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Attention: Mr. Theodore Tamba

Re: Iva d'Aquino

Dear Mr. Tamba:

It has been a few weeks since our conversation and exchange of communications re the above matter. As you will recall, I had explained to you that Wayne Collins would not meet with me in San Francisco nor later in Los Angeles despite my efforts for such a meeting. While in San Francisco, Mas Yonemura was unable to arrange a conference with Collins. Later, Tets Nakamura was to act in the capacity of an intermediary while Collins was in Los Angeles. Again, I received no calls. Since you were the associate counsel on the d'Aquino trial, I am sincerely and strongly requesting your intervention.

To be as candid as possible, even though I am the National Legal Counsel for J.A.C.L., I couldn't care less about Collins' deep-seated hatred toward J.A.C.L. I wish to confer with Collins on a man to man basis, as one attorney to another--both interested in aiding Mrs. d'Aquino. How J.A.C.L. may have reacted in the past on the d'Aquino case is something which will be the subject of historical appraisal. I wish to focus the issue on the present.

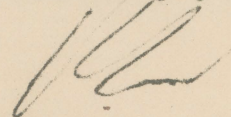
At this time, whatever anyone or any organization can do on behalf of Mrs. d'Aquino could not possibly reverse the "political" decision of 1949. We can, however, seek an executive pardon and a termination of the Government's quest to collect the fine imposed upon her.

Again, may I reiterate that I would be more than willing to fly to San Francisco to meet with Collins on any weekend. May I request that you arrange such a meeting as soon as possible?

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By a copy of this letter, I am requesting Mrs. Larry Tajiri, through Raymond Okamura of Berkeley, to seek detailed affidavits from newsmen at the trial so that an unbiased view of the trial would accompany our quest for President Nixon's intervention.

Cordially yours,



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✓ cc: Raymond Okamura
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