosed is a copy of the reply from the War Department. Under the circumstances, will you kindly advise us as to whether or not your department will request the War Department to supply the needed information.

Enclosed is a certified copy of Sergeant Bell's birth certificate, establishing the fact that he is a citizen of the United States. Also enclosed is a Power of Attorney authorizing me to represent Sergeant Bell in his claim against the Japanese Government.

In your letter of July 24th you stated that it was desirable that the affidavits which we sent to you on July 13th contain a statement as to rate of compensation received for labor performed. The affiants will accordingly prepare new affidavits, and upon the receipt of them we shall forward them to your Department.

Ind. *MS*  
Dev. *MS*  
Cct. *MS*  
Dist.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*  
ROGER SANS

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
Records Administration Center  
4300 Goodfellow Boulevard  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

In Reply  
Refer To:  
AGRS-DC 201 Bell, Francis E.  
(2 Aug 46)

4 September 1946

Mr. Francis E. Bell  
P. O. Box 114  
Woodland, California

Dear Mr. Bell:

I refer to your letter of 2 August, requesting that certain information from your military records be furnished to the State Department.

Any information desired by the State Department will be supplied upon receipt of a direct request from that organization.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES D. CARLE  
Colonel, AGD  
Commanding

COPY

This is to certify that, if bearing prenumbered stamp and seal of the California State Department of Public Health, this is a true copy of an original certificate on file in this office.

State Registrar of Vital Statistics  
Sacramento, California  
dated August 23, 1946

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CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**B-400** PLACE OF BIRTH  
**K-523**

**CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS 237 6  
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH State Index No. 6  
Local Registered No. 6

County of Fresno  
Town of  
City of Fresno  
(No. St. Ward)

Full Name of Child  
Date of birth Dec 30 1908  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

SEX OF CHILD	SON	COLOR OR RACE OF CHILD	White	Twin, Triplet, or other?	1	Number in order of birth?		Legitimate?	yes
Full Name	FATHER E. N. Bell		MOTHER Manny B. Knight						
Residence	Chetnut corner near Tulen ave								
Color or Race	White	Age at last Birthday	32	Color or race	White	Age at last Birthday	26		
Birthplace	Cal (State or Country)		Cal						
Occupation	Farmer		Housewife						
Number of child of this mother		1		Number of children of this mother now living					

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE  
hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on Dec 30 1908 at Fresno  
(Signature) G. L. Long  
(Physician or Midwife)

When there was no attending physician or midwife, then the father, husband, etc., should make this return.  
Given name added from a supplemental report 1908

Address  
Fresno 28, 1908  
Registrar: P. M. Barton

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**AFFIDAVIT TO CORRECT A RECORD** District 237-6 Registrar's No. 237-6

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Date { Birth Dec 30, 1908  
Death \_\_\_\_\_  
Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

3. Place Fresno Fresno 4. Date Filed Jan 23, 1909  
County City

5. The following facts are incorrectly stated on original record

ITEM NO.	1	DATE	Dec 30, 1909
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6. The facts should be stated as follows to be correct

ITEM NO.	1	CHILD	Francis Edwin Bell
DATE		DATE	December 30, 1908

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } I, the affiant, related as Self to the  
COUNTY OF Yolo } ss. person named on line one of this document, do solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge such corrections, as shown, are necessary to make this record correct.

[SEAL] Affiant's signature Francis E. Bell  
Affiant's address P. O. Box 114 Woodland, Calif.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August, 1946  
Notary Public in and for the County of Yolo State of California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA } I, the affiant, related as wife to the  
COUNTY OF Yolo } ss. person named on line one of this document, do solemnly swear that to the best of my knowledge such corrections, as shown, are necessary to make this record correct.

[SEAL] Affiant's signature Jacqueline A. Bell  
Affiant's address P. O. Box 114 Woodland, Calif.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August, 1946  
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATION FEE PAID . . . \$1.00 136481 CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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State Registrar of Vital Statistics Sacramento, California Dated: August 23, 1908

Form with fields for child name (E.M. Bell), date of birth (Dec 30, 1908), sex (Son), race (White), and parental information. Includes handwritten notes and signatures.

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State Registrar of Vital Statistics Sacramento, California Dated: August 23, 1908

Form titled 'AFFIDAVIT TO CORRECT A RECORD' with fields for name (Freemo), date of birth (Dec 30, 1909), and date filed (Jan 23, 1909). Includes signatures and official stamps.

1 KNOW ALL MEN, that I, Francis E. Bell, residing in  
2 the City of Woodland, State of California, do hereby constitute  
3 and appoint Roger Sans of the City of Woodland, State of California  
4 my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name, place and stead,

5 1. To file a claim against the Government of Japan  
6 for labor performed by me as a Japanese Prisoner of War.

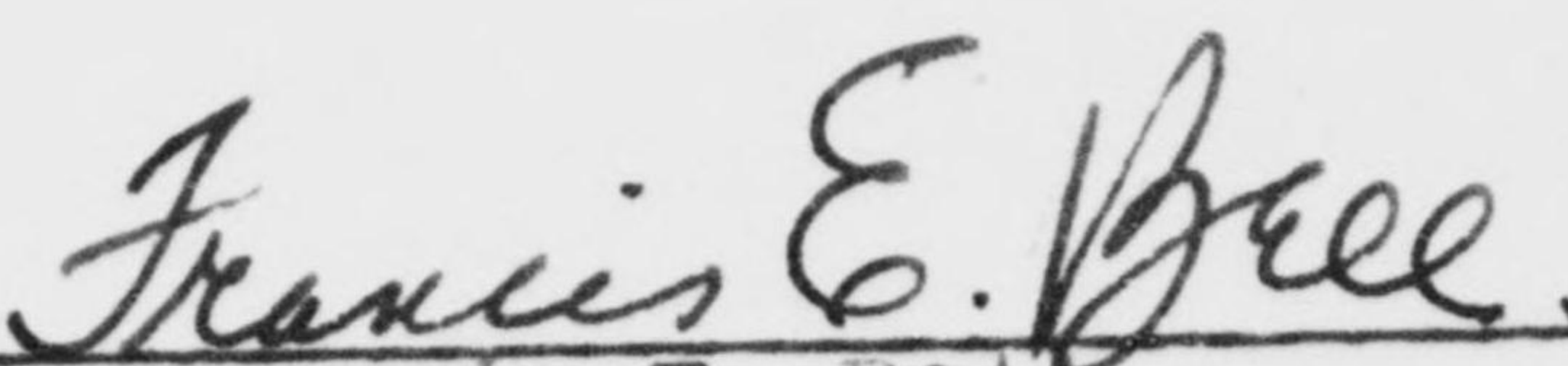
7 2. To file any proof required as to the establishment  
8 of the said claim.

