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MEMO TO: Participants for the April 21 Program:

Mrs. Shimizu	Mr. John Yoshinaga	Ms. Jean Kariya
Mrs. Tajitsu	Mr. Kan Domoto ✓	Mr. Cal Oba
Mr. Hashimoto	Ms. Madeline Sugimoto	Alternates:
		Ms. Alice Shimomura
		Mr. Tooru Kanazawa

FROM: Haruko Brown, Chair 147-11A
Roosevelt Ave

IN RE: Information for "Echoes of '42" Flushing, N.Y. 11354

This program, sponsored by the JACL, is meant to provide several views of the events which took place in the spring and summer of 1942. To help everyone remember, a short film of life in one of the camps (Heart Mountain, Wyoming) and a recording of President Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech of December 8, 1941, will be presented. (Please come at 1:30 so that we can present the film and play the speech for you.)

A one paragraph description of your life, including where you were born, where you grew up, what camp you were in, etc., will be typed up and given to people coming to the program. (We will contact you by telephone for this information.) Please keep this short. It will not be necessary to elaborate too much on this --we would like to spend all of our precious time talking about the actual "relocation" process.

Phil Nash will give the basic history of the camps and another person will talk about the methods used in oral history. Then, the moderator will lead a discussion of the events of 1942. Here are some questions which will be covered and which you might like to consider:

1. What are your recollections of December 7, 1941?
2. What do you remember of the time which followed that day until you were forced to leave your home?
3. What happened to others in your family?

Please limit your remarks as much as possible to personal experiences, not what you have heard or read.

Thank you for participating! We will be in touch with you soon.



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Biographical Sketch (Participants)

Kinnosuke Hashimoto

Born 1887 Akita Prefecture, Kakudate-machi; arrived in San Francisco 1907; evacuated from Oakland California; owned Art and Dry Goods business; evacuated to Tanforan and moved to Topaz Utah; came to NYC in 1944.

Tsuyako Shimizu

Born 1896, Sapporo, Hokkaido; Arrived San Francisco 1925; came from Japan to study at Bible Institute; evacuated from Santa Maria, California to Tulare Assembly Center; sent to Gila, Arizona; came to NYC in 1944

Madeline Sugimoto

Born Hanford, California, 1935; attending kindergarten at time of evacuation; evacuated to Fresno Assembly Center, moved to Jerome Arkansas and finally to Rowher Arkansas; came to NYC with family in 1945.

Kan Domoto

Born 1912, Oakland California; working in a nursery at time of evacuation; moved to Livingston California to avoid evacuation; evacuation extended geographically to Livingston, California; went to Amache, Colorado; came to NYC in 1943; having been granted a leave to seek employment.

Cal Oba

Born Portland Oregon; 1 month away from graduating 8th grade at time of evacuation; evacuated to Internat'l. Livestock exposition Portland, Oregon; moved to Minidoka, Idaho; returned to Portland, Oregon July 1945; moved to NYC 1957.

Jean Kariya

Born Oakland, California; Junior in High School at time of evacuation; evacuated to Tanforan and then to Topaz; moved to Crystal City Family Internment Camp, Texas-Feb. 1945; moved to Japan with family Dec. 25, 1946; came to NYC 1950.