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TO: MDC Redress Coordinators, Presidents

FROM: Bill Yoshino

cc: Hank Tanaka, MDC Cabinet, Ron Wakabayashi, Grayce Uyehara

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In anticipation of the introduction of the Senate bill, I am enclosing the MDC redress action steps as outlined by Hank Tanaka and discussed at this past weekend's MDC meeting.

Enclosures include:

- Redress action steps for S1009.
- Sample newspaper letter for non-Nikkei in response to negative letters which may appear following Senate passage.
- Sample White House letter.
- Senate scorecard and addresses.

All telegrams should be brief, such as, "I understand that S. 1009 will be debated tomorrow. I urge you to favorably consider the legislation and reject amendments which oppose individual compensation."

REDRESS ACTION STEPS FOR S.1009

- Step 1 - Grayce U. calls Hank T. and Bill Y. that S.1009 is scheduled for debate on Senate floor on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Step 2 - Immediately, Bill Y. calls: Chiyo Tomihiro (Chicago)  
Sam Honda (Mpls)  
George Sakaguchi/Sam Nakano (St. Louis)
- Hank T. calls: Allan Hida (Milwaukee)  
George Umemura (Hoosier)  
Frank Titus (Dayton)  
David Maxom (Detroit)  
Gordon Yoshikawa (Cincinnati)
- Step 3 - Chapter redress coordinators call respective U.S. Senators and urge their support of S 1009 as presented by Governmental Affairs committee.
- Step 4 - Chapter redress coordinators to contact organizations and groups in area (churches, ethnic groups, political bodies, etc) which are supportive of redress.
- Step 5 - Chapter redress coordinators call at least 10 members of their chapter (especially board members) to also call respective U.S. Senators. and to send TELEGRAMS.
- It is important that the chapter president is included among those of the calling list.
- Step 6 - Every chapter redress chair obtain, in advance, names/addresses of non-Nikkei persons who are willing to sign prepared letters.
- Newspapers - focus on unconstitutionality of EO 9066.
- White House- focus on president signature when S 1009 passes and send to him.
- Bill Y to prepare form letters.
- Step 7 - Prepared letters to be mailed by chapter redress chair as soon as Step 1 is completed.
- Step 8 - Chapter redress chair to keep list of names/addresses of all individuals asked to contact U.S. Senators; when contacts made and responses, if any.
- Step 9 - Thank you letters to U.S. Senators.
- Step 10 - When S.1009 passes the Senate, be prepared for next instructions from Grayce. You may be asked to immediately contact your congressperson, notify them of the Senate action and urge their override of possible presidential veto.

Sample letter for non-Nikkei to newspapers.

The passage of legislation in the United States Senate to compensate individual Americans of Japanese ancestry for their unjust incarceration during World War II clearly demonstrates the strength of American democratic principles.

The summary removal of Americans from their homes in 1942 followed by their detention in camps for periods extending to three years represented an abridgement of their rights as citizens of the United States. Neither their ancestry, the racial intolerance of the time, nor the crisis of war should have had a bearing on their treatment as citizens.

The distinguished combat record of the Japanese American 442nd Regimental Combat Team demonstrated the willingness of Japanese Americans to readily accept their responsibilities as American citizens. It was an injustice that they were not accorded their privileges as citizens.

The action by the Senate shows that the Constitution is truly a "living" document. The ability of our Congress to redress such a grave injustice is a fitting tribute to the wisdom of the constitutional framers and the greatness of the document they created in this 200th year anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

SAMPLE LETTER TO PRESIDENT REAGAN

(Address)

(Date)

President Ronald Reagan  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Please affirm that the United States Constitution applies to all Americans and sign into law the Civil Liberties Act of 1987, H.R. 442 and S. 1009.

Our government instituted actions which resulted in major civil and constitutional rights violations. On the basis of ancestry, 120,000 persons were forcibly removed from their homes and communities and incarcerated from one to three years.

This appalling infringement on rights can never be rectified, but one small measure is to provide monetary compensation for the loss of individual freedom. In a nation of laws, any apology is meaningless without compensation.

During your presidency you have been in the forefront for causes affecting individual freedom. The false imprisonment and denial of due process to Japanese Americans remain a stain on our Constitution which you can correct.

I urge you to sign this legislation, and to send the message that anything short of equal justice is unacceptable to the leader of this great democracy.