9 3. To ask, sue for, collect and receive any and all  
10 monies, interest and demands whatsoever now due or that may  
11 hereafter be due, to me from the Japanese Government for said  
12 labor performed by me as a Japanese Prisoner of War.

13 4. Generally, to do, execute and perform any other  
14 act, matter or thing whatsoever that ought to be done, executed  
15 or performed in and about the execution of this power of attorney  
16 and in and about the exercise of any of the rights, powers and  
17 privileges herein granted to my said attorney, as fully and  
18 effectually as I, the said Francis E. Bell, could do if personally  
19 present.

20 And I, the said Francis E. Bell, do hereby ratify and  
21 confirm all that my said attorney shall do, or cause to be done,  
22 by virtue hereof.

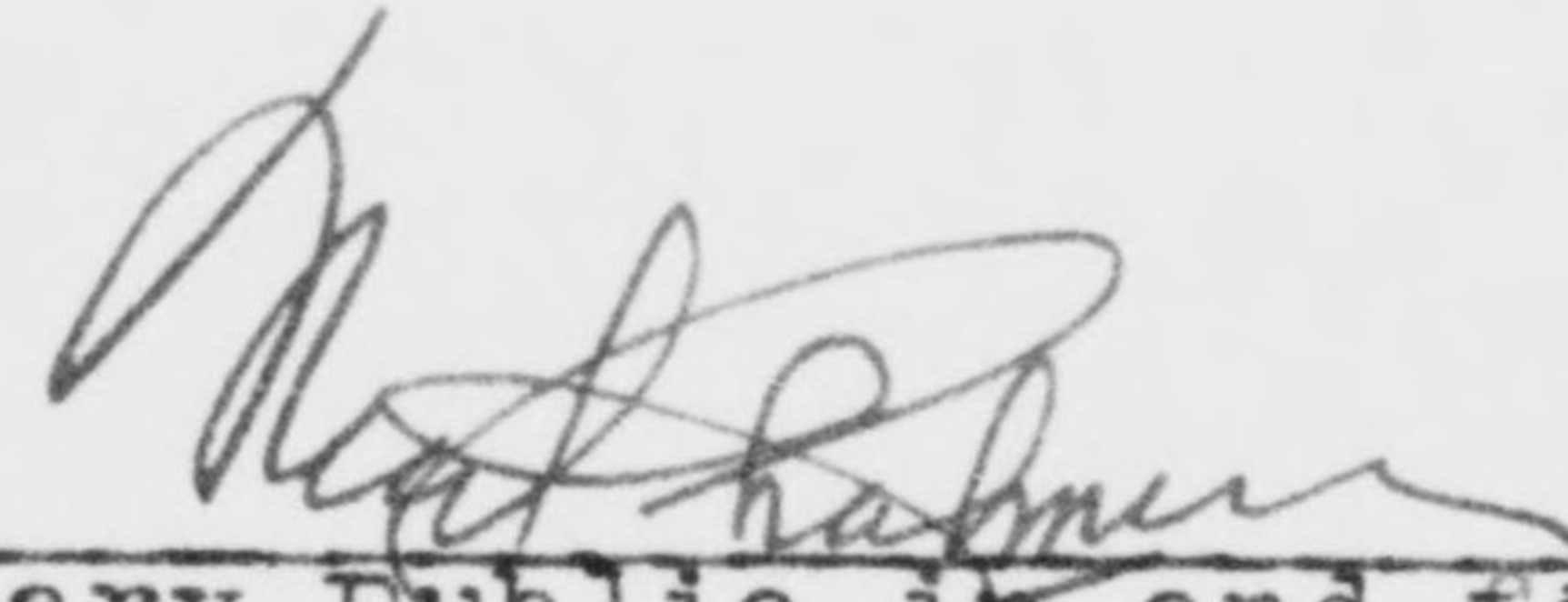
23 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal  
24 in the City of Woodland, State of California, on this 1st day of  
25 August, 1946.

26   
27 Francis E. Bell

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF YOLO ) SS.

3 On this 7th day of August, 1946, before me, NEAL  
4 CHALMERS, a Notary Public in and for the said County of Yolo,  
5 State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and  
6 sworn, personally appeared FRANCIS E. BELL, known to me to be  
7 the person described in and whose name is subscribed to the  
8 foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed  
9 the same.

10 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
11 and affixed my official seal in said County of Yolo, the day  
12 and year first above written.

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16 Notary Public in and for the County  
17 of Yolo, State of California.

18 My commission expires Sept 4, 1948  
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In reply refer to  
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My dear Mr. Sans:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 12, 1946, and of the accompanying enclosures, in further relation to the claim of Francis E. Bell against the Government of Japan.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a press release, dated August 16, 1946, concerning the subject of claims of former members of the armed forces of the United States, as well as of civilian internees, against enemy countries, arising out of their internment during the war. It is expected that a procedure will shortly be formulated for the processing of this class of claims by the Departments concerned whereby the information indicated in your letter of September 12 can be made available to this Department.

Sincerely yours,

M. P. Shaner  
Assistant to the  
Legal Adviser

Enclosure:  
Press Release,  
August 16, 1946.

