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Citizens League

March 2, 1976

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In the words of the President in issuing the Proclamation, let us trust "that we have learned from the tragedy of that long-ago experience forever to treasure liberty and justice for each individual American, and resolve that this kind of action shall never again be repeated. "

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

Mr. Joe W. Fletcher
President, Gardena Chapter
Japanese American Citizens League
Post Office Box 2361
Gardena, California 90247

Enclosure: As stated

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HANDLE AS PRESIDENTIAL



February 27, 1976

Mr. Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence
The White House

Attached is a draft reply in response
to a letter to the President from Mr.
Joe W. Fletcher re E.O. 9066.

Leon Ulman
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Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel



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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Attorney General

Date: January 29, 1976

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☒ Draft reply for:
____ President's signature.
☒ Undersigned's signature.
____ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
____ Direct reply.
____ Furnish information copy.
____ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
____ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
____ For your information.
____ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than ~~24 hours~~ ^{2 week's} delay is encountered, please telephone ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ immediately, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Miss Pat Byrne, 456-6688.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Description:

☒ Letter: _____ Telegram: Other: _____
To: The President
From: Joe W. Fletcher, Pres., J.A.C.L., P.O. Box 2361, Gardena, Calif. 90247
Date: 1/26/76
Subject: Revocation of Executive Order 9066 providing for interment of Japanese Americans during WW II.

By direction of the President:

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

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(Copy to remain with correspondence)

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

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To: **The Attorney General**

Date: **January 29, 1976**

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9066 just signed.
Will be out soon.

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2/27 To be mailed today.

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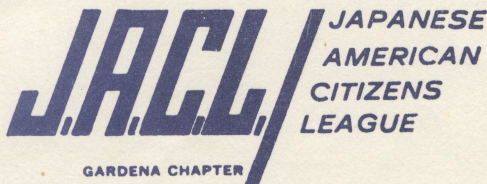
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(White House Suspense Copy)



P. O. BOX 2361 • GARDENA, CALIF. 90247

January 26, 1976

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

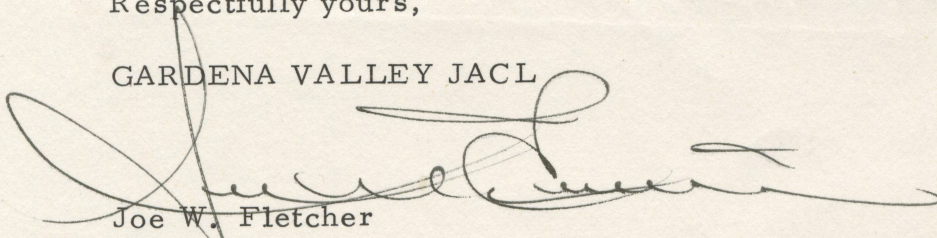
The totally unjustified uprooting and imprisonment during World War II of all Pacific Coast residents of Japanese ancestry is generally recognized by historians as one of the darkest chapters in American history. It is disturbing to note that, despite the passage of over 30 years, former President Franklin D. Roosevelt's infamous Executive Order 9066 which authorized the perpetration of that outrage against innocent Japanese Americans still remains in effect as one of the laws of our nation. By any standard of common sense or reason, revocation of that Order has long been overdue.

As a part of the Bicentennial Celebration of the founding of our nation, an announcement by you rescinding that Order would help to remove some of the tarnish on the record of America's treatment of its Japanese Americans. The significance of such an announcement would probably be enhanced if it could be made on February 19, 1976, on the 34th anniversary of the issuance of the Order.

Our Gardena Chapter of over 1500 members is hoping you will give this your most sincere consideration.

Respectfully yours,

GARDENA VALLEY JACL



Joe W. Fletcher
President

cc: Mrs. Gwen Anderson
Deputy Assistant to Counselor Hartmann
West Wing - Basement
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

cc: Mr. Dudley Chapman
Associate Counsel to The
President
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