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Dear Frank,

Please excuse my delay in writing regarding my trip to Tule Lake. The trip was really quite fantastic, so educational and meaningful to those who went and I was so glad to be able to be a part of the program on Redress/Reparations along with Bert Nakano of LTPRO.

The reason for my being so late in writing is because my sister had emergency open heart surgery during my absence and here it is, the end of the month and she is still in the hospital!!! She did come home for a few days but did not do well at home so we had to put her back in the hospital and I have been spending most of my time in going to and from Santa Monica to be with her to make sure she is doing alright. Last night, I was told that she will stay in the hospital another week before coming back home. I will be taking her over to my Towers apartment to keep her as her children can't manage her since they have small children underfoot and it would be too noisy and with too many things going on around. We think it will be about six weeks of recovery time but that depends on many things too.

Anyway, getting back to the Tule Lake Pilgrimage, it really was great and I was given the opportunity to ready the NCJAR statement and appeal to the people to write to their legislators and especially to George Danielson. By the way, I did get a phone call from Aiko Herzig asking for urgent help in making calls and sending telegrams to George Danielson regarding the Lowry Bill. I made a lot of calls to people living in the Monterey Park area asking them to write and call Danielson and I did send off a letter and a Mail-ogram to him right away. Aiko tells me there is to be a hearing on the Lowry Bill on Monday and she asked that we write and ask Danielson for a postponement of the hearing to a later date. . . . The people who attended the Pilgrimage at Tule Lake were mostly students from the various colleges, very aware and interested in Redress and Reparations for they asked very good questions at the workshops. Both Bert Nakano and I pushed the Lowry Bill while the young man who represented the JACL, and the fella from the Tule Lake Committee, Bill Sato, said next to nothing about Redress for they didn't know anything about it and didn't do their homework. The fella from the JACL said he was new to JACL and was asked to say something but didn't know what it was all about and the fella from the TLC said basically the same thing. As for Bert and myself, we had a good chance to talk up the Lowry Bill and our feelings about Redress/Reparations and what we are doing in the Los Angeles area. We plan on forming a Branch of the National Coalition in Los Angeles with your NCJAR in Seattle and the Chicago and Washington branches.

On Wednesday, May 21st., I was invited by Ramona Ripston of the ACLU to go to their Board Meeting and present the NCJAR position and the Lowry Bill. I knew that the ACLU was considering a resolution to support the JACL position so I called Ramona up and told her that they would be doing us a great injustice if they didn't also consider the Lowry Bill which calls for direct monetary payment. Ramona was very much surprised to know that there was a difference in the JACL and the NCJAR for she was told by someone that they were both one and the same. I explained that they were very much different so she told me to come to the meeting and that I would be given time on the agenda to explain. It ended up the ACLU endorsed both the JACL and the NCJAR bills. . . . I was happy to get this much for we could have been left out completely!!! Enough for now, with regards to all.

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