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Dear Mr. Okamura:

Yesterday, I received copies of your letter of August 28th to Mr. Kaku, Mr. Woolf's letter to you of August 21st, and your letter of August 28th to Mr. Woolf. Please accept my thanks for your efforts concerning this problem.

Several days ago, I was told by telephone from New York about your letters and was waiting to receive copies of them. In the meantime, I spent a couple of hours going downtown to a bookstore and inspecting some of the recent dictionaries. What I saw made me feel sick. I phoned Ben Nakagawa, the local J.A.C.L. chapter president. At his request, I wrote the enclosed letter to him last night. The J.A.C.L. chapter meeting is scheduled for September 18th. I am hoping that the national staff of the J.A.C.L. has the ability and the drive to handle this problem successfully.

I did not write that weak-kneed "Please Don't" flyer put out by the J.A.C.L. It is my understanding that Bill Hosokawa wrote it. In 1962, I wrote a much tougher booklet for the J.A.C.L. called "How to Attack the Newspaper Use of "Jap"." It does not bear my signature because I wrote it to appear as if it had been ^{written} by the staff of the national J.A.C.L. ~~xxxxx~~ The national office of the J.A.C.L. sent a somewhat garbled copy of it to each chapter president. I was told that the J.A.C.L. flyer by Hosokawa would be based on the booklet I wrote, but it is obvious that he went off on his own tangent. If you have never seen the booklet which I wrote, let me know and I can send you a copy. It has, of course, become a bit obsolete by the passage of time, but may be ^{of} some interest to you.

I am enclosing copies of the 1958 letters to and from G. & C. Merriam Co. I composed the letter which was signed by Roy Nishikawa, the National President of J.A.C.L. that year. It was approved by a committee before being sent for his signature. It is interesting to note that even that letter was felt to be too strong by two committee members.

I tried to find your phone number last night, but was told that it is not listed. I would like to know the phone number where you can be reached in the evenings. Mail service in recent years has often been too slow.

I am now 61. I retired 11 months ago in order to devote my remaining years to the study of religion, history, the Japanese language, to meditate and perhaps to write. It was with considerable reluctance that I agreed to have my name submitted for possible appointment to the F.C.C. It is good to know that there are men such as you and Ben Nakagawa who feel as strongly as I do about whites continuing to call us "Japs".

Best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

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