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The Honorable Senator Daniel Inouye
Hart Senate Building, Suite 722
Washington, DC 20510-1102

Dear Senator Inouye:

Thank you for your response to my inquiry regarding my eligibility for redress on September 21, 1990. I realize with the recent budget problems and hostage situation, you and your constituents are very busy right now. Although I never expected to receive redress, I was very interested in an explanation as to why it was not granted to those in my situation.

I am now writing to inquire as to the possibility of redress for those who have been denied redress because of technicalities in the circumstances of their cases - non-Japanese Americans who went to camp with their J-A spouses, those who voluntarily relocated, Peruvians uprooted to Texas, and so on. Unlike me, most of these people were adults at the time of their internment and I am sure they suffered greatly - the enclosed article on Estelle Peck Ishigo is testimony to that fact. Even if they do not receive financial compensation, the least the United States government can do is to write them a letter of apology.

I have written to several officials of JACL regarding this matter (sample letter enclosed), but it has been two months, and have not received a response from anyone. Also, getting addresses was like pulling teeth, so I've kind of given up on them. The lack of response from an organization in the forefront of redress was rather disappointing, so I would appreciate any information you can give me, and once again, thank you for your response to my previous letter.

Yours truly,

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