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Commission on Wartime Relocation
and Internment of Civilians

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Since July 14, 1981, you the Commission have heard and read the testimonies of many Japanese-Americans and Aleuts expressing the psychological, physical and economical impact they experienced with their relocation, internment camps and post-relocation.

Like other Japanese and Aleut families and individual, we experienced the same loss of home, job, personal belongings and most important respect and trust. True, the relocation camps may have been in the best interest of safety for the Japanese people, but to force the selling of homes, business, personal belongings was not in order.

In addition, my family also experienced a violation of our civil rights. My mother is American Indian (Lummi) my sister, brother and I are half Indian. My mother had to choose if she

wanted to stay in Seattle or go to the
Camp with the rest of the family
in Minadoka, Idaho. She stayed
with the family and went to the
Camp to be with her husband and
us.

In writing this testimony I am speaking
for my father and family. Like many
other Japanese-American his age he
has a great deal of pride and will
not beg for compensation or a letter
of apology.

Our family only asks you to look at the
facts presented by the people and make
a soul and value decision that is right
and fair for the Japanese and Aleut peoples.

If monetary redress is the recommendation
it must be done soon, before the people
are gone. You folks will write the
final chapter to the Internment camps.

Sincerely
James P. Egawa
8/13/81

Fred Y. Egawa - Father
Grace M. Egawa - Mother
Marie Y. Egawa (Cameron) Daughter
Fred Y. Egawa - Son
James P. Egawa - Son

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