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Dear Michi,

I really enjoyed our phone conversation yesterday. Sorry if my timing caught you off balance, but I was anxious to get started since our core group has been talking about this for several weeks now.

It was such a relief when you so graciously agreed to help us put this project together. William sensed my apprehension of imposing on your privacy and he voluntarily called you earlier to help soften the blow. He is a real friend!

I do have utmost respect for your privacy Michi, and realize that sharing your expertise, insights and talents with the world does not imply a willingness to forfeit your privacy and personal life. So, whatever material you are willing to entrust with me will be handled with utmost care, sensitivity and respect, but ----. As I described over the phone, I envision a pictorial history of the life of Michi Nishiura Weglyn with photos and documents:

1. Baby pictures
2. Growing up, family
3. School pictures, documents
4. Camp pictures
5. Career: sketches and drawings. Perry Como designs and others. (I am fascinated with rough preliminary sketches in particular because they often express the thought processes and turmoil that precedes a final resolution. The process is often more interesting than the finished product.)
6. Marriage, life with Walter
7. Activism, writings, thoughts, "Years Of Infamy"
8. Cal Poly Endowment
9. Continuing redress efforts for Peruvians and railroad workers
10. Anything else I missed

Pretty nosy, huh?

Please save your receipts of all printing, photo work, postage and any other expenses for future reimbursement. I will check with JANM and with Bob Suzuki and Perry Como (if we can locate him) to fill in any gaps, as you suggested.

Please take care Michi, and realize you are too great an asset to our community to take your health and welfare lightly. You have many friends and admirers.

With love, Yosh & Irene