

Honorable Warren G. Magnuson U.S.S.
United States Senate.
Washington. D.C.

Honorable Senator Magnuson:

I implore your help. On September (date)
A letter was reced from Colonel J.H. Michallis 27Th, Infantry USA.
advising my wife and me of the loss of our son Elmer Jiro Yoshihara
Pv, I.Class U.S.Army. Killed in action in Korea, August 25, 1949. On
October 13th, we received a very impressive letter of condolence
from General MacArthur dated --?

Elmer first enlisted in the army on august 3,
1944 from Chicago. He then attended the Japanese Language School at
Fort Snelling Minn, ^{then} and was sent ~~to~~; and served 10, months overseas
with the Army of Occupation in Japan.

During this first tour of duty, he met, and
fell deeply in love with a young student. A Miss Toyoko Ogo. Miss
Ogo is well educated in Japanese, she also speaks and writes English.
She comes from a quite well to do, and prominent family of Japan. This
I know, as we have been in almost constand correspondence with her,
and her family.

An attempt was made by my son and Miss Ogo
to obtain permission to marry in 1946. But a temporary ban was placed
on G.I's contracting marrage at the time. Then due to the point system
covering overseas duty, Elmer was returned to the United States and
honorably discharged on Dec, 5, 1946 (Check date)

In order to carry out his desires to marry
Miss Ogo, he reenlisted in November 1948 with the understanding he

would; rejoin his ~~former~~ regiment, still stationed in Japan.

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Knowing that his regiment would be one of the first sent to Korea, he and Miss Ogo took it upon themselves ~~the~~ quietly, and privately, married. Just where; when; and the date, I am unable to state.

My son was a very loyal, patriotic American. He liked the army, his officers, and companions. His hazardous duty in Korea was taken very philosophical. His desire and only wish expressed in his letters home were that: If anything should happen to him while in Korea, that his mother and I would exert every effort to get his wife to the United States as soon as possible.

~~me~~ The loss of our son has been a terrible blow to my wife and myself, and has created grief beyond words of expression. It is our desire to carry out our sons last wishes.

I came to the United States in 1902. at the age of 16. and adopted this State as my home. In order to become more conversant with American ways, I attended school for 3. years in Seattle. And then obtained employment with the J.J. Brennon Oyster Company of Olympia. I married in 1908. And went into the oyster business on my own in 1912. in Olympia, later expanded, and transferred my business to Oakland Bay and Case Inlet. Before World War II. I was quite successful, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ In business, And am still financially able to bear any expence involved in bringing my son's wife to this country. Her address is -----?

I beg your early assistance.

Yours very truly.

or fiancée

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His letters home constantly expressed his intentions of an immediate marriage with Miss Ogo when the G.I. ban was lifted, and looked forward with great anticipation of returning with his bride to the United States. And we looked forward to our sons returning with the same anxious feeling. In his more recent letters from Korea he expressed a special desire: Should he meet with disaster. He wanted every effort exerted to allow his fiancée to come to the United States where she could complete her education under an American system. He even ~~went~~ set aside a fund for this purpose.

Now the loss of our son has been a terrible blow; to my wife, to his fiancée, and ^{and} myself. And has created grief beyond mere words of expression.

It is our desire to try and carry out our son's last wishes. As we feel Miss Ogo is an outstanding young lady, worthy of this opportunity

From daily papers, I see that there is likely to be a Peace Treaty with Japan soon. I understand little about the immigration laws covering students. That is why I am requesting your assistance. As I would like to make application to have Miss Ogo come to the United States as a student. It is my desire to carry out his last wishes.

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