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The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I hereby appeal for Executive action to alter my status as an "enemy alien".

Throughout the war I have been registered technically as an "enemy alien" because I was born in Formosa after Japan took that island. Whereas there are many Koreans in this country who were declared "friendly aliens" despite the fact that they were subjects of the Japanese, I am the only Formosan-Chinese subject in the United States. I came here on a passport issued by the Japanese, in order to study at the Divinity School, University of Chicago.

My wife is a native American and so is my baby daughter. My sympathies and interests have been with America throughout the war, but because of my registration as an "enemy alien" I have had great difficulty at times getting war work. Nevertheless I have worked for the Navy and (at present) for the War Department Military Intelligence Service.

I have been trying constantly to have my status changed to "friendly alien" but neither the Immigration Authorities, the Department of Justice, nor the State Department have any authority to order the change. Only a special action by you, as President of the United States, can help me.

By your considerate action I can have my status changed and therefore avoid the possibility of deportation as an "enemy alien", with all its terrible consequences to my wife and baby. Furthermore, I am told that I may be considered for employment in the American Consulate in Formosa when it is reopened if my status is changed. My way will also be cleared to approach the Chinese Embassy here in order to be registered as a citizen of China when the transfer of the sovereignty of Formosa has been completed.

Without Executive action to change my technical status I face continued and increasing difficulties, even though I have worked with all my heart for the Armed Services of the United States. The attached copies of some of my correspondence with government agencies will indicate how complicated - and how fruitless - my efforts have been. Only your consideration and kindness will make it possible for me to leave the United States to return to my home in Formosa without prejudice, where I shall spend the rest of my life as a Christian minister who knows from experience what a wonderful thing democracy is.

I shall greatly appreciate your kind consideration to my special case.

Sincerely yours,