Mr. Roger Sans,  
Chalmers, Eddy, Cowing & Sans,  
Porter Building, Suite 327,  
Woodland, California.

A true copy of  
the signed origi-  
nal.

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NEAL CHALMERS  
ARTHUR B. EDDY  
RALPH H. COWING  
ROGER SANS

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Attention: Benedict M. English,  
Assistant to the Legal Adviser

Re: Le 711.94114 Pay-L  
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Dear Mr. English:

Enclosed are affidavits pertaining  
to the above matter.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*

ROGER SANS

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO. )  
 ) ss.  
 CITY OF SANTA FE. )

S/Sergeant GAVINO RIVERA, A.S.N. 20843156, being duly sworn deposes and says:

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That on July 23, 1943, they were sent to Japan on a five hundred man coal mining detail; that they, including M/Sergeant Bell, were forced to perform labor in the Mitsui Coal Mine at Omuta Island of Kyushu, Japan, from August 10, 1943 to August 15, 1945; that the daily wage rate for a Private in the United States Army was Ten (10) Sen, and the daily wage rate for a Non-Commissioned Officer was Fifteen (15) Sen; that M/Sergeant Francis E. Bell received the daily wage of Fifteen (15) Sen as a Non-Commissioned Officer while working in the said Mitsui Coal Mine.

*S/Sgt. Gavino Rivera*  
 S/Sergeant Gavino Rivera

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
 this 18 day of ~~August~~, 1946.  
*September*

*[Signature]*  
 Notary Public in and for the County  
 of Santa Fe, State of New Mexico.

My Commission Expires July 3, 19 *40*

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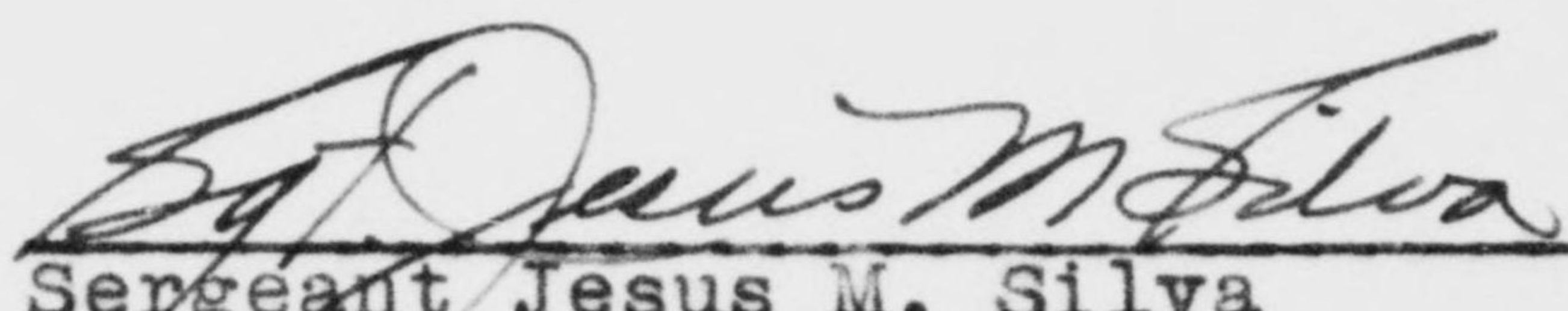
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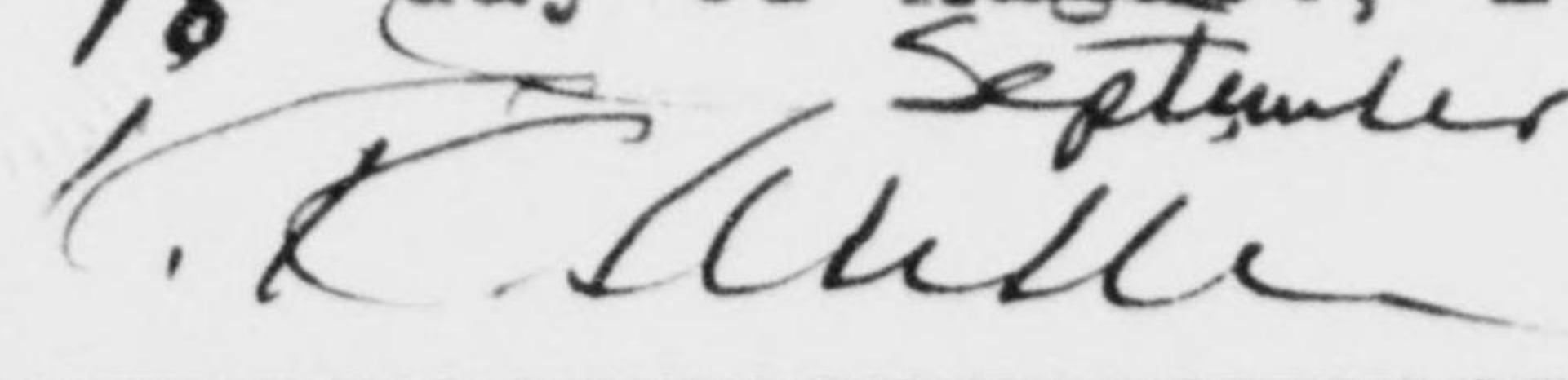
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 Sergeant Jesus M. Silva

