

KIYO MORIMOTO

September 1, 1981

Derek C. Bok, President  
Harvard University  
Massachusetts Hall  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear President Bok:

I am writing to you as a member of the New England Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League. My purpose in writing is to inquire into the possibility with your support of the Harvard Law School or the Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University serving as a sponsor for a Hearing of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. The target dates for said Hearing would be early October. I realize the time is short.

The focus of the Hearing would be to obtain additional expert testimony regarding (1) the constitutionality or lack thereof of the internment and, given the outcome, (2) procedure and guidelines to structure a formula to determine the extent of damage.

There is considerable interest on the part of Commission staff, Edward Brooke, Father Drinan, and others in a Hearing in the Boston area.

J. David Sakura, the President of the New England Chapter of the JACL, stands ready to establish a community-wide Coordinating Committee to assist the Commission staff in preparing for such a Hearing.

I have enclosed for your information material on Public Law 96-317, a statement of Joan Z. Bernstein, Chair of the Commission, and a news release on the Hearings.

I trust you will give this request serious thought. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

Kiyo Morimoto

Enc. ; Summary Public Law 93-317  
Why a Commission  
Statement of Joan Z. Bernstein, Chair, CWRIC  
Commission begins hearings

✓ cc; J. David Sakura

J. DAVID SAKURA  
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Kigo:

I want to give you a little more background on the events that have transpired thus far, especially in regards to the Commission holding hearings in Boston. Paul Benai seemed very interested on the possibility of holding hearings on the Harvard campus, especially with the number of individuals from Harvard who indicated an interest and willingness to testify on behalf of the Japanese-Americans.

On Wednesday Aug 19th, Charles Smith of the CWRIC staff, called and told me of the need for obtaining additional expert testimony, presumably from the Harvard community, regarding the constitutionality <sup>of lack thereof</sup> of the incarceration and methods to structure a formula to determine the extent of damage.

Thus there seems to be considerable interest on the part of commission staff & some members, including Ed Brooke, on a hearing in Boston. It also appears that the possibility of hearings held at Harvard, either at the Kennedy School or at the Law School, provides additional incentive for Commission members to come to Boston.

Thus your letter to Derek Bok represents the first step in bringing the Commission here. I intend to establish a community-wide coordinating committee that will assist the Commission staff. Groups & individuals to be contacted include:

- Peter Kiang of the Asian American Resource Workshop
- Asian American Student Groups
- New England Nisei
- New England JACL
- American Friends Service Committee

and others.

Your suggestions and ideas will be greatly appreciated.

I hope you will continue to have a good vacation; and I will contact you after Labor Day regarding a follow-up to the letter to Dr. Bok.

With Best regards -

Dane

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November 18, 1981

Mr. Angus Macbeth  
Counsel  
Commission on Wartime Relocation & Internment  
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Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Macbeth,

I am pleased that we have finally agreed on a date for the Harvard Foundation to host the Boston area hearing of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians. As you are aware, I, as representative of the Harvard Foundation first contacted the Commission back in September of this academic year to explore the possibility of having a commission hearing on our campus. My primary motivation was the great educational value I saw in bringing this important aspect of American history and contemporary dialogue to our academic community. Further, many of our students, and Japanese-American students in particular, feel that this event will serve to enlighten both the academic community and other New England citizens about the tragedy of World War II internment and relocation of U.S. citizens.

Early in October, Mr. Charles Smith submitted December 10, 1981 as the date set for the Boston Area hearing. Pursuant to that suggested date, we arranged to host the event at Memorial Hall and also arranged the luncheon at one of our House dining rooms. However, after we learned on yesterday that your scheduling conflicts had caused you to change the hearing date to December 9, 1981, we had to scramble around for suitable facilities for both the hearing and luncheon. Most of our suitably large halls are in full use during the day and since the hearing will be scheduled from about 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. these halls were out of consideration. I do hope that you will appreciate the difficulty we had in re-scheduling the event at such a late date. However, we were fortunate enough to get Agassiz Hall on December 9, 1981 and the nearby Cronkhite dining center.

So we are all set on this end. We have gone ahead to schedule the newly renovated Agassiz Hall from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday December 9, 1981. I have also informed Dr. David Sakura, President of the New England Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens

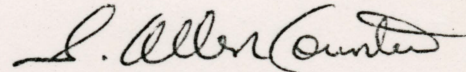
League (JACL), of our new date so that he may announce this at the upcoming November JACL activities.

Please send me an outline of your procedures and plans for the hearing, as well as the names of all participants. We would like to begin publicizing the hearing as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact me at [REDACTED] or my student assistant Mie Hayashi at the same number.

Again thank you and we look forward to hosting the Boston Area hearing.

Sincerely yours,



S. Allen Counter Ph.D  
Director

AC/ns

cc: Mr. Charles Smith  
Dr. David Sakura ✓  
Ms. Mie Hayashi  
Dean John Fox

Alan

Commission 20 people

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3 staff

10 witnesses

JACL

12 -

Harvard

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10 students

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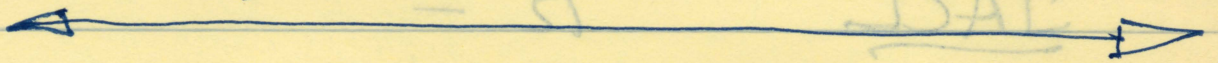
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