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RE: Bick v. Mitchell and D'Aquino Matters

Dear Ray:

Thank you for yours of August 10, 1971, re the above matters.

Bick v. Mitchell: Please forward the verified complaint and plaintiffs' memorandum in addition to any further data you may have pertaining to the above. As previously mentioned, I do have the plaintiffs' legal brief. I will immediately contact Wally Tashima to determine what he may have to aid me.

Incidentally, my request for approval by the Executive Committee was not motivated at all on the basis of whether my participation was "safe" or not. As you will recall, I stated that I was participating ... period. The alternative was whether it be alone or under the auspices of JACL. If I were to enter an amicus brief under JACL, the expenses will be covered by JACL and, accordingly, I felt that the Executive Committee should be apprised of the fact that such expenditures will be incurred by the organization.

D'Aquino: During the next eyeball to eyeball discussion we'll have, I'll tell you of the countless attempts I had made to Collins's office and to Ted Tamba and Mas Yonemura. Finally, after a rather firm letter, I conferred with Collins while he was in Los Angeles in the middle of June. Following a mutual exchange of 4-letter words, we got along beautifully to an extent where he invited my intervention if and when his present appeal fails. He gave an estimate of 6 to 7 months before a decision would be forthcoming. In parting, he extended an open invitation to visit with him at his residence anytime my schedule would allow. I might add that his views of the "JACKALS" (JACLs) have not changed.

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I am enclosing Collins's letter to the President in addition to one by Ted Tamba. With respect to Mrs. Tajiri, I would appreciate any data she may have other than what has been published in the Pacific Citizen.

Many thanks for your support.

Cordially,

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