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Mr. and Mrs. Ken Matsumoto  


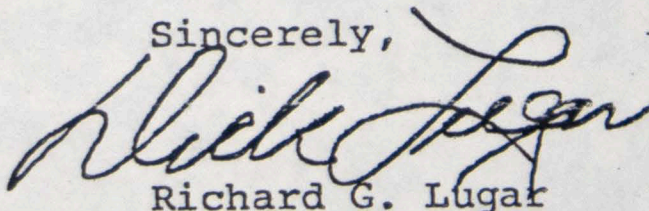
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Matsumoto:

Thank you for your letter concerning S. 1647. I have spoken in the interim with several of the co-sponsors of this legislation in order to familiarize myself with it. I have concluded that it points inevitably toward money payments. I agree that injustices occurred under Executive Order 9066, but I do not think that after 35 years these injustices will be rectified by a policy of selective and arbitrary money payments. I have long doubted the wisdom of such redress so long after the fact.

I appreciate your interest in S. 1647. But I also believe that in representing all citizens I would err in favoring this legislation.

I will continue to follow and to consider the arguments for this legislation if and when it works its way through the Congress.

Sincerely,



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