



EAST COAST JAPANESE AMERICANS FOR REDRESS

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Mr. Toro Hirose
Commission on Wartime Relocation
and Internment of Civilians
726 Jackson Place, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Hirose:

We are writing this letter to inform you of our progress in helping the Commission plan the New York hearing.

To date, the East Coast Japanese Americans for Redress has held two very successful community meetings. As a result of good outreach efforts, approximately 50-60 community people have attended our meetings. There has been much spirited discussion which reflects the community interest and support for the issue of redress and reparations.

In our October 22 meeting, we passed on the enclosed program. We discussed the particular interests of the Commission (i.e. Seabrook, resettlement, Issei and East Coast experience), and the concerns of our community (that there be a good balance between community testimony and "expert" testimony). We feel the attached program proposal directly addresses those concerns and hope that it will serve as a rough outline for further discussion for our meeting on Friday, October 30.

We are in the process of contacting the "suggested" testifiers, and working with those who have been "confirmed". (Confirmed means that those people have definitely decided they want to give testimony. They all understand that formal invitation and confirmation must come from the Commission staff.)

We look forward to meeting you at our October 30th ECJAR coordinating committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Sasha Hohri

Sasha Hohri & Michi Kobi
Co-chairs