

EAST COAST JAPANESE AMERICANS FOR REDRESS

224 East 48th Street, New York, New York 10017

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November 12, 1981

Mr. John Silva
North Star Fund
80 Fifth Avenue-Room 1203
New York, New York 10011

Dear Mr. Silva:

The East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress, a coalition of eight different organizations, was formed in September 1981. With the establishment of a Federal Commission of Wartime Relocation and Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, the East Coast Japanese Americans, realizing that hearings were to be held on the West Coast and Chicago but none in this area, came together to press for a hearing in New York City. Such a hearing has been granted and the date has been set for Monday, November 23, 1981. With a hearing scheduled, it is incumbent upon the group to reach out to all the Japanese American population on the East Coast, in addition to having the news of the Hearings reach the general public, which on the East Coast is particularly uninformed of this aspect of U.S. history. Given the current political climate we are living in, we feel it is urgent that the public be informed of what has happened, and what can happen, to a whole segment of the population based on ethnic heritage.

Although plans include long term activities based on continued dissemination of information, due to the time limit, emergency funds are requested at this time for maximum coverage of the November 23rd hearings through posters, flyers, press and media. As a reference who is familiar with our work, we submit Diane Morales, a former member of your board.

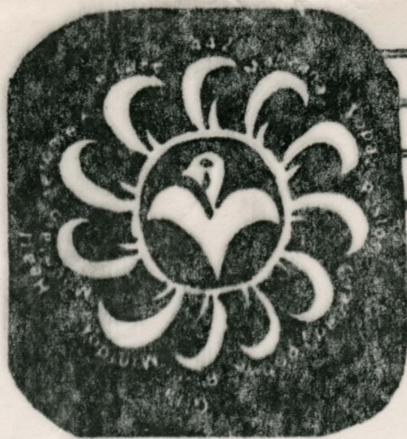
If this request receives a favorable decision, we request the grant be made in the name of a member organization, Concerned Japanese Americans, a not-for-profit voluntary organization that has never applied for tax exempt status. Through an existing bank account, they will act as fiscal agent for the coalition.

We hope that North Star will give this request serious consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Yuri Kochiyama
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B U D G E T

EXPENSES

Publicity and Promotion-for community outreach and publicity campaign.	\$ 1,000.00
Education-to purchase video of hearings for future educational purposes	250.00
Local transportation - outreach and preparation for voluntary staff and testifiers	200.00
General Office Expense-stationery, postage, telephone, etc.	<u>300.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1750.00

INCOME

Individual contributions	750.00
Theatre Benefit	<u>522.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>1272.00</u>
Balance requested	\$ 478.00