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Dear Loni:

I sincerely hope all goes well with you. It was such a pleasant surprise when you contacted me and we were able to spend a couple of hours chatting a couple of months ago.

You may have already seen these copies I am sending you which I received a couple of weeks ago from my friend in L.A.. I made some copies for others who might be interested in what had transpired in Honolulu (Pearl City) last month.

One of my group member who attended the ceremonies sent it on to another one of my friends in L.A. and he sent it on to me. We were all in the original group who opened up the JICPOA Annex in Honolulu on May, 1944.

His name is Ben Yamamoto and attended the dedication along with one other member, a Dr. Henry Yokoyama. They had received invitations from some one but do not know the source of the invitation. I understand that there were TV news media personnel at the ceremonies too. However, they were from Japan other than the local media.

It always upsets me that whenever such ^ercognition is given to top Navy officers they get all the credit and never a word about the efforts or accomplishments of the MIS linguists.

I personally do not recall a Capt. Holmes, but of course we were not at the headquarters so there was never an occasion to meet him or know of him. It upsets me to read the comment made in the program about some senior officer, who said "I think Capt. Holmes won the war". Why do these individuals get all the credit for the efforts of the MIS Linguists who did bulk of the work?

As you and I know the reason we were not within the Navy compounds at Pearl, and had our offices in Honolulu.

Some time ago (June or July) I heard that some TV newsmen were trying to get some information about the JICPOA Niseis work and were in Honolulu and were going to Los Angeles too. They were from Japan and had heard of the work from one Mr. Donald Keene (JICPOA Navy Lt.) at present is a professor at Columbia and a visiting lecturer at a Japanese University every six months or so. I understand he spends almost half of his time in Japan. He is quite well known as a scholar on Japanese history and languages. He has a number of Japanese classics which he has translated to his credit. I say that is well and good but that surely does not inform the general public in the U.S.A.

I think I've aired enough of my complaints to you for this one time, so in closing I will just say "TAKE CARE", Loni.

Best Regards,

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