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Mr. Oliver Stone
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Dear Mr. Stone:

Thank you very much for your letter of 27 September and the attached copy of Mr. Schor's letter. At the present time, it is perfectly all right with me to have our hearing on November 5th, which date I accept as the date of my appearing before an Examiner as a witness.

I am sure that we should start reviewing all the details available on my claim in the month of October. However, I would like to mention some of my ideas and questions which arose after having read Mr. Schor's letter carefully.

It seems that Mr. Schor bases his opinions on the following reasons in rejecting to allow my claim:

(A) My father was a Japanese citizen present in Japan between December 7, 1941 and March 8, 1946. Mr. Schor is disregarding the fact that my father was interned in the U. S. during the War. I understand his view somewhat, because in your letters of 30 April and 7 August, you stated that my father came to Hawaii as a temporary visitor on his last trip, and had two-thirds of his assets in Japan at that time.

(B) Mr. Schor appears to assume that my father was doing business within Japan during the War, and, therefore was regarded as an enemy. To my best knowledge, it is entirely untrue that he was engaged in any business in Japan during the last War. I can at least support my above opinion by my mother's writing in Japanese on the biography of my father. If you should like to have the translated version of her writing, please let me know.

(C) Even though I am an American citizen, I am not entitled to my claim because I was not the owner of the property at the time of vesting.

As I believe that (C) is not very important as of now, our main consideration seems to be based on (A) AND (B). I assume that (B) is not too difficult a problem to be worked out later. I cannot understand, however, why (A) stands against my claim. I recall very well from your previous letters that you may not be able to assert the existence of duress

against my father at the time of his repatriation to Japan, because he was not a bona fide resident of Hawaii. (RE: your letter of 30 April, 1956.) Then, the government appears to deny everything that happened to my father during the beginning of the W. W. II and his repatriation to Japan in 1943, as if he had not been in the U. S. in those particular years.

My other questions are as follows:

- 1 When shall I be in D. C.? As I have a week vacation, I believe I can take it anytime from October 31st on for a week.
- 2 How long will the hearing last? Is it to be limited just to November 5th?
- 3 What questions will I be asked as a witness? And how should I say and answer?

Meanwhile, I believe we have an enough time during the month of October to prepare carefully for the coming hearing. Please let me know your opinions on the above and any further development on the claim.

Sincerely yours,

L. F. Miwa