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January 5, 1982

David Sakura, Pres.
New England JACL

Dear David;

Please forgive my tardiness in confirming our telephone conversation of December 17th. Winter Break at the University temporarily cut off planning for the upcoming Ethnic Awareness Programs in February. I hope you enjoyed a restful holiday in the meantime.

We would be honored to have you at the University of Vermont on Friday, February 12, 1982 as part of the Asian/Pacific American Awareness Week's Program. Several speakers from four major ethnic minority groups will address key issues in the month of February. Your participation on providing information about the Japanese American relocation and the current reparation/redress activities would be extremely valuable during the week of February 8 - 12. I am enclosing a schedule of the planned events for the Spring 1982 Programs for your information.

As we discussed earlier, you will be introduced as a guest presenter in a few courses that are interested in the issues raised in the Internment. Another larger, open discussion would also be arranged in order to encourage greater participation among campus faculty and students, as well as the Burlington community.

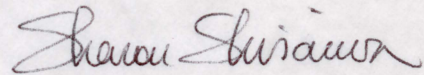
Any visual resource you think complimentary to your discussions can hopefully be accommodated. The video-taped session of the past New England Redress hearing could be used during the larger public discussion or during the small class meetings. The photo exhibit compiled by the New England chapter would also be an excellent addition to the redress issue. Many students, unfortunately, are not aware of the internment of over 110,000 people of Japanese ancestry during World War II, and will benefit from these verbal, written, and visual documentations. Others, although aware of this historical fact, have diluted the event and its impact through time. The Internment is one event, out of many in American history, that needs constant remembering.

Books, pamphlets and posters issued by JACL about the Internment and Redress could also be displayed for purchase during the public discussion. Certainly, the University should own some of these resources.

I hope this information helps in your planning. I will contact you shortly with further details concerning the locations where you will be speaking, transportation costs and an honorarium. I must apologize in advance for the latter, the honorarium will probably be quite modest, but it is given with much appreciation for your time and assistance.

Please feel free to contact me at the University (802) 656-3356, -7,-8, or at home 229-0719, if you have any questions or suggestions. My home address is PO Box 1394, Montpelier, VT 05602. Thank you for your interest in coming to Vermont. I look forward to planning a successful stay for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Shiraiwa".

Sharon Shiraiwa

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SEASON'S GREETINGS
from the Center for Cultural Pluralism
Please mark these dates on your calendars,
"for your eyes only!"

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SPRING 1982 Programs

JANUARY 21 (Thursday): VIENNA CHOIR BOYS
Flynn Theatre for Performing Arts
7:30pm
(in association w/Flynn Theatre for Performing Arts)

JANUARY 27 (Wednesday): REVEREND RALPH ABERNATHY
Ira Allen Chapel
7:00pm
(co-sponsored w/ the "Cultural Connection")

*FEBRUARY 1-26, 1982: *ETHNIC HERITAGE MONTH
1-5 Black Awareness Week
8-12 Asian Awareness Week
15-19 Hispanic Awareness Week
22-26 Native American Awareness Week

FEBRUARY 12 (Friday): PEKING OPERA COMPANY
Ira Allen Chapel
8:00pm

APRIL: SPECIAL EVENT (to be announced)
Watch for more upcoming information!

*Associated with the ETHNIC HERITAGE MONTH will be special ethnic dinners, workshops and guest speakers- watch for more information!! An essay contest will be sponsored by the Center, topic is to address: "What is an American?", prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners during EHMonth.

COME CELEBRATE WITH US in our FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY!!!!!!!!!!

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