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Dear Ron:

In response to your letter, dated March 12, 1979, regarding the Redress Committee's decision to pursue legislation to establish a commission, I feel incumbent to answer without equivocation or intent. I want no misunderstanding of what I feel compelled to say.

Although I understand, and to some degree share, the concerns you express, I think it's important for you to remember that the decision was made by the committee as a body and not by individual fiat. In this regard, the discussion of the issue was held in committee, and as a committee, we will stick to it.

I cannot, in all honesty, take lightly your own personal decision to contravene the adjuration of the committee to develop the draft and final product of the legislation as quickly as possible. From my perspective as the chair of the committee, you have violated a critical responsibility entrusted to you, and indeed requested by you, and have subordinated a decision of the committee to your own personal doubts. I find this totally unacceptable and would direct a similar criticism towards any committee member under similar circumstances.

In view of this, I feel that it is necessary for me to relieve you of your responsibility as the chair of the legislative subcommittee and as a member of JACL's National Committee for Redress. Given the critical timing we're under and the nature of the circumstances, you leave me very little choice in this matter.

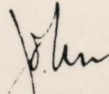
I make my decision without malice or anger, and I clearly understand the gravity of your doubts and the sincerity of your concern. However, my over-riding concern must

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by necessity be the cohesiveness and attitude of the entire committee, and in a broader view, the various facets of the Redress campaign as a whole--irrespective of my own personal biases and preferences. I feel very strongly that, because we have now moved into a delicate phase of the campaign, it is extremely important and critical that all committee members support and endorse fully the decision and position we have taken.

I would like to thank you for all the time and effort you've given to the National Committee for Redress and for your efforts in general to the Redress effort. I trust that we'll be able to continue to work together in this important and worthwhile cause.

Sincerely,



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