

SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SAN FRANCISCO 4, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 1953

Mr. Henri Takahashi
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1661 Post Street
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mr. Takahashi:

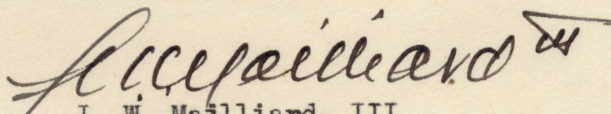
I am sorry to hear that you intend to resign from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. You have, no doubt, given the matter serious consideration, but before accepting your resignation, let me present a thought to you.

All business and businessmen have a responsibility to contribute as effectively as possible whatever they can toward proper government at city, state and federal levels; toward solving local problems of housing, transportation, slum clearance, and hosts of others; and toward furthering their own interests which must be contingent upon the general prosperity and well-being of their city. The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is the best available vehicle for combining the individual voices and magnifying them so they may be heard. And obviously for the Chamber to do the best possible job, it must have the support both physically and financially of all who appreciate the importance of the above.

Over 800 of your fellow businessmen are giving generously of their time and talents, working on the Chamber's various committees, studying and resolving the many problems that affect San Francisco's economic life. I know that every businessman cannot devote time to the Chamber's activities but they can and over 5000 of them do support it financially. I know you want to do your share because membership in the Chamber is good business and good for you.

In the next few days a volunteer member of our Second Century Club will ask you for an appointment, and I hope that you will spare him a few minutes of your time.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Mailliard, III
President



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