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Dear Japanese American Friends:

Permit AFRAM to commend you for the successful struggle over the years to establish that the signing of Executive Order 9066 was legitimately a crime against humankind. I am reminded that, while the order also included the Italians because of Mussolini's tactics, they were never interned in camps as were the Japanese Americans.

We honor you since you were able to get this nation to acknowledge publicly and in its pocketbook its error. We hope that someday this country will acknowledge its error in dropping the A - Bomb on Japan in August 6, 1945.

Queen Mother Moore, who reached 90 years of age on July 27, 1988, has been urging African Americans to make a public and legislative appeal for REPARATIONS for years. She reminded us of it again as we flew from New York to Atlanta on Sat., July 16, 1988 - on the way to the Democratic National Convention.

Finally, your example will probably have the impact of stimulating increased action and pressure by those of us who believe that LEGAL REPARATIONS are owed to African Americans for our 'illegal' 'legal' enslavement, for having been made citizens, second class, that is, without our consent and participation and for having been held as a 'captive nation' for all these years. It remains essentially illegal to be Black in America. I hope that Rev. Jesse Jackson's car never breaks down in Howard Beach without the presence of the Secret Service.

Sincerely,

Brother Preston Wilcox  
Convenor/Archivist/Harlem Lover

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cc: Yuri Kochiyama, Congressman Charles B. Rangel, Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson, Queen Mother Moore, etc.

\* May I please have a copy of the subject legislation?



AFRAMotto: You can't be free if someone else lets you be free. Harlem Subway Graffiti



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No one can speak for the voiceless.



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## Reagan: 'We Admit a Wrong'

President Ronald Reagan signs a bill yesterday providing \$20,000 reparations to Japanese-Americans interned during World War II. With him, from left, are Sen. Spark Matsunaga (D-Hawaii), Rep. Patricia Saiki (R-Hawaii), Sen. Pete Wilson (R-Calif.), Rep. Toby Roth (R-Wisc.) and Rep. Robert Matsui (D-Calif.).

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