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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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Department of Commerce and Labor  
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

No. 2056-C.

Aug. 18, 1905.

Acting Chinese Inspector in Charge,  
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 14th instant, transmitting papers in the case of Tong On, a Chinese laborer of Chicago applying for a return certificate.

It is noted that you state the certificate of residence has been verified by the Department, but it will be necessary for you to forward the letter of the Department to that effect, or a certified copy of same, to be attached to the papers.

In view of your favorable report in this case, the application has been approved, and a return certificate will be issued to said Tong On upon the expiration of thirty days from the date of his oath - which will be September 8th next.

In order to allow time to take the Bertillon measurements of the applicant he should present himself at this office at least three days before his intended departure, and have in his possession the necessary profile and front view photographs.

Respectfully,

*W.W. Smith*  
Commissioner.  
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Case of TONG ON.

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8/11/05.

Witness, JEW BOW.

- Q What is your name? A Jew Bow.  
 Q How old are you? A 38.  
 Q What is your occupation? A I own and run a restaurant at 275-279 S.Clark St.  
 Q Are you registered? A I am (produces certificate).  
 Q Do you recognize this photograph (showing photo of applicant)?  
 A Yes, that is Tong On. I have known him over 20 years.  
 Q What is his occupation? A He is a restaurateur.  
 Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?  
 A Yes, I borrowed \$555 from him to put in my restaurant.  
 Q When did you borrow it? A All at one time, K.S. 29, 5, 5.  
 Q Where were you when you borrowed this money?  
 A At Joy Yet Lo's, 291 S.Clark St.  
 Q Does this debt draw interest? A No.  
 Q Did you give him a note for it? A No.  
 Q Is this a good debt? A It surely is.  
 Q Well, then, why don't you pay this man what you owe him?  
 A I can't pay him now; I haven't the money, but I will pay him when he returns from China.  
 Q Have you understood Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) JEW BOW, Witness.  
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.  
 (Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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Witness, LAI KING.

- Q What is your name? A Lai King.  
 Q How old are you? A 41 years old.  
 Q What is your occupation? A I own a restaurant at 83 E. 22nd St., Chicago.  
 Q Are you registered? A Yes (produces certificate).  
 Q Do you recognize this picture?  
 A Yes, that is Tong On; I have known him 8 years.  
 Q What is his occupation? A He is a restaurateur.  
 Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?  
 A I borrowed \$530 from him K.S. 29, 7, 14.  
 Q You borrowed it all at one time? A Yes.  
 Q Does this debt draw interest? A No.  
 Q Did you give him a note for it? A No.  
 Q Is this a good debt? A Yes, it is.  
 Q Then why do you not pay him back now?  
 A Business has been very bad and I have no money now to pay him with. I will repay him when he comes back from China.  
 Q You have understood Wong Aloy, have you? A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) LAI KING, Witness.  
 (Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.  
 (Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON, Inspector.

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CHICAGO, August 11, 1905.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
 TONG ON, :  
 Departing Laborer. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

- Q What is your name? A Tong On.  
 Q What is your age? A I am 41.  
 Q What is your occupation? A I am a restaurateur.  
 Q What is your address in Chicago? A 291 S. Clark St.  
 Q Where were you born? A In China.  
 Q When did you first come to the United States?  
 A K. S. 7th year; I landed at San Francisco.  
 Q Is this your photograph (showing photo of applicant)? A Yes.  
 Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States? A No.  
 Q Have you any property in the United States? A No.  
 Q Upon what do you base your right to go to China and return to  
 this country?  
 A Upon the grounds that I have \$1085 due me in this country.  
 Q How did you make this money? A In my restaurant.  
 Q Who owes you this \$1,085?  
 A Jew Bow owes me \$555, and Lai King owes me \$530.  
 Q What does Jew Bow do?  
 A He is a stockholder in the King Yen Low Co., restaurant.  
 Q What did he want this money for that you loaned him?  
 A He wanted it to invest in his restaurant business.  
 Q Did you loan it to him all at one time or at different times?  
 A All at one time; K.S. 29, 5, 5.  
 Q Where did this transaction take place?  
 A We met at Joy Yet Lo, 291 S. Clark St.  
 Q Did he give you a note for this money? A No.  
 Q Does it draw interest? A No.  
 Q Have you a book containing this account? A Yes.  
 Q How much does Lai King owe you? A \$530.  
 Q What is his occupation?  
 A He runs a restaurant on 22nd St., this City.  
 Q Do you know what he wanted with the money he borrowed from you?  
 A Yes, he wanted to open up his restaurant with it.  
 Q Did you loan it to him all at one time?  
 A Yes; K.S. 29, 7, 14.  
 Q Did you give him a note for it? A No.  
 Q Does it draw interest? A No.  
 Q Have you a book containing this account? A Yes.  
 Q Why don't you collect this money now before you go to China?  
 A They both tell me business has been slack and they have no money  
 now to pay me with.  
 Q Will they repay you while in China?  
 A No, but they will repay me when I return.  
 Q Is this a good debt? I mean one which some one else could collect?  
 A Yes, they could collect it if I should assign it to them.  
 Q Do you intend to assign this debt to some one? A No.  
 Q Have you understood Wong Aloy? A Yes.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed his testimony  
 in English.

(Signed) TONG ON,	Applicant.
(Signed) WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.
(Signed) WARD E. THOMPSON,	Inspector.