

406 Water Street
Pullman, Washington
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Honorable Charles Dennis
United States District Attorney
Western Washington
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

I, William Morita, am the second son of Shinjiro Morita who is now interned in the Lordsburg Internment Camp, and am now pursuing my studies at Washington State College as a Mechanical Engineer. I would like to take this opportunity to request and petition your Honorable Authority to reopen my father's case.

My father has always been my ideal. He is honest, and a hard worker. He has always taught me to love my country, America. He is the type of man who has few or no enemies at all, because of his honesty and sincerity. He has always worked hard for the benefit of the unfortunates; such as, the Red Cross, and the Community Fund. He helped to organize the First Hill Drum and Bugle Corp which so many of the Seattle residents had applauded during their numerous parades.

I have been advised that a special camp for internees will be established; thereby, the families will not be separated due to internment. I feel that my father can and will do more for American and for the family, if he is allowed to join the family. My younger brothers and sister are now at the age where fatherly advice on the social aspects of living are essential, especially in a Relocation Camp where people live closely together.

I am sure that my father will willingly help out in the farms to relieve the man power shortage. His love for the earth, nature, and growing things are typified by a letter which he wrote to me on November 31, 1942, and I quote, "Work is the only thing that keeps me from thinking and I am determined not to be think. When things seem closing in upon me and everything looks dark, I flee to nature." He is not the type of man to sit idly around. He will work and work hard for American, if only given the chance.

His loyalty and his desire that I be a loyal American is shown in a letter which I received on October 7, 1942, and I quote, "My fatherly loving thought are with you and praying that you will become a useful member of the American society and help America."

Last September, I was released from the Minidoka Relocation Project to attend Washington State College, I was released one semester earlier than the other Washington State College students, because of my unquestionable loyalty to America. I have always gotten along well with all my Caucasian friends and this is due to a large part on the American manner in which my father raised me.

I am at present a member in good standing of the Engineer Corps, of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. I have successfully completed a semester's training in Military Science and tactics. My intentions are to continue my military training here at the college and then win my commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Engineer Corps. My Commanding Officer is Captain Picatti of the United States Engineer Corps.

If I should be called into the service before that time, I will willingly go, knowing that I am fighting for the American way of life:--equality, justice, and liberty. I feel assured that you will do all in your power to see that justice, equality, and liberty, is in the hands of all people; regardless of race or creed.

Because of the above reasons, I wish to request your honorable authority to reopen his case. Please be assured that your sincerity and kindness will be appreciated by myself and the family.

Respectfully yours,