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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1988

Dear Mr. Sau-Lim Tsang:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 3 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Sau-Lim Tsang
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ID# 572451

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JUNE 08, 1988

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SAU - LIM TSANG

SUBJECT: REQUESTS SUPPORT FOR H.R. 442, THE CIVIL LIBERTIES ACT TO COMPENSATE JAPANESE AMERICANS INTERRED DURING WORLD WAR II

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# National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education

Ruby Beserra

June 3, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of NAAPAE I strongly urge you to sign into law the legislation overwhelmingly passed by both houses of Congress to redress the injustice committed in 1942 against 120,000 Americans of Japanese descent. By signing your name to this important piece of legislation, you will send a strong message to the nation and the world that such a tragic violation of basic civil rights cannot be condoned, and will never be repeated.

This legislation came about as a result of the recommendations of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, which was established in 1980 to review the facts surrounding the forced detention of Japanese Americans. As the Commission concluded, "the promulgation of Executive Order 9066 was not justified by military necessity, and the decisions which followed from it were not driven by analysis of military conditions....A grave injustice was done to American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry."

I hope you will sign the redress legislation, thereby reaffirming your commitment to justice and liberty for all Americans.

Sincerely yours,

Sau-Lim Tsang
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1988

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 5, 1988

Dear Mr. Zukemura:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 22 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the United Japanese Society of Hawaii are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Richard H. Zukemura
1149 Bethel Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Mr. Woo:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 4 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Asian Justice Ministries of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Wesley Woo
Coordinator
Asian Justice Ministries
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New York City, New York 10115

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Mr. Tucker:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 13 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

A. Arthur Tucker
Associate Director
Council on Ministries
United Methodist Church
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Ms. Rowlett:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 11 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Council on Ministries of the United Methodist Church are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Martha G. Rowlett
Associate Conference Council Director
Council on Ministries
United Methodist Church
Post Office Box 6006
Pasadena, California 91102

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1988

Dear Mr. Northup:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 29 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Mr. Robert W. Northup
475 Riverside Drive, Room 618
New York, New York 10027

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1988

Dear Mr. Kim:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you and Maureen Yamashiro for your correspondence of June 22 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Young Kim
President
Asian American Bar Association
of the Greater Chicago Area
Box A3782
Chicago, Illinois 60690

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Reverend Hidaka:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 13 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, Presbyterian Church (USA) are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

The Reverend Yusuke Hidaka, S.T.D.
Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
1501 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017-2293

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1988

Dear Mr. Holl:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 20 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Asian Foundation for Community Development are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Mr. Nelson J. Holl
Executive Director
Asian Foundation
for Community Development
310 Eighth Street, 305B
Oakland, California 94607

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1988

Dear Miss Hune:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 15 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Association for Asian American Studies are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Ms. Shirley Hune
President
Association for Asian American
Studies
695 Park Avenue
New York, New York

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Reverend Gesling:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of April 26 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Fellowship of Reconciliation National Council are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

The Reverend Linda Gesling
Chairwoman
Fellowship of Reconciliation National Council
Box 271
Nyack, New York 10960

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Mr. Der:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 12 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Chinese for Affirmative Action group are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Henry Der
Executive Director
Chinese for Affirmative Action
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The Kuo Building
San Francisco, California 94108

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Mr. Bergeson:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of April 25 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Washington Education Association are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Terry Bergeson
President
Washington Education Association
33434 Eighth Avenue South
Federal Way, Washington 98003

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 23, 1988

Dear Dr. Akashi:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of April 21 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

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Monterey Park, California 91754

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1988

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Dear Reverand Nagano:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 2 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Asian American Caucus are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Reverand Paul M. Nagano
160 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1988

Dear Ms. Benavides:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 7, concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of The United Methodist Church are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Ms. Vida Benavides
100 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002-5664

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1988

Dear Mr. Kamitsuka:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 3 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Arthur J. Kamitsuka
475 Riverside Drive-Suite 1149
New York, New York 10115

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1988

Dear Ms. Putnam:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 27 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the National Board of the YMCA of the U.S.A. are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Ms. Glendora McIlwain Putnam
624 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 20, 1988

Dear Ms. Baker:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of May 27 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the National Board of the YMCA of the U.S.A. are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Office of Public Liaison

Ms. Gwendolyn Calvert Baker
624 Ninth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1988

Dear Mr. Beebe:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 13 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Frederick J. Beebe
Synod Executive
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
1501 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90017-2293

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 30, 1988

Dear Mr. Goto:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 24 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Oahu Kanyaku Centennial Committee are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

Mr. Kenji Goto
General Chairman
Oahu Kanyaku Centennial Committee
99-869 Lalawai Drive
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 29, 1988

Dear Mr. Andrews:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for your correspondence of June 13 and June 15 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rudy Beserra

Rudy Beserra
Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

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Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
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New York, New York 10115

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 1, 1988

Dear Mr. Kim:

On behalf of President Reagan, thank you and Maureen Yamashiro for your correspondence of June 22 concerning the Civil Liberties Act (H.R. 442 and S.1009), which addresses the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

The letter has been forwarded to the appropriate White House personnel where it will be given every consideration. Your views and those of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Chicago Area are appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Associate Director
Director of Public Liaison

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June 22, 1988

President Ronald Reagan
1600 Pensylvannia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Reagan:

We strongly urge your support for the Civil Liberties Act of 1987 with its government apology, $20,000.00 individual compensation, and educational trust fund. This bill would, after 46 years, finally redress the injustice of Executive Order #9066 which mandated the internment of 120,000 Japanese Americans on February 19, 1942.

Japanese Americans were singled out as suspected traitors and saboteurs even though overwhelming evidence existed as to their loyalty. Despite being imprisoned behind barbed wire in desolate parts of the country for an average of two and a half years, Japanese Americans still mobilized behind the war effort: raising crops to feed the country; helping in war production; and volunteering for the gallant 442nd Regimental Combat Team, 100th Battalion, and Military Intelligance Service.

Because of their internment, Japanese Americans lost income and property valued at almost $2 Billion in today's dollars (based on estimates by the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians). This figure does not include the losses of lives and liberty that people suffered during these harsh times. The $37 million in payments made under the 1948 War Claims Act pales in comparison to their losses.

As you finish your term as President we call on you to take a principled stand for the Constitutional right of liberty, due process, and private property. Now is the time to make a bold and long-lasting impression on American history by recognizing these grievous human rights atrocities and taking decisive action to correct them. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Young Kim (MOY)
Young Kim
President,
Asian American Bar Association

Maureen Yamashiro
Maureen Yamashiro
Chairman,
Legislative and Judicial
Developments Committee