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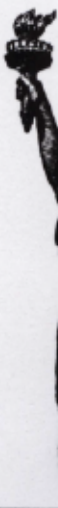
April 21, 1998

More than 50 years ago, the United States Government unjustly interned, evacuated, relocated, or otherwise deprived of liberty you and many other Japanese Americans. Today, on behalf of all Americans, I offer a sincere apology for the actions that unfairly denied Japanese Americans and their families fundamental liberties during World War II.

In passing the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, we recognized the wrongs of the past and offered redress to those who endured such grave injustice. We understand that our nation's actions were rooted in racial prejudice and wartime hysteria, and we must learn from the past and dedicate ourselves as a nation to renewing and strengthening equality, justice, and freedom. Together, we can guarantee a better future for generations to come.

You and your family have my best wishes.

*Bill Clinton*



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