

March 15, 1988

Dear Frank,

James Omura has written saying that he hasn't heard from you. And I realized that I haven't either. Hope you're OK, just busy, and not overdoing it as you race to get ready for the Pullman conference.

Or could it be that you're with Dana and Sam Chew for a breather. Probably that's it. That would be dandy..... This morning, as a matter of fact, I dropped off at the post office a parcel for little Sam Chew. I hope he'll enjoy two more volumes from the Japanese Fairy Tale Series. Along with a beautifully illustrated book on origami, I enclosed Issunboshi or "The Adventures of the One Inch Boy" and Hanasaka Jiji or "The Old Man Who Made The Tree Bloom."

Did you once tell me that the Urashima Taro earlier sent got trampled during an earthquake, or am I dreaming?

Let me know if that anti-Hosokawa thunderbolt you sent to the P.C. was picked up by any of the vernaculars. Enclosed are some clippings I've managed to hold together in this jungle of a study to send to you. Trust some of it might still be of interest to you.

Whoopie! Phone call from Frank Chin 3/16/88

Your beautifully resonant voice was better than a shot in the arm. Dr. Chu allows Walter to give me a B-12 or a B-complex shot when I'm really in need of a boost. Thanks for calling.

Your anti-Hosokawa blast is too good to be wasted. Surely Bill has been sent a copy directly. Say, maybe Yamada can do a booklet, a compilation of reviews, commentaries, letters-to-editors. May give him a ring and find out what he thinks about publishing even the unpublishables.

As for "The Great Aieeeee!" the possibility of subversion is not all that far-fetched. Can you sue Howard for breach of contract? Hope your phone call to the new editor proved productive

ductive, and all is not lost yet.

As you may know, William's book will not be ready for the Pullman conference, but he's taking the setback philosophically.

Chris will be undergoing a triple by-pass on the 17th, but he's given orders to Vi which includes her attending the conference to present her testimony. Even if he dies!

I certainly wish you worlds of success vindicating the resisters at the conference, and I'll be there rooting for all of you—in spirit. Thanks to Mits, I've gotten to know a lot about Frank Emi and I am filled with respect and admiration for his extraordinary courage and perseverance. Tell him I salute him and hope he will remain forever strong, outspoken and young.

And I know I can count on you to relay to all our mutual friends my love and deepest regrets for not being able to attend, regrets which are truly heartfelt in the case of Gail and Steve.

And to you, my love and indebtedness is boundless. That goes for Walter too.

M. Eli