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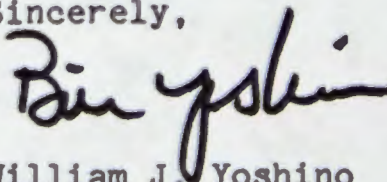
Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

Thank you very much for sending a letter to President Reagan urging his support of H.R. 442 and S. 1009, the Civil Liberties Act of 1987.

We are hopeful the Senate will act on the legislation prior to the December 16 recess. To date we have received no firm indication of the disposition of the White House on the legislation, thus we very much appreciate letters such as yours which hopefully will persuade the President to act favorably on the legislation.

Again we appreciate the support of the American Jewish Committee. Your organization at all levels has been among the strongest supporters of this issue from the beginning.

Sincerely,



William J. Yoshino



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October 13, 1987

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,

Henry Dubinsky
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