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
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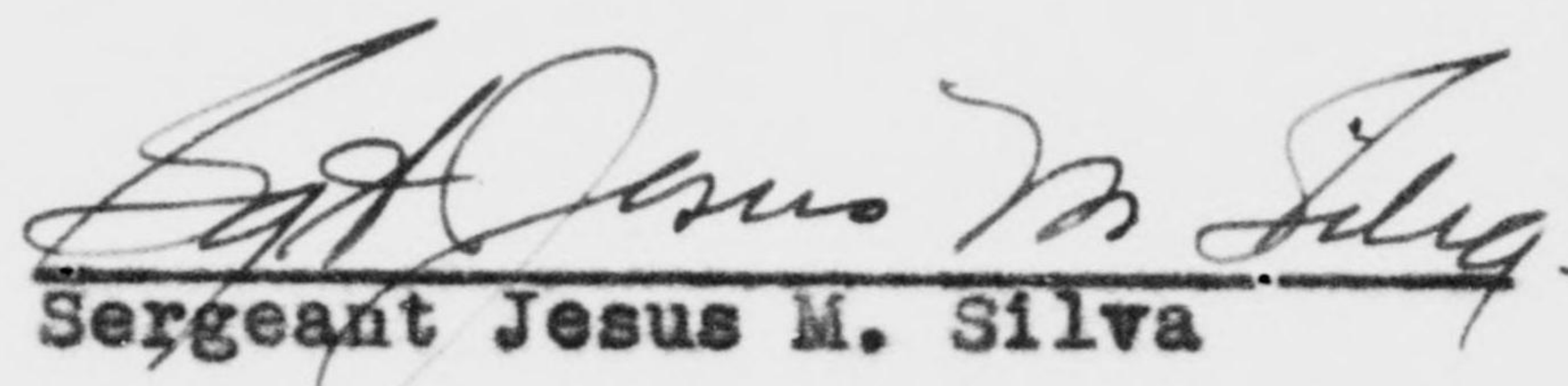
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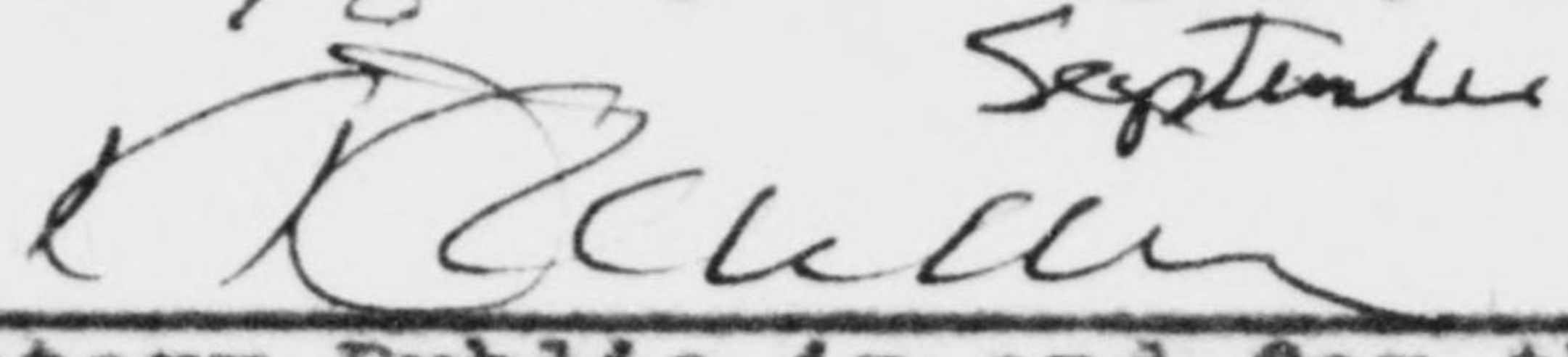
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
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*September*  
  
 Notary Public in and for the County  
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My Commission Expires July 3, 1945

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES   )

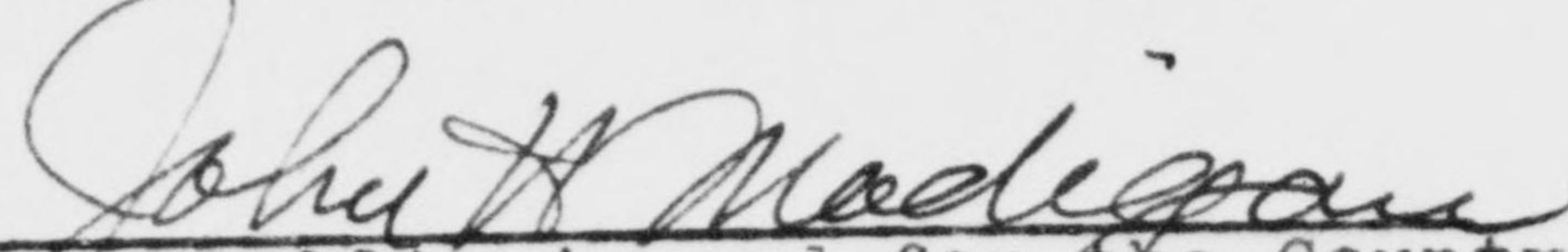
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Corporal Owen R. Lee

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 1946.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Los Angeles, State of California.

My Commission Expires Feb. 15, 1949

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Owen R. Lee  
Corporal Owen R. Lee

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
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John H. Madigan  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Los Angeles, State of California.

