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Mr. Ron Ikejiri

cc. Mr. Bill Yoshino
Mr. George Sakaguchi

To Bill,

Dear Mr. Ikejiri;

I am enclosing recently received correspondence from Senator Richard Lugar and from Congressmen Myers and Benjamin. None of these legislators has made a commitment on the Redress Commission bills. To date, 4 of the 11 congressmen from Indiana have agreed to cosponsor the House version of the Commission bill.

Two points need to be made regarding the letters. Congressman Adam Benjamin's letter (quick reply) indicates some level of sympathy; perhaps he can be contacted by one of the House cosponsors and be persuaded. (None of our members reside in his congressional district.) The letters from Senator Lugar seem to indicate that we have our work cut out for us. Senator Lugar's preoccupation with the monetary aspects of S.1647 is not surprising to me after having recently met with his special aide (Mike Carroll) regarding support for this legislation. What bothers me most is that he seems to be parroting the same arguments which Senator Hayakawa leveled against the Redress campaign earlier--Lugar indicated in an earlier communique that he would speak to Hayakawa about S.1647. It makes me wonder if Senator Hayakawa still holds these views despite his support of S.1647. Anyway, we will continue to persuade Senator Lugar on this matter. Our attempts to personally contact Senator Birch Bayh have not met with success as yet. I will keep you posted on further developments.

Sincerely yours,

George Hanasono
George Hanasono
Legislative chairman,
Hoosier Chapter, JACL

George

*It was good to see you
last week!*