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Department of Commerce and Labor
IMMIGRATION SERVICEOFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

August 13, 1906.

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

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt, under date of your letter of August 16th, of papers in the case of Moy Lem, member of the firm of Hip Lung & Company, Chicago, whose case you preinvestigated at his request. As your investigation is favorable, he will be notified of the fact this day.

Respectfully,



Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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November 12, 1904.

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

Sir:

I enclose herewith original and duplicate papers of Moy Lem, an alleged Chinese Merchant of Chicago, Ill., member of the firm of "Hip Lung Ying Kee Co.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Silks, etc., at No. 323 South Clark St., and request that you make investigation of his case prior to his departure for China.

If your report is favorable, please hand the duplicate copy to Moy Lem and instruct him to present it to me here at this port, allowing for a delay of 24 hours in transit here.

Respectfully,



Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO

August 16, 1906.

Case of	:	L. T. Plummer,	Examining Inspector.
MOY LEM,	:	D. Arthur Plumly,	Stenographer.
Mer. Ret.	:	Wong Aloy,	Interpreter.

Witness, MOY TONG HOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified (in English and Chinese):

- Q What is your name?
A Moy Tong Hoy.
Q What is your business?
A Merchant; manager of the firm of Hip Lung & Co., 323 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
Q How long have you been manager of Hip Lung & Co.?
A 22 years.
Q What is the condition of your firm's business now as compared with two years ago?
A Just about the same.
Q Do you have about the same stock on hand?
A Yes.
Q Has there been any change in the partnership list since the last list which you furnished me?
A No; the same as before.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes, it is Moy Lem, my partner.
Q How much of an interest has he in your firm?
A \$1,000.00.
Q Has he the same interest now which he had at the time of his departure?
A Yes, sir.
Q What will he do when he returns to the United States?
A He will come back into the store.
A Is there anything further that you want to say?
A No, sir.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY TONG HOY, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

MOY LEM, MERCHANT, DEPARTING.

Chicago, Illinois, Nov.17,1904.

L. T. Plummer, Inspector,
Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

WITNESS SWORN:

- Q. What is your name?
A. Moy Dong Hoy.
Q. What is your business?
A. Merchant, Manager of Hip Lung Co.
Q. You know this man here? (Pointing to applicant).
A. Yes, he is my partner.
Q. How long has he been a member of your firm?
A. About nine years.
Q. How much money has he in there?
A. \$1000.00.
Q. What does he do about the store?
A. Delivering goods, and salesman in the store.
Q. Do you pay him any salary?
A. Yes.
Q. How much?
A. \$35.00 a month.
Q. Gold or Silver?
A. Gold.
Q. How many partners have you in that store working all the time?
A. Nine; sometimes we have more.
Q. Who are in the store now?
A. Moy Dong Joe, Moy Dong Hoy, Moy Dong Yee, Moy Bing, Moy Dock, Moy Keung, Moy Lem, Moy Len, Moy Chung.
Q. Does Moy Lem have any interest in the Shanghai Restaurant?
A. No.
Q. What did Moy Lem do before he came into your Store?
A. He came in with his Father from San Francisco?
A. Did his Father come with him from San Francisco?
A. His Father went to China. He came here by himself.
Q. What was his Father's name?
A. Moy Jing.
Q. How long did you know him, Moy Lem, in Chicago, before he came into your firm?
A. Quite a few years; I don't remember how many.
Q. What did he use to do at that time?
A. As far as I know he sold tea.
Q. How did he sell tea?
A. Peddled it from door to door.
Q. What was he doing during the World's Fair in Chicago?
A. He peddled tea from door to door, and in laundries and in saloons.
Q. Did he use to peddle for himself, or did he sell for some firm?
A. We sold it to him, and he peddled it for himself.
Q. Do you know whether during this past year this man has worked in a restaurant or laundry?
A. What has he been doing for the past year or so---peddling tea--or has he been in the store?
A. He has been in the store.
Q. Is there anything else you want to say about him?
A. No.

MOY LEM, MERCHANT, DEPARTING.

Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 17, 1904.

