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Dear Mr. Nakadate:

I have your letter of Feb. 26th and would like to thank you for writing to me concerning your Fair Play Committee. I have just written a lead article in regards to the committee for Monday release in The Rocky Shimo on informations transmitted last week to this office by Mr. Kiyoshi Okamoto.

However, I have just been informed that there appears to be friction between Mr. Okamoto and others on the Fair Play Committee and that Mr. Okamoto has left the organization. I am in no position to know how accurate this information is inasmuch as the source which notified me could not give a definite or detailed report on the matter. I would appreciate it if you could clarify this situation for me.

In regards to our Fair Practice Association, I wish to state that I am not too strong for it at this time. It is not following a satisfactory policy and has no proper leadership. I have been hearing considerable complaints as to the method of approach of the organization's paid agents. I have forwarded such complaints to the responsible head of the association without avail.

No particular work is being done here in Denver at present writing. The agents are out in the rural districts of the state campaigning for membership and attempting to raise a large initial capital. Hindmost apparently being preferable to foresight for the present leadership, it is acting without authority. There is not even a temporary organization set up. To date the group has no accredited officers. Those who are supporting it are going ahead voluntarily in various districts, acting upon their own individual responsibility.

I have been requested to push the organization here in Denver, but in view of the fact that I cannot agree with the procedure now under way I have hesitated to act either way. In fact, about three weeks ago I attempted to withdraw, but upon the personal request of the organization's head have reconsidered and am going along as a passive observer. Unless the present situation is remedied, you can expect to see The Rocky Shimo take an editorial stand against the group.

For your information, I would like to add that at the time of its inception I was one of the strongest advocates of the

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movement. I even fought for its support at the recent state leaders' meeting. Obviously for that reason and for the fact that I have supported it heretofore, complaints have been brought to this office. I have been sympathetic to those complaints and inclined to accept them upon their face value.

Now in respect to a copy of our articles of incorporation, I'm afraid I cannot let you have the copy I have at hand. It is the only copy I have and I would like to keep it for future use. However, if it is absolutely necessary for you to have a copy for reference in shaping up your papers, I could type out a copy for you.

Also in regards to the cost of filing the papers with the secretary of state, I presume it would run between \$5 and \$7 even in your state if you incorporate your committee as a non-profit organization. For commercial purposes, the fee would be considerably higher. It is also necessary to have at least three names signed to the document. The articles of incorporation of the Fair Practice Association was drawn up by an attorney.

In regards to other details, I shall be glad to give you whatever information I am able to in this connection.

I wish to thank you again for writing to me on this matter and I hope that you will continue to keep me posted on the progress of your work. The purposes and methods, so far as I can gather, are practically identical. Our stand on the JACL is similar though in our case we stress unity and are inviting leaders who are associated with the JACL to join with us. Naturally we intend to engulf them---swallow them up so to speak.

Very truly yours,

James M. Omura
English Editor