

February 25, 1976

Dear Mr. Hironaka:

This will acknowledge your letter to the President concerning Executive Order 9066 and its role in the tragic relocation program in World War II. As you can see from the enclosed copy of the President's Proclamation and Signing Statement of February 19, 1976, the President is sympathetic to the concern which you expressed and has taken action to make clear that the authority conferred by Executive Order 9066 is terminated.



Sincerely,

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January 29, 1976

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

Dear Mr. President:

As part of America's Bicentennial Celebration, it seem fitting that an announcement by you, Mr. President, might be made rescinding Executive Order 9066, an act which unjustly uprooted and imprisoned all Pacific Coast residents of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

It would be of special significance for such an announcement to be made on February 19, 1976, the thirty-fourth anniversary of the issuance of this Order. This act would help to correct some of the legacy of injustice perpetrated against non-white ethnic groups in this country. The laws such as Executive Order 9066 promote mistrust of the United States leadership by the third world powers, as well as fair-minded and justice-seeking citizens of this country.

The revocation of that Order has long been overdue.

Respectfully yours,

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President, San Diego Chapter
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