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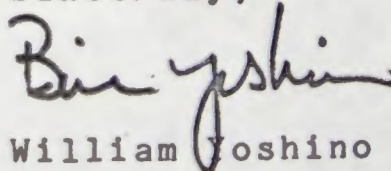
Dear Sarah:

I enjoyed talking to you and your mother today on current attempts to remedy the World War II internment of Japanese Americans.

I am enclosing some materials which I hope will be helpful to your project. Included is a copy of current legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives, a pamphlet briefly summarizing the Japanese American experience in the United States, and a section of the book **AND JUSTICE FOR ALL** in which Minoru Yasui relates his thoughts and experiences of the internment period. Finally, enclosed is a picture of Mr. Yasui.

I do hope you were able to get in touch with Mr. Yasui. He is one of the most highly respected Japanese Americans in the United States. Further, through his experience, he embodies the history of Japanese Americans during that particular period of American history.

Sincerely,


William Yoshino

APRIL 12, 1986

DEAR MR. YOSHINO,

WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE MATERIAL YOU SENT CONCERNING THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS. THE PICTURE OF MR. YASUI IS PERFECT. WE MAY REDUCE IT AND PUT IT RIGHT NEXT TO MR. KOREMATSU ON THE PROJECT DISPLAY BOARD. THE SMALL BOOK WILL BE A NICE ADDITION, TOO. THE CHILDREN ARE READING THE HOUSE RESOLUTION 442 (I MADE COPIES) AND HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DAN GLICKMAN'S AIDE, PAT GARCIA ON APRIL 21. MY FATHER-IN-LAW WILL BE HELPING THEM WRITE THE LETTER TO MR. GLICKMAN, AS WRITING TO HIM IS ONE OF HIS FAVORITE PASTTIMES. THEY WERE ALL ANXIOUS TO TO READ AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. WE PLAN TO CALL HIM, FOR A FIRST-HAND INTERVIEW.

THE CHILDREN TOOK 2ND PLACE AT THE DISTRICT COMPETITION. THE STATE COMPETITION IS MAY 3RD, AND THE NATIONALS IN JUNE, IN COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND. THEIR DIVISION CONSISTS OF AN EXHIBIT VERY MUCH LIKE A MUSEUM DISPLAY, AND THEY MUST ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE JUDGES (VERY MUCH LIKE AN ORAL EXAM). THE ENTRY WHICH WON FIRST PLACE WAS ON THE BERLIN AIRLIFT. THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CONTEST IS **CONFLICTS AND COMPROMISE**, AND WE FEEL THAT OBVIOUSLY, THE INTERNMENT OF THE JAPANESE AMERICANS, TODAY'S LAWSUITS AND H.R.442 FIT THE THEME BETTER THAN THE BERLIN AIRLIFT!! BY ADDING ARTICLES FROM OUR LOCAL PAPER, MR. YASUI'S COMMENTS & PICTURE, AND THE PRESENTATION OF A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE RESOLUTION TO MR. GLICKMAN, IT SHOULD SECURE THEM A TRIP TO D.C. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

SINCERELY,

Jan Deer