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September 16th, 1909.

Mr. L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:-

Referring to the letter of George J. Harris, Inspector in Charge at El Paso, Tex., No. 3055/2, dated September 4th, 1909, inclosing the identification papers of YEE YUEN, alleged merchant of Hop Wing Lee, 291 So. Clark St., this city; I respectfully state that I have investigated this and I find that the firm of Hop Wing Lee, 291 So. Clark St. is no longer engaged in the mercantile business in this city, and that they have been out of business for several years. There is a firm occupying the premises at 291 So. Clark St. which is doing business under the name of Wah Ching Lung & Co., the manager being Lee King Yen.

I have taken a statement from Lee King or Lee King Yen which has a bearing on the case, and a transcript of the testimony is hereto attached. It will be seen therein that YEE YUEN is not a member of the present firm at this location and never had an interest in the said concern. However, Lee King identified the photograph on this certificate correctly, and says that he remembers the man when the latter was connected with the firm of Hop Wing Lee, 291 So. Clark St. Lee King's testimony is worthy of belief, as he is regarded by this office as a credible Chinese person.

Approved & forwarded:
(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Respectfully,

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

H. E. TIPPETT

Chinese Inspector.

September 14, 1909.

Case of : H. E. Tippet, Examining Inspector.
YEE YUEN, : Charley Kee, Interpreter.
Merchant returning. : Notes taken by G. M. Patterson, transcribed by W. B. Calkins.

Witness, LEE KING YEN, sworn by Inspector Tippet, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lee King.
Q How many names have you? A. Lee King and Lee King Yen.
Q Are you married? A. Yes.
Q Where is your family? A. China.
Q How many children have you? A. Two boys.
Q Are they both in China? A. One went back to China now and the other one is in Victoria.
Q The one that went back to China is a partner in your store, is he not? A. Yes.
Q What is his name? A. Lee Goon.
Q What is the name of the one in Victoria? A. Lee How.
Q What is your business and occupation? A. Chinese merchant.
Q What is the name of your store? A. Wah Ching Lung, 291 So. Clark St.
Q How long have you been at that location? A. Seven years, this location.
Q Was there a firm there called "Hop Wing Lee" before you went there? A. They had entirely closed out of business before I took that place.
Q Then you went into there after that under this firm's name? A. Yes. Then I went and rented this place later on.
Q Is there any firm in Chicago by the name of Hop Wing Lee, now? A. No.
Q Has there been since the firm went out of business at the location you keep now? A. No.
Q I am going to show you a photograph on a certificate (Yee Yuen's) and will ask you if you can identify that man. A. I remember, Yee Yuen.
Q I am going to show you another photograph attached to the same paper and will ask you if that is the same man? A. Yes.
Q When did you first know him? A. Ten years ago.
Q Do you know what his occupation was? A. Hop Wing Lee.
Q Was he one of the partners of the store when they had a store at the number you now occupy? A. Yes, he had an interest in it.
Q Did he have any other occupation except staying in that store? A. I do not know what else he was.
Q After this store closed out, what became of this man?
A. After the store closed, I do not know where he went.
Q Have you seen him since? A. Yes.
Q How long has it been since you saw him? A. I saw him last year.
Q Here in Chicago? A. Yes.
Q What was he doing then? A. I do not know.
Q Has he any interest in your store now? A. No.
Q There is no firm by the name of Hop Wing Lee in existence in Chicago now, is there? A. No.
Q Do you know this man's father? A. No.
Q Can you give the names of some of the other partners that were in that store of Hop Wing Lee? A. Lee Sing, Lee Hee, Lee Goon,-----
Q What kind of a business did Hop Wing Lee do at 291 So. Clark St.? A. Chinese merchandise.
Q Do you know a member of that firm by the name of Lee Hong Yip? A. Yes.
Q Where is he now? A. China, in business.
Q Have you had any letters from this man since he was taken

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Testimony of LEE KING YEN, continued:

into custody at Deming, New Mexico? A. No.

Q Did you know that he was down there? A. I did not.

Witness signed in English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lee King---Lee King Yen. Witness.

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(Signed) Charley Kee,

Interpreter.

(Signed) H. E. Tippet, t,

Inspector.