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My dear Okusako:

Thank you for writing. I appreciate your feelings and those of your family. It is a blot on our record that we could not discriminate between loyal citizens and possibly disloyal aliens. In my opinion the Nisei who fought in our Army deserve more credit than Americans of other derivation, and it is painful to find Americans so blind to their own professions that they cannot give them and their families their just due. I believe it is only a small minority in the United States who are so warped, and so blind to the excellent record the Nisei made in combat. We had no better soldiers in our ranks, and the men they fought along side of will be the first to acknowledge it.

The immediate question is what to do about it? I am not familiar with the procedure, but I am having inquiries made and will try and get some action for you, or at least stir up the question and find out what can be done. I will let you know what develops.

I do know what this means to you. I only hope it will not make you bitter, and you must remember that the soldiers you fought with are with you 100%, and they are the ones that count, - not the ones that stayed safely at home.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

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