

JULY 12 - RECEPTION

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8:30 P.M.

Dear Frank,

How good it was to hear your voice! And I do want to congratulate both you and Kathy upon your marriage, what good news that is to hear that you decided to get married!!! I'm so happy for you and wish both of you the very best married life together with many years of happiness!!!

I just re-read Aikos' letter to make sure of when she is coming out to Los Angeles for her daughters wedding and she tells me that they are to come out from June 29th to July 12th. I am not sure just what date the kids have set for the wedding but from what I understand, it is to be a community type of wedding with a pot luck reception at some place in the Gardena area. Did you know that Aikos' daughter, Lisa, is getting married to Warren Furutani? He is one of the greatest Sanseis around!!! He was with the JACL a few years back but resigned at the time that Dave Ushio became the National Director. Right now, Warren is counselor of the SAAY (Services for Asian American Youth) School which is a continuation school for drop-outs. He is doing a real great job and has the admiration of everyone in the community. He also is the co-chairperson of the Manzanar Committee. Aiko will be very lucky to get such a wonderful son in law! Of course, her daughter, Lisa, is quite a wonderful person too and we all think very highly of her too.

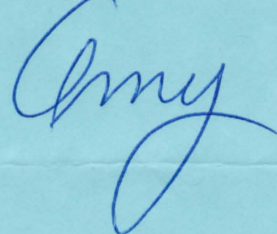
Just spoke to Alan Nishio and he tells me that he will be on vacation from work, the last week of June and the first two weeks in July so it would be great if we could have a meeting here in LA during that time. What do you think of the dates of July 9th. and 10th.? It will be in the middle of the week and still during the time that Aiko will be here and Alan will be able to attend. Also, it might give you and Kathy the weekend of the 4th. of July to spend in San Francisco before coming to LA. We figure if this meeting is basically to organize the National Coalition, there will only be a small group of us meeting, maybe about ten or twelve of us. That being the case, we can meet right here at my apartment in the Towers for we can be comfortable here and as long as I am having Aiko and her husband staying here at my place, it is going to work out just fine. What do you think of the idea? We will also ask William Hohri if he can be here at that time for it would be best if we can get all of us together at one time at least once, especially if we are going to be doing the forming of this group. If it is alright with you folks, it is fine with us down here and we can make the arrangements and get in touch with Aiko, William and any others whom we might be able to get into it. Our LACCRR group is really going ahead and making all sorts of plans on Redress/Reparations, this next meeting that we are having on the 10th is mostly to get the Isseis involved for we have a lot of them here who are interested in the Reparations and want to get involved but need to get some directions from us as to what they can do to help. We hope to get a lot of workshops going from this meeting and do a real job of educating the Isseis and some of the older Niseis and make them realize that the JACL position is not the only position and that there is an alternate for them to choose if they want. . . . If we can get the National Coalition organized right away, we will really be able to get the Isseis into it with us and the JACL will have a pretty hard time trying to make their position stick. We've gotta do it all before the National JACL convention

Please give this a bit of thought and see if you can make it down to LA by the 9th. and 10th of July so we can make our plans right away. As I said before, this is only for a small group of people and will not be a large conference type of thing but we feel it would be good if all of us who are so deeply involved could get together at least once. I think Frank Chin is also down here in LA doing some kind of work so he might be able to attend too if he is still interested in helping us with Redress. I had heard he was in LA but haven't heard from him at all so I wasn't sure. I didn't see him at the Manzanar pilgrimage last weekend.

As I said to you on the phone, I am going to the Tule Lake Pilgrimage in May. I will fly up to San Jose on the 16th., go on the pilgrimage on the 17th. and 18th. and return to LA on the 19th. I have a brother who lives in Palo Alto who can put me up so there is no problem and I do need to spend the one extra day before and after the trip to get adjusted. One of my sisters is having open heart surgery on the morning of the 7th. and I will be standing by with her. If all goes well with her, I will be able to leave town and go on the pilgrimage but if she doesn't survive the surgery, then I will have to make some changes in my plans. I just hope everything goes well.

Again, it sure was good to talk to you earlier tonight. I'm sorry I haven't been so good about keeping in touch with all of you. Please give my very best regards to Karen and everyone up that way. How is Henry and Emi and Ron and Shosuke? I hear Dr. Tsujimura(?) is running for JACL President? Isn't he from Portland? . . . Is anyone from NCJAR going to attend the National convention? Have they asked to be placed on the agenda at the convention? I'm sure Redress is going to be one of the big issues on the convention agenda and I'm wondering if the JACL is going to allow the NCJAR position to be heard at the convention? We can talk more about that when we see you soon, we hope. Love to Kathy too and we hope to be hearing from you again real soon.

Always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Amy", written in a cursive style.