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Heart Lt., Wyo.

April 14, 1944

Mr. James M. Omura  
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Dear Mr. Omura,

Mr. Saburo Nakashima, chairman of the Community council of Heart Lt., published a letter in the April 8th edition of the Sentinel demanding that you retract certain statements which appeared in the English section of the Rocky Shingo in regards to the FIC and ~~the~~ its charges against Robertson.

We have investigated this matter and have found that the council had actually sent a petition of their own to Dillon Meyer listing many grievances ~~affix~~ and unfair practices which, they said the WRA administration of Heart Lt. was guilty of. We requested a copy of the petition but Mr. Nakashima would not let us have one but we read the petition so the following facts are true.

Included in the petition was an article under the heading "Human touch". It said that the administration was very unsympathetic and did not look after the welfare of the residents. It gave one example of a man from this center whose wife went to another center to nurse a sick relative. The gist of it was that she applied for an extension of her stay at that center but was denied by this administration. The council used this as an illustration of the lack of "human touch".

Following the dispatch of this petition to Dillon Meyers by the council, Mr. Robertson the Project Director, got ahold of a copy of said petition and presented written proof to the council that this woman had stayed there for sixty days and that <sup>was</sup> all the WRA regulations allowed. She had been there thirty days and then asked for thirty days more extension which the WRA granted. Mr. Robertson told them that he followed those regulations. Then he scolded the council and asked them what did they mean by lacking human touch. Whereupon the council tucked their tails between their legs and meekly apologized to Mr. Robertson.

Here is what I am driving at. As the aftermath of that episode, the mighty Mr. Saburo Nakashima wrote his face-saving letter to you and to the Heart Lt. Sentinel. Evidently Mr. Nakashima is getting quite used to make face-saving gestures these days.

The above are all facts so please do not hesitate to use it if you see fit. It probably needs rewording and rewriting to make a good copy so I will leave that part up to you.



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Mr. James H. Hanes

In closing, I might say that the main object of this letter is to give you facts with which you can work on the omnipotent Mr. Nakashima and set him down a few notches.

Also, in view of the present delicate situation here, we can ill afford to lose any more FPC leaders via Tule Lake, therefore I do not believe it would be practical nor expedient to pick a bone with Robertson at present. At times discretion is the better part of valor and this seems like one of those times.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Eri  
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