

December 12, 1988

TO: Former Crystal City Internees

I am requesting the assistance of former Crystal City internees through obtaining, or leads to, photographs from you of internment life in such camps as Missoula, Lordsburg, Santa Fe and Crystal City so that the book which was written by my father, the late Rev Yoshiaki Fukuda of the Konko Church of San Francisco, "Yokuryu Seikatsu Rokunen" (My Six Years of Internment) can be published in English. This book was written by my father in 1957. We hope to have our translated version of the book published in late 1989 but wish to obtain more photographs for it.

The draft manuscript has been read by several people, one of them being Clifford Uyeda, MD, the former National JACL President (1980-82) and currently the President of the National Japanese American Historical Society and another being Stanford M. Lyman, PhD, Robert J. Morrow Eminent Scholar and Professor of Social Science, Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Lyman is the author of numerous articles, one of them being "Generation and Character: The Case of the Japanese American" which was included in his book "The Asian in the West" and in "Roots: An Asian American Reader" which was published by the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. Another book that Dr Lyman has written about the Japanese American experience is "Chinatown and Little Tokyo: Power, Conflict and Community Among Chinese and Japanese Immigrants in America."

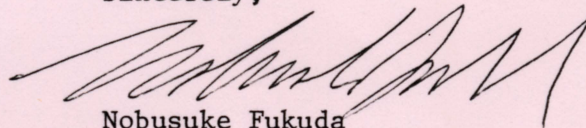
Dr Uyeda in his letter about the book to me of November 16, 1988 states: "It (Fukuda Petition-revised 7/23/88) is an important documentation from within the Justice Department camps during World War II. ... This documentation is important not only to Japanese Americans but to the American public."

Dr Lyman in his letter on the book to me of January 14, 1987 states: "As I see it, there are several very significant values to this memoir (the first draft version of the translation), any of which would make it worthy of publication and the sum total of which make it imperative for publication."

I obtained your name from the list of people who attended the Crystal City Reunion of 1988 which my older brother, Michisuke attended. I've also have had communication with Ted Mizukami, Kimiyo (Hayakawa) Takahashi and Sally Uyemaru. I have a copy of the "Historical Narrative on Crystal City Internment Camp" and the souvenir booklet on the "1988 Crystal City Reunion - Generation to Generation." We are in dire need of photographs and your assistance will be of much value. As you may know, there hasn't been much published about the Internment Camps and we hope to fill part of this void. I hope to hear from some of you but in the meantime, a Happy New Year to you.

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Sincerely,



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The above is a copy of the cover of the book. The photograph shows from left to right my sister Makiko, my mother Shinko, brother Saburo, brother Koichi, father Yoshiaki and brother Hiroshi. My brother Mich and I left Crystal City in 1946 but the rest of my family stayed until 1947 and were about the last ones to leave there.

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