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MEMORANDUM

TO: Henry Tanaka
DATE: December 1, 1982
FROM: Bill Yoshino *Bill*
SUBJ: Redress Update
cc: John Tani

It is my understanding that Min Yasui will soon announce your appointment to the National Redress Committee as the representative from the Midwest. I also understand that the remainder of the committee will be as follows: Grayce Uyehara, EDC; Raymond Uno, IDC; Paul Shinkawa, MPDC; Lloyd Hara, PNW; Cressey Nakagawa, NCWN; Tony Ishii (?), CCDC; Harry Kajihara, PSW.

As related in previous conversations, the Commission will issue its findings in mid-December with the recommendations to follow in January of 1983. It is also anticipated that the Commission will convene a press conference in conjunction with the issuance of its findings, thus we may expect reasonable media coverage.

Shortly after the Commission recommendations are made public, the Redress committee will be convened to review the document for a public position. I would also anticipate that the committee will draft broad outlines for legislation to be recommended to the National Board. At the October National Board meeting, it was recommended that the EXECOM meet during the winter of 1983, however, I believe that this may now be changed to a full Board meeting to deal with the question of the commission report.

I would also anticipate that timing strategies for the introduction of redress legislation will also be discussed at the redress meeting. I have heard varying views as to when legislation should be introduced ranging from late spring/early summer 1983 to sometime during the biennium. My guess, for a variety of reasons, is mid-1983.

Gearing up for a legislative campaign leads to the question of finances. According to John Tani's pledge status report (enclosed), five MDC chapters have made three year pledges with Milwaukee pledging for a single year. I am unaware as to whether any of these pledges have been translated into actual cash contributions. I am hoping that sometime after the first

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of the year, perhaps in conjunction with the issuance of the commission report or some National Board action on redress, that a concerted MDC effort be instituted to secure cash contributions in preparation of a legislative effort on redress.

I will be in contact with you as events break on redress.