Sincerely,

(Name)

October 6, 1987

SENATE SCORECARD FOR S.1009  
100TH CONGRESS

Introduced on April 10, 1987 with 71 Cosponsors

\*\*\* NOTE: KEY is at end of last page \*\*\*

STATE/NAME	POSITION/DATE	POSITION ROOM	PH #	AIDE
		IN 99th CONGRESS		
<u>ALABAMA</u>				
Howell Heflin -D		H728	4124	Mary Stansel
Richard Shelby -D		H516	5744	Leslie Ludwick
<u>ALASKA</u>				
*Gs Ted Stevens -R	OC 2/2	OC H522	3004	Greg Chapados
Frank Murkowski -R	OC 2/2	OC H709	6665	Randall Moen
<u>ARIZONA</u>				
Dennis DeConcini -D	OC 3/18	H328	4521	Laurie Sedlmayr
John McCain -R		R363	2235	Loren Cramer
<u>ARKANSAS</u>				
Dale Bumpers -D		D229	4843	Donice Gilliland
*Gs David Pryor -D	SC 6/17	R264	2353	Annie Leshner
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>				
Alan Cranston -D	OC 2/2	OC H112	3553	Hal Gross
Pete Wilson -R	OC 2/24	H720	3841	David Whetmore
<u>COLORADO</u>				
Wm. Armstrong -R	OC 3/12	H528	5941	Charles Rea
Tim Wirth -D	OC 2/2	HOC R237	5852	Jeanne Bolo
<u>CONNECTICUT</u>				
Lowell Weicker, Jr -R	OC 2/2	SC R225	4041	Karen Hall
Christopher Dodd -D	OC 2/2	H324	2823	Bulesu Veress
<u>DELAWARE</u>				
*G William Roth, Jr. -R		H104	2441	Joanne Barnhart
Joseph Biden, Jr. -D	OC 2/2	R489	5042	Margaret Owens
<u>FLORIDA</u>				
G Lawton Chiles -D	OC 3/24	R250	5274	Bob Coakley
Bob Graham -D	OC 4/2	H313	3041	
<u>GEORGIA</u>				
G Sam Nunn -D		D303	3521	Ralph Petta
Wyche Fowler -D	OC 3/4	H320	3643	Steve Humphreys
<u>HAWAII</u>				
Daniel Inouye -D	OC 2/2	OC H722	3934	Phyliss Minn
Spark Matsunaga -D	PS 2/2	PS H109	6361	Elma Henderson
<u>IDAHO</u>				
James McClure -R		H309	2752	Nancy Norell
Steven Symms -R	(OC)	H509	6142	

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<u>ILLINOIS</u>					
Alan Dixon -D	OC 2/2	SC	H316	2854	Julie O'Hara
Paul Simon -D	OC 2/10	OC	D462	2152	John Leibowitz
<u>INDIANA</u>					
Richard Lugar -R	OC 4/9		H306	4814	Andy Semmel
Dan Quayle -R	SC 5/20		H524	5623	Greg Wilkens
<u>IOWA</u>					
Charles Grassley -R			H135	3744	Kristen Gord
Tom Harkin -D	OC 2/2	OC	H317	3254	Ed Long
<u>KANSAS</u>					
Robert Dole -R	OC 2/13		H141	6521	Alfred Lane
Nancy Kassebaum -R			R302	4774	Dan Bolen
<u>KENTUCKY</u>					
Wendell Ford -D			R173A	4343	Elizabeth Wilson
Mitch McConnell -R	OC 4/9		R120	2541	
<u>LOUISIANA</u>					
Bennett Johnston -D	OC 2/10		H136	5824	Cynthia Shade
John Breaux -D	OC 2/10		R225	4623	Celeste Cutter
<u>MAINE</u>					
G William Cohen -R	OC 3/10		H322	2523	Kim Corthell
G George Mitchell -D	OC 3/11		R364	5344	Anita Jensen
<u>MARYLAND</u>					
Paul Sarbanes -D	OC 2/2	OC	D332	4524	Diana Ohlbaum
Barbara Mikulski -D	OC 2/2	HOC	R387	4654	Bob Herring
<u>MASSACHUSETTS</u>					
Edward Kennedy -D	OC 2/2	OC	R323A	4543	Michael Myers
John Kerry -D	OC 2/2	OC	R362	2742	Dick McCall
<u>MICHIGAN</u>					
Donald Riegle, Jr. -D	OC 2/2	OC	D105	4822	Cindy Jurciukonis
G Carl Levin -D	OC 2/2	OC	R459	6221	Dan Rosenblum
<u>MINNESOTA</u>					
David Durenberger -R	OC 3/4		R154	3244	Randy Scheunmann
Rudolph Boschwitz -R	OC 2/2	OC	H506	5641	Peter Coyle
<u>MISSISSIPPI</u>					
John Stennis -D			R205	6253	Ruby Anderson
Thad Cochran -R	OC 3/25		R326	5054	Jack Hoggard
<u>MISSOURI</u>					
John Danforth -R			R497	6154	Maurice Watson
Christopher Bond -R	OC 3/27		D197	5721	Brent Franzel
<u>MONTANA</u>					
John Melcher -D	OC 2/2	OC	H730	2644	Karen Dorsey
Max Baucus -D	OC 2/10		H706	2651	Greg Mastel

