

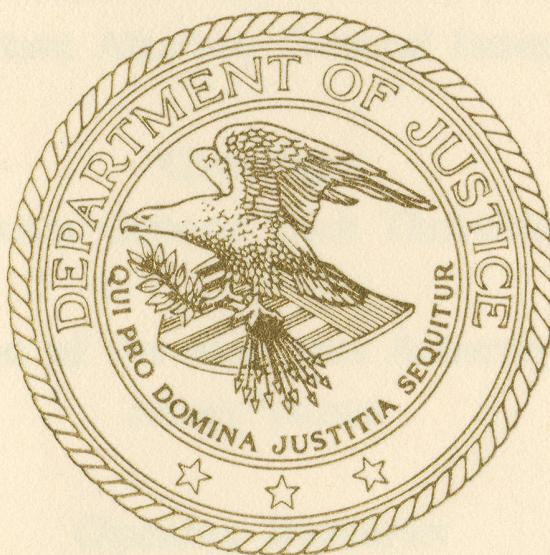
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

“...And Justice For All”

A Celebration Marking the First
Redress Payments Under the
Civil Liberties Act of 1988

October 9, 1990
10:00 a.m.

The Great Hall
United States Department of Justice



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“...And Justice For All”

Welcome

Administrator of Redress Robert K. Bratt

Pledge of Allegiance

Japanese American World War II Veterans

Musical Selection

The National Anthem

Invocation

The Reverend Mamoru Eto

Introduction of the Attorney General

Deputy Assistant Attorney General James P. Turner

Greetings

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh

Introduction of the Assistant Attorney General

James Turner

Opening Remarks

Assistant Attorney General John R. Dunne

Presentation of Redress Checks

Dick Thornburgh, James Turner, and Robert Bratt

Recognitions

Robert Bratt

**Volunteerism: For Volunteer Support of the
Redress Program**

Japanese American Citizens League

National Coalition for Redress and Reparations

National Council for Japanese American Redress

**Privatization Initiative: For Contract Support of
the Redress Program**

Aspen Systems, Incorporated

Closing Remarks

John Dunne

Musical Selection

God Bless America

Reception Immediately Following

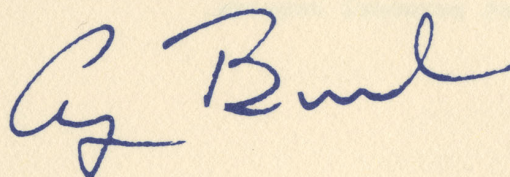
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A monetary sum and words alone cannot restore lost years or erase painful memories; neither can they fully convey our Nation's resolve to rectify injustice and to uphold the rights of individuals. We can never fully right the wrongs of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II.

In enacting a law calling for restitution and offering a sincere apology, your fellow Americans have, in a very real sense, renewed their traditional commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice. You and your family have our best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ly B. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 9, 1990

MESSAGE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
THE FIRST JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS CHECKS

As Attorney General, I take pride in this occasion being held in this Great Hall of the Department of Justice. Your struggle for Redress and the events that led to today are the finest examples of what our country is about, and of what we have pledged to protect and defend. Your efforts have strengthened the nation's Constitution by reaffirming the inalienability of our civil rights.

We enjoy a precious system of government that is unsurpassed by any in the world. Even when that system failed you, you never lost your faith in it. On the contrary, you believed that through that system you could achieve the justice which you had been denied. By finally admitting a wrong, a nation does not destroy its integrity but, rather, reinforces the sincerity of its commitment to the Constitution and hence, to its people. In forcing us to reexamine our history, you have made us only stronger and more proud. For that, all Americans are indebted to you.

I am not unmindful of the historic role this Department of Justice played in the internment. It is somehow entirely fitting that it is here where we now celebrate redress. Please accept my best personal regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick Thornburgh", written over a large, stylized flourish that extends to the right and loops back under the signature.

Dick Thornburgh
Attorney General

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