

Dear Frank,

Feb 21, 1979

Hope this does not spell Finis to a beautiful friendship. But I'm a person who goes all the way, but that surge of energy does not come if ...

The Text arrived and as I feared, it is too weak for us Easterners. Ruby received her Text yesterday, too, and that was her immediate reaction. We both had difficulty understanding certain sequence of logic. And ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Text did not come down hard enough on Nayakawa. ~~Here~~ Her reaction was that the whole thing ought to be more carefully planned, coordinated, and involve a number of key papers across the country. She ended up saying that she just can't go along with this one shot which "won't be worth the expense".

I, too, cannot go along with the Text as it now reads, as there are quite a few inaccuracies

and exaggerations. Certain assertions - madness, suicides ~~deaths~~ - have never been precisely documented. I have WRA documents which state that deaths, suicides, were no more than the national norm. That does not mean that I disagree with your <sup>speculative</sup> assertions. But hyperboles weaken.

In a last ditch effort to be able to better rally support, I have goosed up the text from beginning to end. I have rearranged some of the points you've made for easier understanding.

I am sending a copy to Shosuke. You say that he, too, cannot support a document that may have the effect of ramping Whites clamor "Right on, Hayphawa baby" for putting down Japs enjoying the "highest per capita income of any group in the nation." For heavens to Ketsy, don't dare mention that, or that Vacations Claims Act of 1998. The average ignoramus would believe that the Govant has already done as much as it can,

Feb 22, 1979

Dear Frank,

I am always regretting my impetuosity. I hasten to apologize for being so presumptuous as to rewrite your "Dear Senator Sam" letter. It's a bad reflex action, let me explain, from people bombarding me continuously with stuff to edit, rewrite, etc. After a night's sleep, the horror of what I had done began to haunt me. It's unforgivable, and I will understand if you will have nothing more to do with me. No matter what, you will always have an admirer in me.

Let me just explain that I had hoped <sup>thereby</sup> to be able to get behind you wholeheartedly, enlisting others. But I guess we belong in the category of "hardcore, Hayakawa haters" and should not upset the delicate balance you've established. Right on!

Wishes of good wishes, heartfelt apologies and esteem.  
Mick

P.S. I will await word from you, then  
instruct Taxi at the N.Y. Michibei as to  
the PR for your drive. I will give  
"David Lshii" ~~Brookseller~~<sup>Brookseller</sup> as the address  
to which checks should be sent, with  
checks to be made out to "Days of Remembrance."

I noticed in going over the text this morn  
that I misspelled "demagogic". Also I honed  
that second or third sentence down further by  
leaving out the stuff about our being "stigmatized  
as enemy aliens" since that's overstate it a  
bit. More precisely, we were stigmatized as  
being "the enemy". So you see, my stuff  
needs further editing, honing ... which convinces me  
that you should chuck it all <sup>(my version)</sup> as a bad try.

My friend George <sup>Yamada</sup> Rikka may well end up  
publishing a Frank Chin retrospective. I hope  
you will send me some of your best pieces  
so I might get him further excited.

I will send a copy of this enclosed revised  
text to Taxi on a contingency basis. I would be  
curious to know her reactions. She has no patience  
for Hayakawa and am inclined to believe that  
she'd prefer a tough stance.

I feel like a troublemaker, really, so if you'd  
prefer, just count us all out and ignore  
my frankly impulsive amendments.

There'll be no hard feelings -

Peace . . .

Michi