



Ex-Prisoner of War
North China Marines

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Page Mr President
5/2/89 I am one of these Marines that was attached to the US Embassy in Peking China when Japan attacked the US in 1941. Our State Department did not ask for our return to US control, permitting 215 Marines to be POW's for the duration (1384 days). In 1954 I was notified that any claim for personal affects could not be paid due to the fact that the American Red Cross had already stated to the Japanese that we did not want reparations.

Now I see that the Japanese internees in this country (Missi & Nationals) are receiving \$20000.00 each for "human suffering" when most of those taken by the Japanese did not live long enough to endure the sublime condition of "human suffering". To compound the situation, California added R & TC Sec. 17156 (making the \$20000 tax free).

The State Department nor anyone else has admitted the failure to ask for us (yes, we got a POW medal) or tell us why our passports were withheld, when they were made up. The Japanese won't even admit they mistreated anyone. Mr President it seems that something is very wrong in our outlook relating to the morality of citizenship.

Faithfully yours
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