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Dear Dr. Palmer,

It has been a long time since we last met in Chicago, but I hope you will remember my husband, Ai Chih Tsai, and myself. When you last came to San Diego, I was unable to attend the meeting at which you appeared, but Rev. Kenji Kikuchi, pastor of the Japanese church here, told me of meeting you and that you did remember us, and I was happy to hear about you from him.

Ai Chih is still overseas with UNRRA and is now working in the Shanghai office, after spending about 8 months in his native island of Formosa. The reason I am writing concerns him, and I hope you will be able to help him in some way.

Before he went overseas with UNRRA, he was assured by the UNRRA office in Washington, D.C. that he would have no trouble re-entering the United States. Until April of this year, he believed he would be able to return as soon as his duties were terminated in Formosa, but after reaching Shanghai, the UNRRA office there was unable to clear him for re-entry into this country. Recently he spoke to the Consul-General in Shanghai who told him that he would have to come to the United States under the immigration quota. But, as the number is set at 150 persons per year and there are thousands waiting to come here from China, the possibility of his early return by that procedure is very slight, and in fact, may take a number of years.

I went to the Immigration and Naturalization Office here in San Diego and the officer in charge gave me forms by which I could petition for a Preference visa (priority) because I am a United States citizen and Ai Chih is related to me by marriage. It appears, however, that Ai Chih must have some assurance of employment in this country, preferably a definite offer of a position. And now I am asking whether you would be able to make his case known to those who would be in a position to offer him employment, or if you have something in mind for him in your immediate sphere.

I have asked Rev. Kikuchi to present this matter to the committee which handles work with some of the Japanese churches on the West Coast, and the Rev. Gordon Chapman, of the Presbyterian offices in San Francisco, is also trying to help him. I feel that you would also be good enough to take an interest in Ai Chih's situation and that perhaps he may be of service to the denominational board or to some other church body, doing such work as befits his training, experience and personal qualifications.

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I hope you will be able to help him. We are greatly indebted to you for considering this matter. Thank you very much. I hope you and Mrs. Palmer are enjoying your life in California. Please extend best regards to Mrs. Palmer.

Very sincerely yours,

Ryo M. Tsai