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September 12, 1979

Clifford Uyeda
National President of the
Japanese-American Citizens League
1756 Sutter St.
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Dear Mr. Uyeda:

Nikki Bridges has told me that you approve of my proposed research project on Tule Lake. I am currently in the process of applying to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for funds to edit and annotate my fieldnotes on the Tule Lake Segregation Center. The title of my project is "Loyalties and Terrorism among the 'Disloyal': Tule Lake Segregation Center, 1943-1945."

If you would write a letter to NEH expressing your support, I would be very grateful. I have consulted the experts at Washington University and they suggest the letter be sent directly to me so that it can be enclosed in my research proposal. They warned me that if the letter were sent to NEH, it might easily be lost. I will also then be able to enclose a copy in subsequent applications to NSI, etc.

I feel very strongly about the evacuation and internment, but then, as I often told myself when I lived in the camps: "You are here of your own free will and the Japanese-Americans are not."

Sincerely yours,

Rosalie H. Wax
Professor of Anthropology

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September 18, 1979

Professor Rosalie H. Was
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Dear Professor Wax:

May I put down some of my personal comments concerning the "Loyalties and Terrorism among the 'Disloyal': Tule Lake Segregation Center, 1943-1945."

I believe the title of your project re-enforces and keeps alive the misconception prevalent among many Americans that all those at the Tule Lake camp were "disloyal." Even in quotation ("disloyal"), that does little to dispel the stereotype imprinted in the American mind.

Certainly the 18,000 at Tule Lake were not all categorized as "disloyal" even by the United States Government. Many were there to prevent the breakup of the families after everything else in their lives was destroyed. Others were children who had no choice or understanding of what it meant to be segregated at Tule Lake. Among those who "chose" to go to Tule Lake, many were acts of protest. The "loyalty oaths" were imposed nearly a year after being imprisoned. Many of them took their constitutional rights seriously. It was their way of responding to injustice.

The "Preliminary Proposal" mentions little about the plight of those who did not react to their situation with anger and became resegregationists. Will their story be incorporated as well? That is also the story of Tule Lake.

How about "Loyalties and Terrorism at Tule Lake Segregation Center, 1943-1945." This way you're not, even indirectly, passing judgment even before presenting the cases.

I believe your project is worthy of presentation and our support. May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

Clifford T. Uyeda, M.D.
National JACL President.

cc: Nikki Bridges.

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UYEDA * THANK you for the title change
The points are well known ~~well known~~ to you and are
documented in my fieldnotes -

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examining th e primary evidence or data.

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submitting it.

If you judge it of value, I would appreciate a letter of support
may transt to NEH directly to me --
I respect your judgement in this matter.

*To W not sufficient as mentioned
reference of Tokunaga & Kuribayashi -*

September 28, 1979

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National JACL President
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Sincerely yours,

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October 8, 1979

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Dear Dr. Wax:

Thank you for forwarding the "Project Description." There were many points I would like clarified. But before that, I have been made aware of the procedure that had been adopted and practiced by the National JACL concerning endorsement of any proposal. The approval of the JACL National Board or the Executive Committee must be obtained.

Earlier this year a Japanese American researcher (Sansei) requested our support for her seeking of a grant to do an in-depth study concerning Japanese American attitudes. She had excellent track record. The National Board requested to review her previous work and the present proposal. Approval was granted at the September 1979 Executive Committee meeting.

I realize now that your request must go through similar procedure. Do you wish that done? If so, please forward a copy of the Project Description that I can duplicate for members of the National Board. (The copy you sent me is marked up with my personal comments.) The next meeting of the JACL National Executive Committee is in early February 1980.

Rather than the JACL, if you are seeking support from the San Francisco Center for Japanese American Studies where you spoke on the subject then I can forward the project description to its board members. They will review the proposal and make recommendations.

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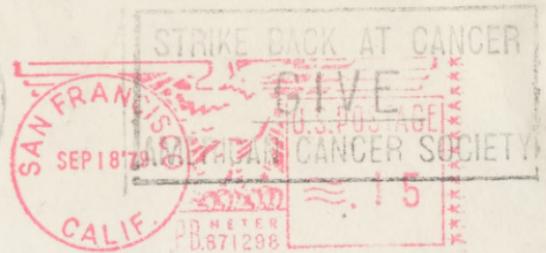
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