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Dear Frank,

Before you leave for Frisco, I just want to send a few lines of sincere appreciation for all you tried to do for me vis-a-vis Gail and Steve. I really am behind the eight ball with you, I'm sure. I have also written to dear Gail and Steve to relay our regrets and to thank them at the same time for their dedicated efforts on my behalf, which I will always remember.

I should have never shown that demeaning Okihiro review to Walter. He harbors the notion that you're just trying to make me feel better by your saying that "Gail tells me Gary uses your book, admires your book and regrets his acting like a snotty grad student in his review." He maintains that a public apology from Gary Okihiro will just remain a Frank Chin dream--you with your larger than life dreams! Walter doubts that Gary would ever admit that he was a fool, that he was fronting for Roger Daniels, which is transparent. Remember that it was Vi de Cristoforo who warned me not to trust Gary, and Harry Ueno, who knows Okihiro, expressed similar reservations. Those two have fine-tuned antennas after all they've had to suffer. So that made me sit up and start wondering, "hey, what's going on?"

Vi was disappointed that Okihiro did not go to the aid of Peter Suzuki at the Berkeley conference, when he was ruthlessly attacked by Matson and fellow academics.

Hope you got copy of MOSES by now. That publicity sheet should have had you frothing and regurgitating.....I sent a copy of the PR release to Hohri. I knew that would change his mind about not bothering with what he characterized as "They Call Me A Pile Of Shit." He wrote back: "OK, I guess I should read the book and comment." So he should have a copy by Christmas. He said there was a NYT review, which I missed, so I've asked that he sends me a copy. Let us have copies if you get other commentaries published.

Some time ago, I tried to get my thoughts together to help Omura, and it was good and most productive to have the privilege of his visit in October. It was a sudden decision on his part, while he was digging away in D.C. Surely you must know that he's working on a dilly of a review. And apparently his book is getting longer and longer--there's just too much stuff. At any rate, he's as eager as you to do a lamp-post job, so Omura's review should be a salvo, a blockbuster.

Amazing, but Cady has just sent me a complimentary copy of MOSES, despite my refusal to endorse the book. Thought I had cooked my goose.....but maybe I'm being forgiven. He got the endorsements of the heavyweights.

Walter and I are certainly looking forward to seeing you, now that your plans include teaching part-time at the U. of Oklahoma. We certainly hope you manage to arrange a reading at the American Place Theatre, which would be great!

This Dies Committee stuff is absolutely mind-boggling. Those outright lies, then the attempt to wiggle out when confronted with the discrepancy; then the admission; lies, then the equivocation, then getting caught again--it's high comedy. And to think that it's not comedy written to entertain, that it actually happened. Love the part where the Almighty claims to have met Stimson, Summer Welles, Knox, etc. etc. And it turns out to be a gargantuan falsification of facts!

We do not envy your trip to the Bay Area for the holidays. Or is it just for Christmas, we hope! Before you leave, our hugs to little Sammy and Dana. We hope the Year of the Dragon will be the best year yet for all of you.

Much love, good cheer, gratitude, *Michelle and Walter*