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Dear Ruby Schaar:

Amy Uno Ishii gave me your address. I've heard of your legendary exploits carrying on history making campaigns for the Issei's access to naturalized citizenship from Min Yasui, one of Japanese America's old soldiers.

The JACL campaign for redress is admirable. Many Japanese Americans concerned about redress ~~will~~ will not commit ~~their~~ their support to the JACL redress campaign for a variety of reasons, ranging from the JACL's policy of cooperation with the government in 1942, to the JACL's emphasis of \$3 billion, ~~from~~ ~~the~~ ~~unaligned~~ ~~supporter~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~concept~~ ~~of~~ ~~redress~~ ~~who~~ ~~it~~ ~~have~~ ~~no~~ ~~idea~~ ~~or~~ ~~disagree~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~JACL~~ ~~about~~ ~~the~~ ~~form~~ ~~redress~~ ~~should~~ ~~take~~... ~~monument~~ a monument, a foundation for the study of human rights, a trust fund for cultural events, scholarships, grants to ~~scholar~~ ~~scholars~~ scholars, three Dolly Parton albums,... Only ~~one~~ ~~point~~ ~~do~~ ~~all~~ ~~the~~ ~~various~~ ~~kinds~~, makes, types and stripes of redress supporters agree: S.I. Hayakawa is wrong.

S.I. Hayakawa has gone national and international with this anti-redress campaign. Every chance he gets, on mike, on camera, tipping the shoeshine in the Senate ~~in~~ cloakroom, Hayakawa ~~will~~ makes ~~the~~ the camps sound like Palm Springs, threatens white backlash, and dumps on the Nikkei pushing redress. Hayakawa claims that a majority of Japanese Americans share his views, that he speaks for Japanese America.

We're not National JACL. We're not against the National JACL. We are for redress, and ~~we~~ we're looking for a means of bringing the non-JACL, the shakey ~~the~~ ~~vague~~ ~~supporters~~ ~~of~~ ~~redress~~ ~~out~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~publicly~~ ~~demonstrate~~ ~~to~~ Hayakawa, that he is wrong. He does not speak for Japanese America, when he speaks about the camps and redress.

When a legislator turns deaf to his constituents, when he grossly offends his constituents and refuses to accept the facts of life at home, when they become desperate and angry, they take a full page display ad in the Washington Post.

Enclosed is a draft of An Open Letter to the Honorable S.I. Hayakawa, ~~the~~ United States Senator, from California; from Japanese America. It has been drafted to satisfy those Nikkei who admire Hayakawa, respect his achievements, and only disagree with Hayakawa on ~~this~~ ~~issue~~ this issue, and those with a lust to show Hayakawa what's what. The hardcore Hayakawa hater with a bullet with Sleepy Sam scratched into the lead, will not be happy with a two or three lines, and may refuse to sign as a point of honor.

We need to raise \$12,500. to pay for the ~~ad~~ ad. If we don't get the \$12,000, and only get six, we can still take out a half page.

Will you help us raise \$4,000 ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~New~~ ~~York~~ ~~area~~ in the New York area. For us the New York area is everything east of Detroit. Will you collect and hold the money? We're shooting for the week of March 12th. We asking five bucks of everyone who wants to sign the letter. Name and generation. Come the week of the fifth, of March, and we'll phone around to the people helping us collect for the paper, and if we have enough to buy the ad, we'll collect, send the Washington Post our four or five checks from the various parts of the country, ~~and~~ If not,

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If not enough money is what we get, you can return the money to the contributors, or destroy the checks.

Look over the letter, if you can live with it, if you can sign it, let me know. If you can help us collect ~~for~~ signitures and money forthe letter, all the better. We are the people who ~~put~~ organized the Days of Remembrance in Seattle, and Portland, and helped San Francisco's. The best in the Ram,

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