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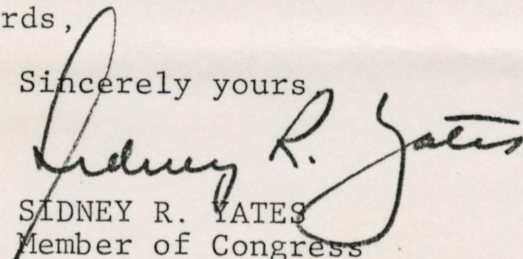
Dear Mr. Hohri:

Thank you for your letter of May 17 regarding the proposed bill to obtain reparations for the internees in the detention camps in World War II. As you know, I am most sympathetic to the proposal, but I must say that if Mineta, Matsui, Inouye, and Matsunaga are all opposed to the proposal, it would have little chance for passage. Members of Congress will turn, naturally, to these legislators for their opinion.

I have spoken to Norman Mineta about the matter, and he has really not yet made up his mind. While I respect the opinion of my friends in the Chicago Chapter of JACL, I do think that efforts should be made to discuss the matter further with the Japanese-American members of Congress. Of course, I will be pleased to review it with you or with members of the Chicago Chapter anytime.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours

  
SIDNEY R. YATES  
Member of Congress