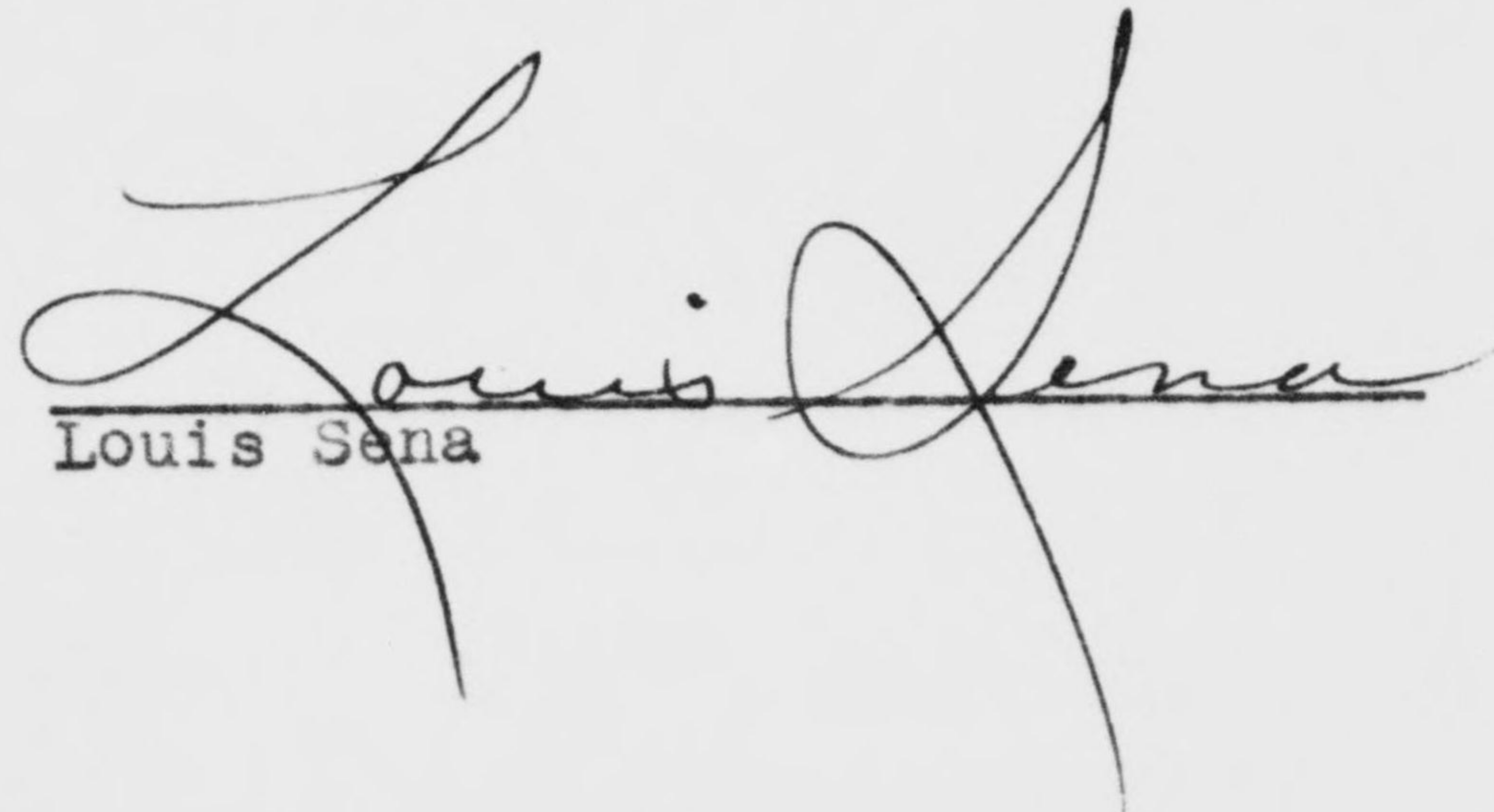
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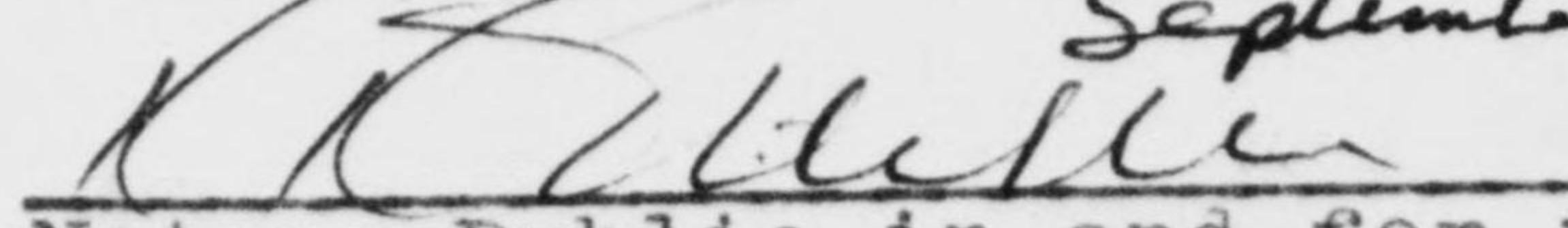
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 Louis Sena

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 Notary Public in and for the County  
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My Commission Expires July 3, 1952