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<u>NEBRASKA</u>					
	James Exon -D	SC	7/16		
	David Karnes -R	OC	4/8		
		OC	H330	4224	Chris McLean
			R443	6551	Tammy Kein
<u>NEVADA</u>					
	Chic Hecht -R		H302	6244	Dennis Parobek
	Harry Reid -D	OC	2/2		
		HSC	H708	3542	Phil Keizer
<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE</u>					
	Gordon Humphrey -R		H531	2841	Tom Kleine
G	Warren Rudman -R	OC	3/12		
			H530	3324	Maryanne McGenigen
<u>NEW JERSEY</u>					
	Bill Bradley -D	OC	2/2		
	Frank Lautenberg -D	OC	2/2		
		OC	H731	3224	
		OC	H717	4744	Joy Silver
<u>NEW MEXICO</u>					
	Pete Domenici -R	SC	5/6		
Gs	Jeff Bingaman -D	SC	5/6		
			D434	6621	Troy Zimmerman
			H502	5521	Kim Sanchez
<u>NEW YORK</u>					
	Daniel Moynihan -D	OC	2/2		
	Alfonse D'Amato -R	OC	2/2		
		OC	R464	4451	Jon Alterman
		OC	H520	6542	Morgan Handiman
<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>					
	Jesse Helms -R		D403	6342	Kathy Stoner
	Terry Sanford -D	OC	3/20		
			H716	3154	Bill Green
<u>NORTH DAKOTA</u>					
	Quentin Burdick -D	OC	2/2		
	Kent Conrad -D	OC	2/2		
		OC	H511	2551	Joan Timoney
			H825A	2043	Rob Bassin
<u>OHIO</u>					
*G	John Glenn Jr. -D	OC	3/16		
	Howard Metzenbaum -D	OC	2/2		
			H503	4751	Lorraine Lewis-Govt
		OC	R140	2315	Mark Alexander
<u>OKLAHOMA</u>					
	David Boren -D	OC	3/18		
	Don Nickles -R				
			R453	4721	David Cox
			H713	5754	Linda Emery
<u>OREGON</u>					
	Mark Hatfield -R	OC	2/2		
	Bob Packwood -R	OC	3/12		
		OC	H711	3753	Craig Higgins
			R259	5244	Cathy Shine
<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>					
G	John Heinz -R				
	Arlen Specter -R	OC	2/2		
			R277	6324	Bill Pitts
			H331	4254	Charles Kallenbach
<u>RHODE ISLAND</u>					
	Claiborn Pell -D	OC	3/12		
	John Chafee -R				
			R335	4642	Brad Penney
			D567	2921	Michelle Dalley
<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>					
	Strom Thurmond -R				
	Ernest Hollings -D				
			R218	5972	Michael H. Tongour
			R125	6121	Dorothy Seder

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<u>SOUTH DAKOTA</u>					
Larry Pressler -R	SC 5/13		R407A	5842	Shelly Haahr
Thomas Daschle -D	OC 2/2		HOC H724	2321	Laura Petrou
<u>TENNESSEE</u>					
Gs James Sasser -D	OC 2/10		R298	3344	Evelyn Boyd
Albert Gore, Jr. -D	OC 3/12		R393	4944	Leon Fuerth
<u>TEXAS</u>					
Lloyd Bentsen -D	OC 3/2		H703	5922	Ray Bonilla
Phil Gramm -R			R370	2934	Alan Ptak
<u>UTAH</u>					
Jake Garn -R	OC 3/20		D505	5444	Jackie Clegg
Orrin Hatch -R	OC 3/20		R135	5251	Randy Radar
<u>VERMONT</u>					
Robert Stafford -R	OC 3/20		H133	5141	Vic Murphy
Patrick Leahy -D	OC 2/10		R433	4242	Tim Rieser
<u>VIRGINIA</u>					
John Warner -R	OC 4/6		R421	2023	Bill Wight
Gs Paul Trible, Jr. -R			H517	4024	Darren Trigonoplos
<u>WASHINGTON</u>					
Daniel Evans -R	OC 2/2		OC H702	3441	Lee Brillhart
Brock Adams -D	OC 2/2		H513	2621	MaryAnn Richardson
<u>WEST VIRGINIA</u>					
Robert Byrd -D	OC 4/6		H311	3954	Dick D'Amato
John Rockefeller, IV -D	OC 4/7		D241	6472	Amy Berger
<u>WISCONSIN</u>					
William Proxmire -D	OC 2/2		OC D530	5653	Ron Tammen
Robert Kasten, Jr. -R	OC 2/20		H110	5323	Jim Morhard
<u>WYOMING</u>					
Malcolm Wallop -R			R206	6441	Michael Hoon
Alan Simpson -R	OC 3/25		D261	3424	Laurie Goodman

TOTAL CO-SPONSORS (including the Prime Sponsor): 76

Democrats: 47                      Republicans: 29

G = committee member; Gs = subcommittee member; \*G chair or ranking member

SYMBOLS FOR POSITION

PS: Prime sponsor  
 OC: original cosponsor  
 SC: subsequent cosponsorship  
 (OC) had cosponsored, but withdrew  
 HOC: cosponsored in House during 99th Congress

SYMBOLS FOR OFFICE #

H: Hart    R: Russell    D: Dirksen

EXAMPLE: Alan Simpson of Wyoming is in 261 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.

The zipcode for Senate offices is 20510

NOTE: Senate phone numbers all begin (202) 224 -, then the number listed for that office.