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Dear Michi, Walter:

In response to the video that Frank Abe is making please forward the enclosed. I am still screaming that no story about Nisei resisters is complete without including these men who took their stand while in active service at the risk of facing the firing squad.

I heartily concur that there is a critical time line since many of these men are already deceased. I did speak with my cousin who is seventysomething himself, who has total recall and who is agreeable to have Frank communicate with him by phone. My cousin is Tow Hori and his phone in Sunnyvale, California, (near San Jose) is 1-408 732-7120. After Tow is gone there will be no one left to tell the whole incredible story.

Unfortunately, there are hardly any documents to substantiate these stories. Cedric Shimo is another but, according to Tow was in a different situation. I'm sure he wouldn't mind being contacted. His number, 1-213 931-9459 and Frank can tell Cedric it was my referral. I would have Frank contact Tow first to get the accurate overview.

Frank might want to handle this separately from the Fair Play story since this one is not JACL related. Besides, both might be too much to tell in one hour, but the military resister story **must be told.**

Would you please forward enclosed to him post haste. I think I prefer to have you handle this. I read a copy of a letter he wrote which you shared with me in which he is lambasting a person who'd written a letter of apology to you. (You gave me the copies when we visited.) I don't think I could handle him. He sounds heavy-handed in instructing you to say this, that, etc.

*Kiker here  
is mistaking  
you for  
Frank Chin  
who recruited  
Gary Okubo*

Another one I don't understand is James Omura. As the post script notes, the book he supposedly wrote with the information he amassed was to be published in 1986. I was amazed that he heard most of the military story from me for the first time.

Michi, I think we begin a new chapter with the Historical Society. We met with some Japanese Peruvians for the first time yesterday. They are yearning to launch an oral history project of their own. They are having to rely on resources such as "Infamy" to get the political facts around their exodus.



I'm floored that they have no strong leader who would at least have organized a redress movement of pan-So. American ex-incarcerants against the U.S. The Canadians are far ahead of any of us. At this point Fujimori is probably up to his neck kowtowing to major powers for financial aid to get Peruvians on their feet.

Those at the meeting were a younger group who told us that Peru, at the outbreak of WWII was so corrupt that a number of Japanese Peruvians bribed their way out of being shipped off. You know better than we what a vile story that whole experience was.

I hope the Apple has cooled down for the Kochiyama's return and for your comfort.

Cheers, love,

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