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"But let Justice Roll Down like waters  
and Righteousness like An Everflowing  
Stream" Amos 5: 24

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cc: Frank Abe

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reference: PBS documentary being produced by Frank Abe and Frank Chin on the organized resistance to the Loyalty Oath at Heart Mountain during World War II.

George Yoshinaga:

I know that at this point you do not want to have an oral interview by me as outlined in my two prior letters.

However, Frank Abe and Frank Chin, who have received a \$100,000 grant from the CLEF (Civil Liberties Education Fund) to complete the work on their PBS documentary noted above, do want to include in their filming an interview with you. All Rafu Shimpo readers know exactly where you stand, and we know that you reflect opinions held by a substantial percentage of the Nikkei population, including Japanese American veterans.

Therefore, I have been asked to contact you to see if you would agree to be interviewed for a segment of their documentary. Phil Sturholm, an award winning video-camera photographer and editor, with credits with major TV stations, has been working with both Abe and Chin for the past several years on this documentary. They have been on location at the biennial JACL convention at Salt Lake City a few years ago, as well as at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, during a three day symposium.

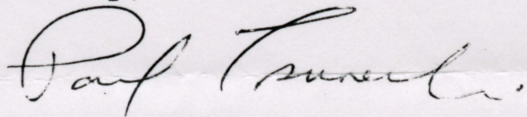
They would like to interview you at the Rafu Shimpo. You might, for example, read one of your articles on the Heart Mountain resisters. You might want to have a Nisei 442nd veteran with you. You would have complete control over whatever you want read or say on camera, as would any veteran you choose to bring with you.

Frank Abe expects that they will finish their PBS documentary, perhaps by June of next year. Deborah Hammons of Wyoming PBS told me at the 3 day symposium two years ago that they would want to run the documentary on Wyoming PBS in its entirety when it is finished.

Frank Abe, Chin, and Sturholm are tentatively planning to do some filming in the Los Angeles area within the next few months, with two or three interviews.

I would appreciate your telephone call on this matter.

Sincerely,



Paul Tsuneishi [REDACTED]

P.S. An aside: Phil Sturholm and Frank Chin have done a interview on Archie Moore in the past.

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since.  
PBS is putting together a documentary on the Heart Mountain draft resister's movement and I have been asked if I wanted to be interviewed because the producer said I seemed to have a different take on the issue.

I'm tempted to decline the offer because the piece is going to be a pro-draft resister production and having been in the media business for these many years, I know statements can be taken out of context to produce the desired results on any issue.

However, I decided to do it and let the chips fall where they may.

It may not be the wisest decision I've made, but what the hell, it might be interesting to see how the whole thing comes out.

RAPU SHIMPO

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