

## Japanese American Citizens League

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Chapter Presidents  
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Date: January 8, 1981

From: Bill Yoshino *Bill*

Subject: Commission Appointments,  
Requests

The White House appointments to the Commission were announced today, January 8, 1981. They include William Marutani, Judge of The Common Pleas in Philadelphia, Arthur S. Flemming, Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and Joan Bernstein, Chief General Counsel to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Following is a brief background on each individual:

**WILLIAM MARUTANI:** A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, was a member of the Philadelphia law firm of McCoy, Evans and Lewis prior to his current service on the bench. In 1967, Marutani presented oral arguments before the Supreme Court of the United States in a case which held that anti-miscegenation laws were unconstitutional. His many organizational memberships include the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, the National ACLU, the American Judicature Society, and the Civil Rights Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association to which he is chairman.

**ARTHUR FLEMMING:** He has served a long and distinguished career in high levels of federal government and academia. A graduate of the George Washington Law School, Flemming served as Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare under President Eisenhower. Flemming has also served as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Peace Corps, as Chairman of the Social Security Advisory Council and as Special Consultant to the President on Aging in 1971. Flemming's career, in addition to government service, includes the presidency of the University of Oregon, Ohio Wesleyan University and Macalester College.

**JOAN BERNSTEIN:** She is also an attorney, graduated from the law school of the University of Texas at Austin. Bernstein's legal career until recently has been as an associate and partner in private law firms which include Sherman and Sterling in New York, Schiff, Hardin, Waite in Chicago and Baker, Hostetler, Frost and Towers in Washington, D.C. From 1970 -76 Bernstein served with the Bureau of Consumer Protection with the Federal Trade Commission, and in 1977 served as General Counsel to the Environmental Protection Agency. In 1979 Bernstein was appointed by President Carter to serve as Chief General Counsel to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (now Health and Human Services).

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Please send the Midwest Office a roster of your new board with addresses and phone numbers so that we may complete the MDC directory for 1981.

Questionnaire surveys for the JACL Health Insurance Program will be sent to each MDC member prior to the end of January. Please convey to your membership the importance of completing these surveys. Unless a minimum number of individuals indicate an interest in participating, the health plan will not be extended to the Midwest.