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Dear Ms. Tanihara:

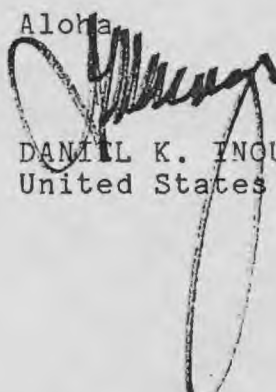
Thank you for your recent letter regarding possible redress restitution for non Japanese-Americans who relocated with their spouses.

I am pleased to know of your interest in one of the most tragic civil rights events in the history of our nation. As you may know, the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 provided restitution to Japanese-Americans who were directly harmed and denied their civil rights as American citizens. It is unfortunate that we could not include restitution for their non Japanese-American spouses.

I understand your concerns and agree that these Americans also suffered as their families were forced to relocate to the internment camps. At this time, I am considering an amendment that will justly provide restitution to those non Japanese-American spouses. However, please be aware that although the Civil Liberties Act may not provide restitution to all victims of this tragic event, the acknowledgement of wrongdoing and the apology by the federal government was, in and of itself, a victory.

Once again, thank you for sharing your concerns with me.

Aloha,



DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator

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