

September 30, 1990

Mr. Paul Igasaki  
Washington DC Representative  
Japanese Americans Citizens League  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Igasaki:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to Mr. Harry Honda, Editor of the Pacific Citizen newspaper. He suggested I send a copy to the appropriate JACL officers involved in redress to show interest in and support for a bill or amendment to "cover all those little cracks in the 1988 law" as he put it, which would accommodate all the special cases being denied redress due to a technicality in the circumstances of their cases - cases similar to mine; non-Japanese Americans who went to camp with their Japanese-American spouses; those who voluntarily relocated; Peruvians uprooted to Texas, and so on.

I have called and written (twice each) the San Francisco JACL office in an attempt to get the addresses of its officers and members involved in redress. I was told addresses are not given out as members serve on a voluntary basis, instructed to send a copy of what I wanted to mail to the officials - if it was OK, they would see about getting me the addresses.\* I was also told usually ideas are submitted to the Regional Director, who could pass them along, and was given Carol Saito's number for the Los Angeles office. Along with Mr. Tokeshi's name, she gave me yours.

Is there any hope for such an amendment being supported by JACL or any other group that has supported redress in the past? As I wrote in my letter to Mr. Honda, even though I felt I was eligible for redress, after being told I was disqualified due to a technicality, I pretty much let the matter go. However, after reading the article on the life of Estelle Peck Ishigo, I feel very strongly that action should be taken to get the United States government to acknowledge those with special circumstances - particularly the older generation, many of whom have had really hard lives - not doing so is like saying that even though their pain and suffering may have happened, because they don't fall within a rigid list of criteria, it doesn't matter, it doesn't count, and the United States government is not going to apologize. We cannot and should not let that happen.

I would appreciate any insight and information you can give me, particularly the names and addresses of those I can write to indicating interest in and support for this matter.

Yours truly,

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\*To date, no reply.

*never received a reply*