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Mr. Joseph U. Hamanaka c/o Mr. James Matsuoka

Seattle 44, Washington

Dear Mr. Hamanaka:

I wish to add my comments and observations and reactions to the 1962 National JACL Convention theme, "To Bridge and to Build."

The theme itself is a very appealing one, and I believe it expresses quite clearly the thinking of our members and our organization of a continual attempt to bridge the past with the present, and also that whatever our programs and policies, they are in the course of building in a constructive fashion. I believe the future of our organization can only be preserved if we look to the past by carefully building, stone by stone and girder by girder, for the future.

This is to express my appreciation to you for submitting the winning entry.

Sincerely yours,

Frank F. Chuman National President

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