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THE WHITE HOUSE  
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

FEB02

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. SHIUM ANDREW CHEN

SUBJECT: WRITES IN OPPOSITION OF THE PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WHICH WILL MAKE  
ENGLISH THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF CALIFORNIA  
& REGARDING THE VINCENT CHIN MURDER CASE

ROUTE TO:		ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 11, 1986

Dear, Dr. Chen:

Thank you for your letter to the President regarding Proposition 63 to make English the official language of the state of California.

Of course, as you know by now, the voters of California passed this proposition last week.

In any event, we certainly appreciate the time and effort you took to let the President know of your concerns.

Sincerely,



Rudy Beserra  
Associate Director  
Office of Public Liaison

Dr. S. Andrew Chen  
OCA President  
197 Mohawk Drive  
Butler, PA 16001





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September 17, 1986

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The President

White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

While I would like to report that much progress on the Chinese American movement has been made since our meeting on January 9th early this year, actually, there have been monumental setbacks which threaten the very foundation of our cultural heritage and the civil justice of Chinese and in fact all Americans.

Being mindful of your generous praise and encouragement, I am pleased to report that the Chinese American movement has achieved some significant tasks in the following areas:

1. developing a mechanism to unify all civic and community organizations;
2. closely networking with all ethnic and civil rights organizations at all levels;
3. actively promoting political participation at all levels;
4. recognizing successful Chinese Americans throughout the country;
5. encouraging and recognizing young Chinese Americans in both achievement and political awareness; and
6. monitoring and networking with the media world.

However, Mr. President, the Chinese American Community is gravely alarmed by two separate but equally devastating events. One is the proposed constitutional amendment of Proposition 63 being placed on the November ballot in California which will make English the official language of the state of California. The other setback was the conviction of a racist murderer of a Chinese American Vincent Chin was released without spending a day in jail after years of appeal by us with special assistance of the Justice Department.

Mr. President a copy of the official statement of my organization in opposition to Proposition 63 is enclosed for your reference. Most state and local government official, religious and civil leaders have publicly denounced this amendment. We support and promote English as our common language. We can not accept the assumption that our multi-ethnic pluralistic community must purge against any language other than English and downgrade people who have different cultural heritages. Mr. President, with your special sensitivity and understanding of Asian Americans we humbly ask that you issue a statement at your earliest convenience in regard to this very critical issue of our nation.

Regarding the Vincent Chin murder case, Mr. President, we seek justice not revenge. We humbly request that the Justice Department continue its active pursuit to appeal for retrial until the injustice is redressed.

It has always been a special joy to me and our community that Mrs. Reagan and you are healthy and well. You can be assured of our support and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Shium Andrew Chen  
OCA National President

SAC/sel



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Statements on "Proposition 63, CA."

S. Andrew Chen, National President

Henry Mui, Executive Director

September 18, 1986

### Preface

Chinese American communities are gravely alarmed about Proposition 63 which is on the upcoming November ballot in the state of California. The intent of the Proposition is to make English the official language of California. We question its constitutionality. We doubt its admissability. We dread its disastrous impact on all ethnic communities and our society as a whole. Therefore, we oppose Proposition 63.

As an organization, we have promoted English as our common language throughout the entire history of our existence. However, the legalization of English as the only language of our land is an entirely different matter. We oppose it with all of our hearts as well as with all of our might.

### OCA National Resolution

On July 13, 1986, the OCA National Board of Directors and its General Membership at its 8th Biennial convention approved the following resolution:

"OCA opposes any ammendment to the Constitution, state and local laws, including any administrative action or executive order which would designate English as the official language."

### Reasons for our Opposition

1. Proposition 63 will uproot the very foundation of American ideas which value individual differences and cultural diversity. This is the time the American mainstream needs to be expanded to absorbing values and culture from the new immigrant groups.

Proposition 63 threatens to shut off access of linguistically different groups to the mainstream of American life.