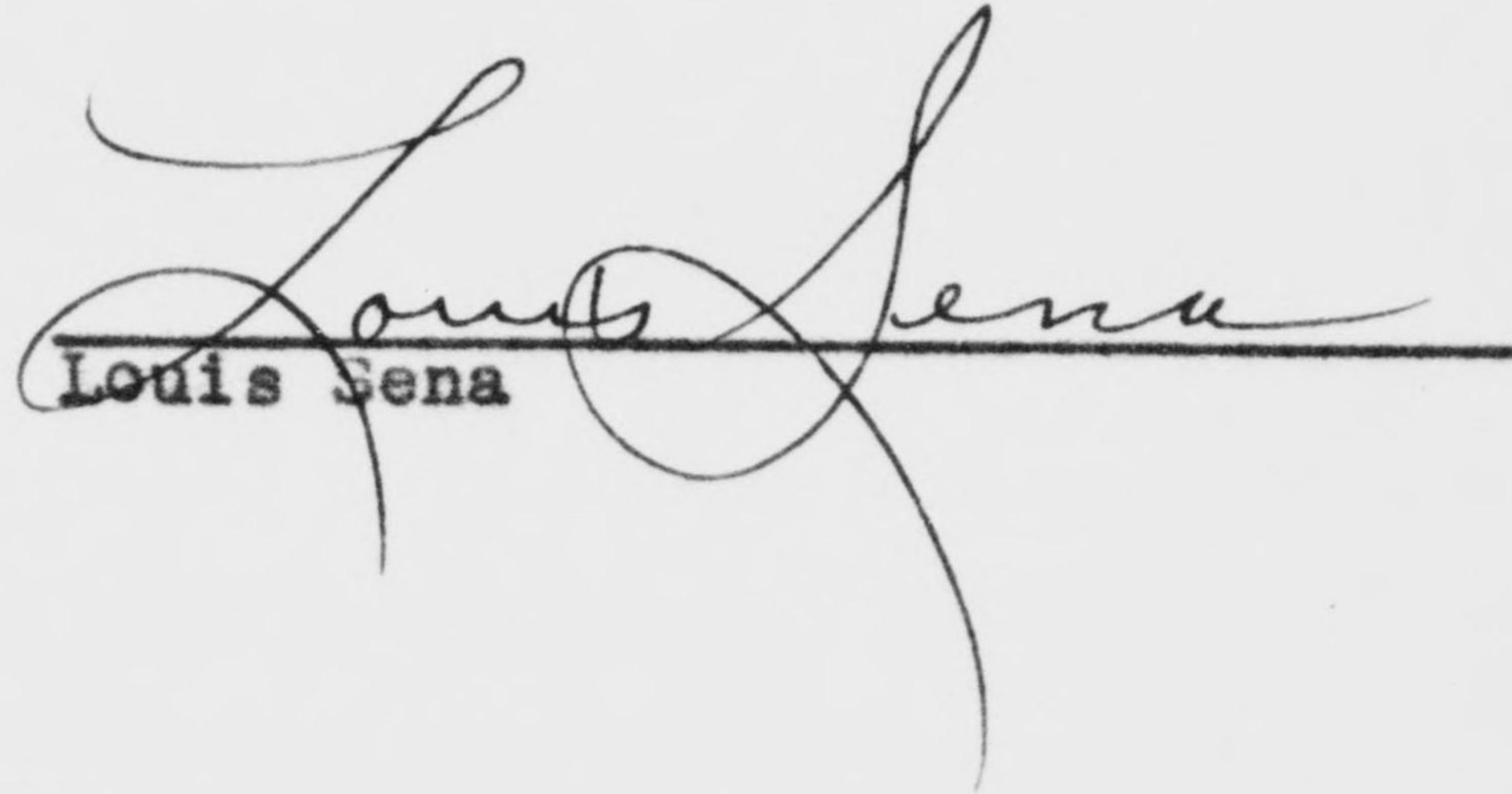


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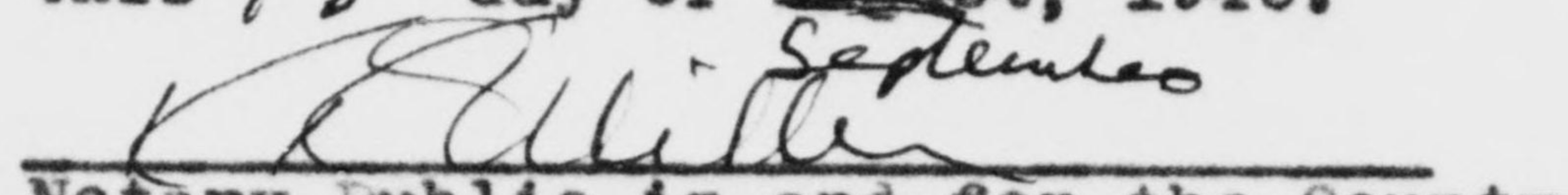
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My dear Mr. Sans:

The receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 25, 1946, and of the accompanying affidavits in duplicate, in support of a claim on behalf of Francis E. Bell against the Government of Japan arising out of his detention as a prisoner of war.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

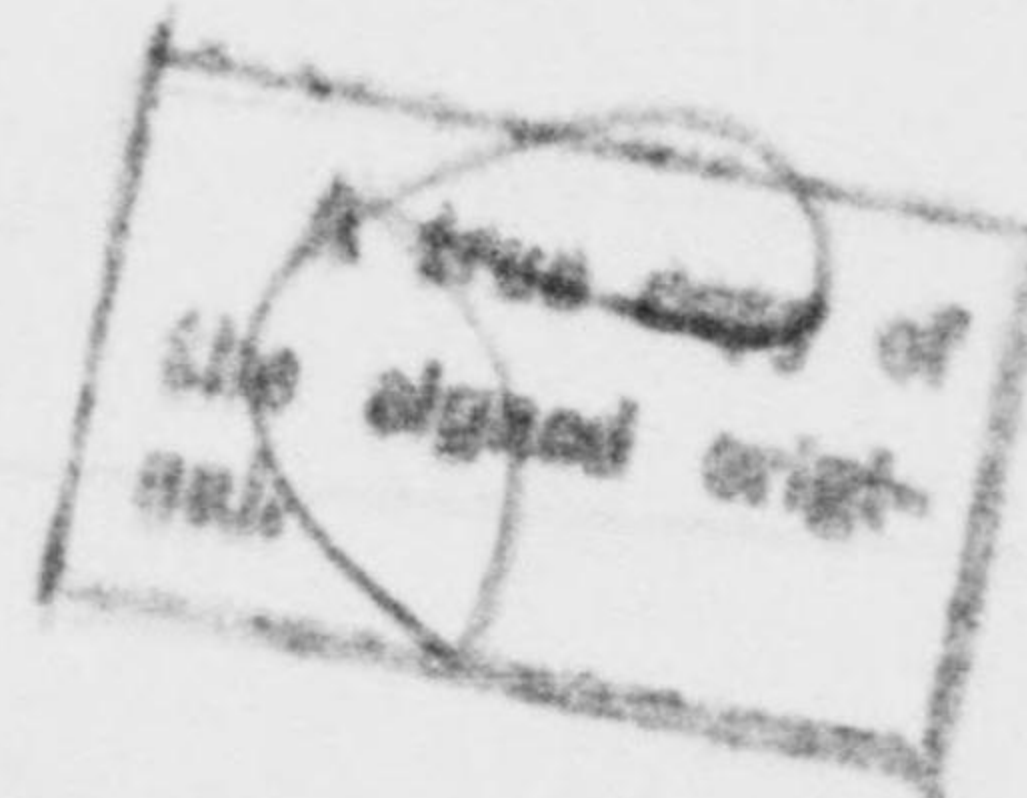
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Gentlemen:

In 1946 we filed a claim on behalf of Francis E. Bell against the Government of Japan arising out of his detention as a prisoner of war. On October 31, 1946 we received an acknowledgement from you to the effect that you had received the affidavits that you had requested in the matter. However, to date we have received no further word from you. We would appreciate it if you would advise us as to the status of the claim at this time.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*  
ROGER SANS

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My dear Mr. Sans:

The Department has received your letter of June 19, 1948, with regard to the claim of Francis E. Bell against Japan arising out of his detention as a prisoner of war.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of the War Claims Act of 1948, which was approved by the President on July 3, 1948, together with a copy of the statement issued by the President on that date. Your attention is directed to Sections 6 and 8 of the Act.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

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Assistant Legal Adviser

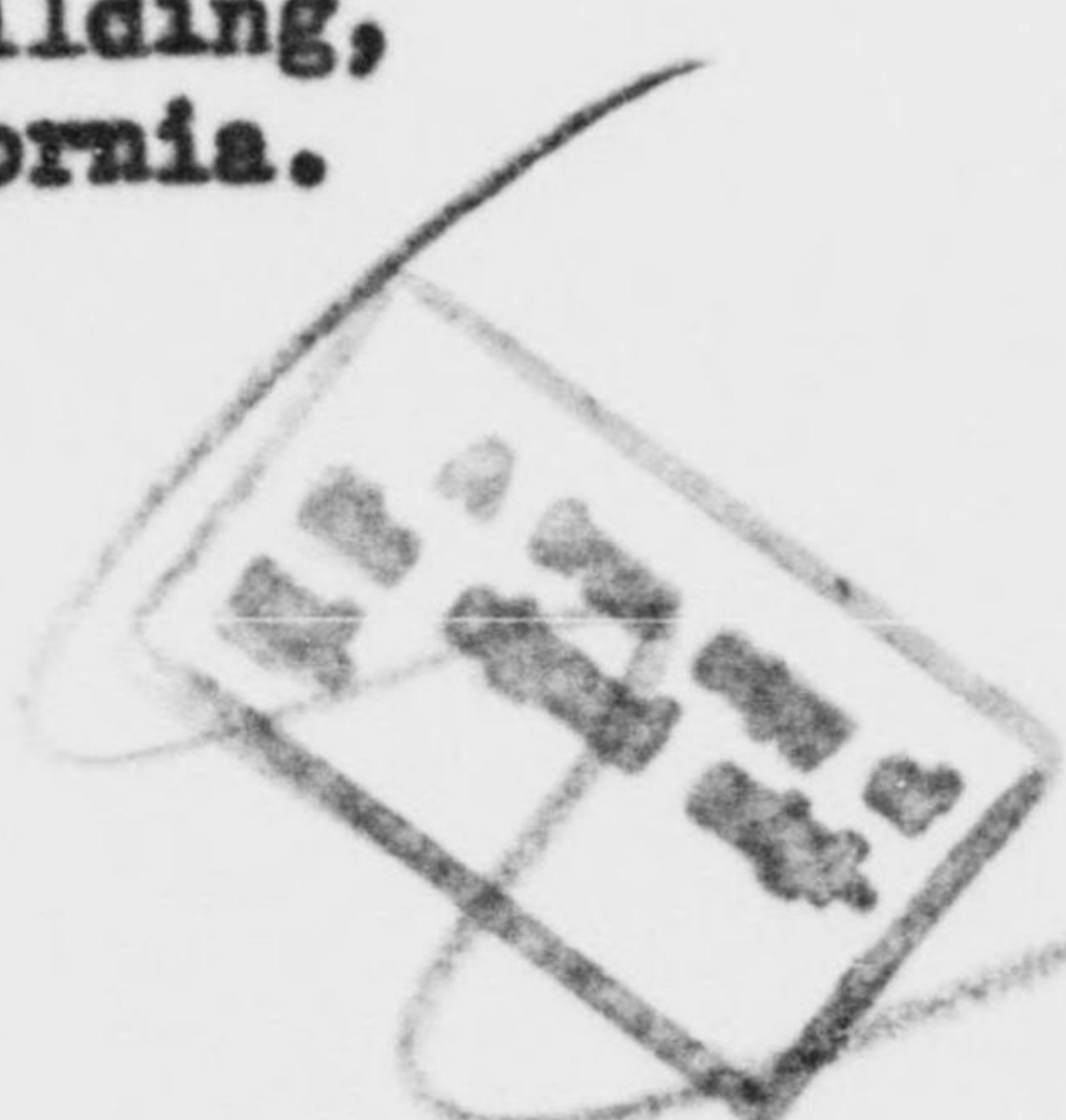
Enclosures:

1. War Claims Act of 1948
2. Statement issued by the President, July 3, 1948.

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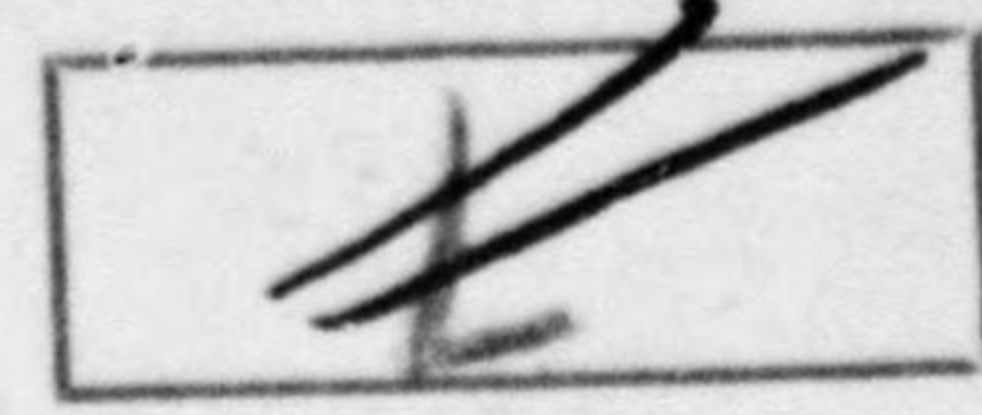
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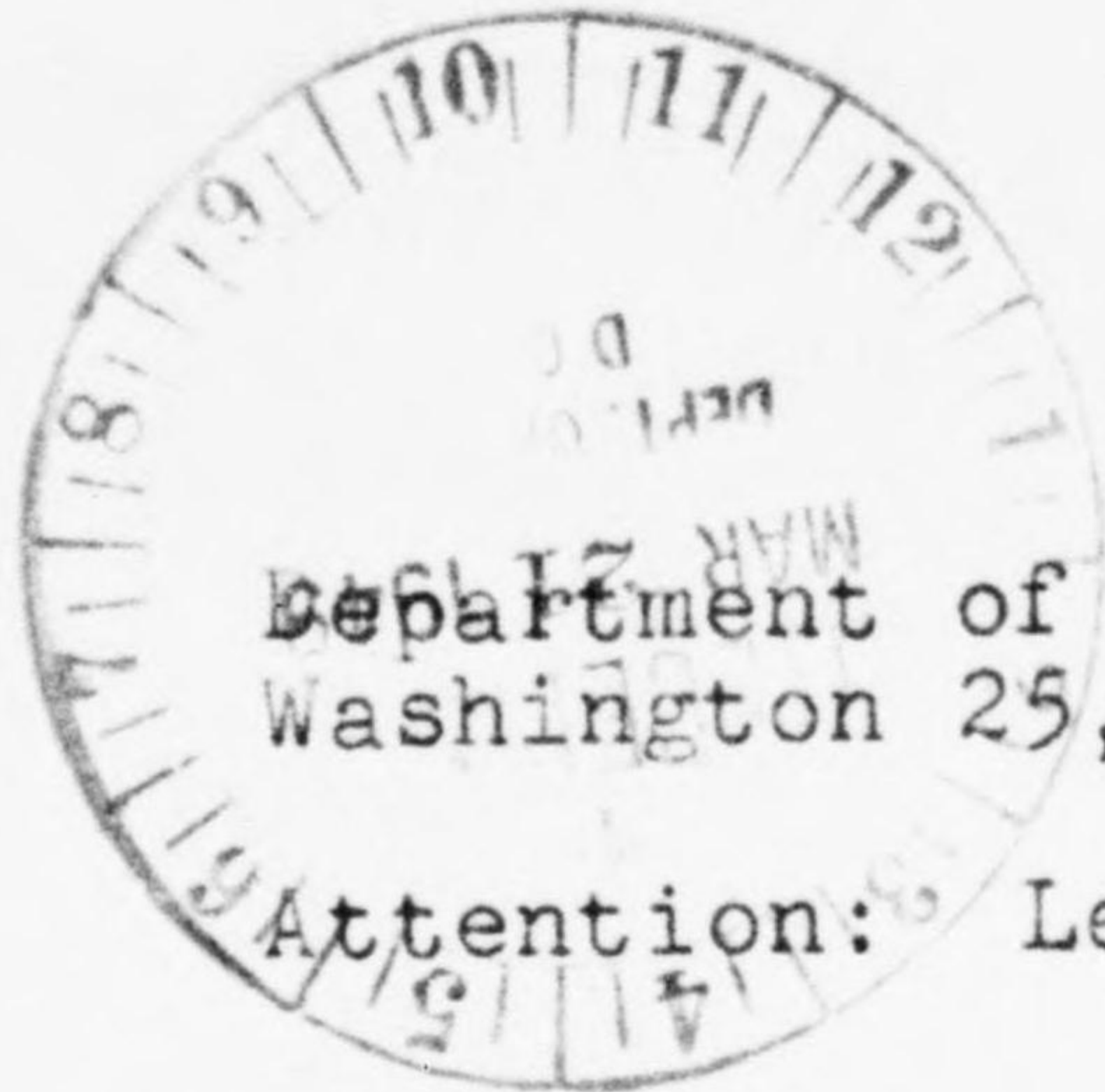
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Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Legal Adviser

Re: Le: 711.94114 Pay-L  
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*claim of Francis E. Bell  
for compensation for  
labor performed while  
prisoner of war in  
Japan*

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly advise us as to the present status  
of the above mentioned claim at your earliest con-  
venience.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope for  
your reply.

Very truly yours,

*Roger Sans*  
ROGER SANS

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My dear Mr. Sans:

The Department has received your letter of March 15, 1949 in further regard to the claim of your client, Francis E. Bell, against Japan for compensation for labor performed during his imprisonment by the Japanese.

The Department has received a number of letters from former prisoners of war in which it is indicated that the Japanese Government may have established accounts in Japanese banks in the names of former prisoners of war, as pay for work performed during their imprisonment. The Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in Japan has directed the Japanese Government to supply full information with regard to such accounts, and the Japanese Government is now engaged in preparing a survey of its records of the accounts. When the survey has been completed, the Department will advise you of the amount of any account which may have been established in the name of your client by the Japanese Government.

There is enclosed for your information the Department's memorandum of November 3, 1948 regarding the War Claims Act of 1948. The Senate Committee on Appropriations in a report submitted to the Senate on March 22, 1949 (S. Rept. 138, 81st Congress, 1st Session) recommended that the First Deficiency Appropriation Bill, 1949 be amended to include an appropriation

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for the War Claims Commission. If you believe that your client has a claim under section 6 of the War Claims Act, it is suggested that you communicate with the Commission when it is established. The Department will retain in its files the affidavit of claim which was enclosed with your letter of July 13, 1946 for possible future examination by the War Claims Commission.

Sincerely yours,

For the Secretary of State:

M. P. Shaner  
Assistant to the Legal Adviser

Enclosures:

Memorandum,  
November 3, 1948.

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A true copy of  
the signed original

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