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AT: Um, and then, uh, another thing I wanted to be sure to ask you

about was, um, you had mentioned talking with your father about the, um, the redress hearings. So, um, could you share just about, um, your recollection of what region, what redress was like and kind of what was happening and how your family

was involved?

TD: <u>01:18:00</u> Hmm. So when the, uh, hearings were in Chicago, I went with

my father and my mother didn't go, but my father and I attended the hearings and we listened. And I warned him, as I told you, not to say about the Japanese winning the war. And, uh, it was very important for him to get redress. The money was very important to him. It's not that he lost so much in Japan and in, in Los Angeles, but he wanted it to be an inheritance for my mother. Unfortunately, he died, he died in April, and the redress money came in August, so he wasn't able to get that. So my mother, uh, received, uh, the money, \$20,000, but he was so interested in the redress because he felt he deserved it and as many of my friends, but for me, I kind of feel guilty about it. Oh. Because I did not suffer really, you know, uh, I just followed my parents. I was a child, so I, I kind of feel guilty when people, especially non-JA they say, well you got the money, you got \$20,000, didn't you? You know, with that should be enough. Maybe not in that way, but in that tone. And they made me feel

guilty.

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