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Dear Frank + co.,

Enclosed are 1) copy of my speech and 2) copy of my most recent PC letter to the editor.

It is my clear understanding that national JACL will attempt to bring "into line" rebellious chapters like Chicago + Seattle by means of this poll. Seattle, I am told by Shosuke, will not go along. Chicago probably will. The persuasion will be moral. "We operate by the democratic process. The majority supports the Commission. Therefore, all chapters must support the Commission." I think it's important for us to understand this and to devise strategies to respond.

- 1) I've already begun <sup>The</sup> ~~in my~~ memo, written by me, to all chapter presidents. I suggest that we are having our Constitution <sup>al</sup> right to free political expression stifled. This may cause national to relent.
  - 2) We may need a "test case" of a chapter supporting ~~the~~ NCJAR to determine national's response.
  - 3) We ought to run a series of <sup>PC</sup> ads to capitalize on this "hardball" position. We could encourage individuals to join NCJAR. We might incorporate a campaign of some sort into this series, such as announcing new groups or individuals who have joined NCJAR. Or we could have a campaign to criticize the Commission and promote NCJAR. When we run the ad, we should always leave room for an indefinite amount to contribute.
- We ought also to promote buttons + bumper stickers. Some people - most people - seem to like these.

While on the subject of ads, we ought to be thinking of a general ad we can run in other organizations' newsletters.

I've been thinking some about foundation grants. My wife, Jeniko, brought home newsletters of The Ford Foundation and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Two ex-employees of the Mott Foundation, Steve Silha and Bob Evans, moved out to Washington state near Tacoma. In February, they were reported to be building a place overlooking Puget Sound. If you could find them, they might help us formulate a grant request. In the meanwhile, I'm asking my sister-in-law to inform me on how one goes about requesting a grant. She used to work at a specialized library called Donors' Forum. I don't know if there's any possibilities ~~that~~ here at all. One of my good friends in Chicago suggested that some of us potential recipients of redress might pledge on potential receipts to pay back the foundation if the campaign succeeds. It's a thought. I don't think the redress campaign is that far removed from the target of the Mott ~~for~~ Foundation. One thing we would most probably need is a detailed budget. Is this possible? I think I'll write directly to the Mott Foundation and ask for their help in filling out a request.

I was pushing Showtze on the question of when is NEDAR going to surface? I think mid-July would be helpful if we decide on an advertising campaign for funds. Let me know what you think. My greetings to Seriguchi, Wong, & Chin.

Peace,  
W=H.