WITNESS SWORN:

L. T. Plummer, Inspector,
Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Q. What is your name?
A. Moy Lem.
Q. What is your business?
A. Chinese Merchant.
Q. What firm are you a member of?
A. Hip Lung Co.
Q. How long have you been a member of that firm?
A. Nine years.
Q. What did you do before you became a member of that firm?
A. Merchant.
Q. Where?
A. San Francisco.
Q. What firm?
A. Quong Wut Wah, on Commercial Street, I forget the Number.
Q. When did you come to the United States?
A. I was ten years old, I forget the year.
Q. How old are you now?
A. 35.
Q. How long have you been working in Hip Lung Co., employed all the time?
A. Nine years.
Q. Who are the other partners who are employed all the time?
A. Eight of them.
Q. Name them?
A. Moy Dung Hoy, Moy Dong Yu, Moy Chung, Moy Lem, Moy Bing, Moy Mun, Moy Duck, and Moy Lam.
Q. Did you register?
A. No.
Q. Why not?
A. I was a merchant at that time.
Q. Where?
A. At that time I was looking for business?
Q. Where; in what city?
A. Chicago.
Q. Why didn't you get registered then?
A. I thought I wasn't required to.
Q. Now, tell me what laundry you own now?
A. I own no laundry.
Q. How much money have you in that firm?
A. \$1000.00.
Q. Do you draw any salary?
A. Yes.
Q. How much?
A. \$25.00 a month.
Q. Gold or silver?
A. U.S. Money.
Q. Where did you get the \$1000.00 you put into that firm?
A. My Father gave me some, and I borrowed some.
Q. What is your Father's name?
A. Moy Jing.
Q. Where is he now?
A. He died quite a while ago.
Q. What do you do in the store?
A. Sometime deliver goods, and do everything that come along.
Q. Have you any money in the Shanghai Restaurant?
A. No.
Q. Don't you work in that restaurant some?
A. I always stay at Hip Lung's; I never work at the restaurant.
Q. Do you mean to tell me that you have been in that store working all the time for the past nine years or so?
A. Yes.
Q. When did you come to Chicago the first time?
A. 13 or 14 years ago.

Q. What did you do in Chicago between the time you came here and the time you joined that firm?

A. Nothing in particular: Sometimes I helped some place; but nothing in particular.

Q. What do you mean by "sometime I helped somebody"?

A. I mean I don't draw any salary; I help him when I can.

Q. Help who?

A. Hip Lung.

Q. What year did you put \$1000.00 into Hip Lung Co.?

A. When I first came into the firm// .

Q. At that time you had been loafing and doing nothing for four or five years, had you?

A. Yes, nothing at all.

Q. Where did you get the \$1000.00?

A. From my Father.

Q. All of it?

A. My Father let me have some, and I borrowed some from my cousin.

Q. How much did your Father let you have?

A. I don't know now; I forget.

Q. How much did you borrow?

A. So long I don't remember now; I don't think very much.

Q. Don't you think it a little strange that you can't tell how much you put into the business nine years ago, and where you got the money?

A. I can't remember but very little of it.

Q. Tell me the truth. Havn't you owned a laundry?

A. No, I have not.

Q. Or a restaurant?

A. No.

Q. What was your Father's business?

A. Merchant.

Q. Where?

A. San Francisco.

Q. What firm?

A. Quong Yut Wah.

Q. When did he die?

A. I forget.

Q. Can't you tell me when your Father died?

A. No, I forget.

Q. Where did he die?

A. He went back to China and died.

Q. When did he go back to China?

A. Quite a while ago; I don't remember.

Q. Why don't you tell me the truth about your Father?

A. How can I tell when I don't know.

Q. Did your Father die before or after you came into the firm of Hip Lung?

A. Quite a while before I came into Hip Lung.

Q. How long before?

A. Quite a while; I don't remember.

Q. How long have you known Mr. Dana?

A. Since I have been in the firm.

Q. What is his business?

A. Insurance Agent.

Q. What do you do about the store?

A. Sometime delivering goods; sometime selling goods; and doing anything that comes handy.