2. Proposition 63 will challenge and threaten to curtail bilingual programs and services in education, medical services, and religious and business transactions for new immigrant groups. Inevitably, this will impinge their rights and privileges as guaranteed by the 14th ammendment of the United States Constitution.
3. Since language is the very foundation of one's "thoughts", Proposition 63 is undeniably an effort to regulate the thoughts and behavior of these groups. There is no modern civilized country in the world that has resorted to this type of "brain washing" device to purge its own people.
4. Proposition 63 threatens to wipe out the rich language-culture heritage of the ethnic communities across the nation. These include street signs, movies, varieties of art forms, literature and news media. The amendment may threaten the thriving commerce of ethnic communities across America, such as Chinatown.
5. Proposition 63 will reinforce and may even insite new Anti-Asian and Anti-immigrant sentiment in California and other states. Whether this was intended or not, it reflects a racist and white supremacist view.
6. According to a recent report (McNiel Report, 1986) there are more than 2 million Chinese learning the English language today. Proposition 63 will make our country the only "monolingual country" in a "multi-lingual" world. This amendment inadvertently will promote "functional illiteracy" among Americans in trades, diplomacy,

literature and education in the international community.

Conclusion: Vote Against #63

We believe that the passage of Proposition #63 will have a devastating impact, not only to the ethnic communities, but also to the very foundation of our American ideas and social structure.

Although we agree that English has been our common language for centuries, we believe that it is counterproductive to make it an "official" language. We believe that United States of America as a nation of immigrants should tolerate people with different language and cultural heritage.

We Need Your Support

If you care about our concerns, please contact one of us immediately.

Dr. S. Andrew Chen (President) 412-794-7281

107 Mohawk Drive, Butler, Pennsylvania 16001

Mr. Henry Mui (Executive Director) 212-223-5500

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 28, 1986

Dear Jack:

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Our Constitution is one of history's most precious and important documents and has served as a model for numerous countries. Through your work, the Constitution has reached millions the world over and you have made a significant and lasting contribution toward improved understanding between peoples and the furtherance of democracy.

On behalf of our Nation, thank you for your unselfish dedication to this most worthy undertaking.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

Mr. Jack Hedges  
International Coordinator for the  
Bicentennial of the United States Constitution  
United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20547

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per David Chew  
7/28.

Katherine

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United States Information Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20547

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Counsel checking

OK ~~→~~ 7/28

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 28, 1986

Received  
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MEMORANDUM FOR DAVID L. CHEW  
STAFF SECRETARY

FROM: JAY B. STEPHENS  
DEPUTY COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Jack Hedges  
Re: Bicentennial of the United States  
Constitution

We have reviewed the above-captioned matter, and, with the edit noted on the draft, have no objection to its transmittal.

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# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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Received (YY/MM/DD) 1/1Name of Correspondent: David Chew☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Presidential Letter to Jack Hedges Re: Constitution  
Bi Centennial (Hedges)

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- n - 0 - Unknown
- n - 1 - Ronald Wilson Reagan
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- n - 7 - Ronnie

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- n - 0 - Unknown
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CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET  
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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

DATE: 7/28/86 ACTION/CONCURRENCE/COMMENT DUE BY: 7/29/86SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO JACK HENDGES RE: CONSTITUTION BICENTENNIAL

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REMARKS: Do you have any objection to the attached letter being sent?

RESPONSE:

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David L. Chew  
Staff Secretary  
Ext. 2702

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Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Director



July 18, 1986

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Deputy Director

The Honorable  
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## WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM

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signed.

Katharine Ladd



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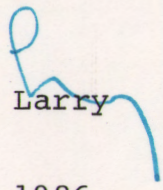
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WASHINGTON

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Mark --

Redo this letter and  
get it signed and sent.

Thanks.

  
Larry

July 22, 1986

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

David Chew:

Mark Weinberg has requested  
the attached letter. Any  
problem?

Kathy O.

David - Does this need personal?  
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Dear Jack,

The coming commemoration of the Constitution is testimony to clear thinking on the part of this country's Founding Fathers two hundred years ago. It is also the result of hard work and dedication to the Bicentennial spirit by people like yourself.

Your service over the past year to the values of our Constitution has been outstanding and I am deeply grateful to you for it. As Coordinator for international projects, you have been privileged to oversee the building of understanding among peoples around the world of a document that embodies what America stands for today -- Liberty.

Again, let me express my appreciation to you for being a vital part of the Nation's re-dedication.

Sincerely,