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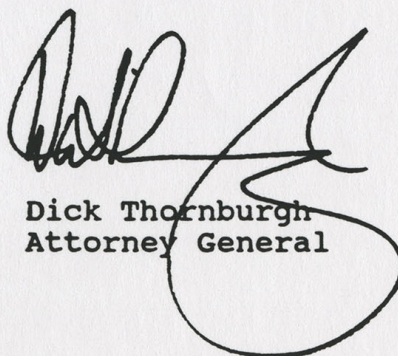
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MESSAGE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF
THE FIRST JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS CHECKS

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.



Dick Thornburgh
Attorney General



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Washington, D.C. 20530JOHN R. DUNNE
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

John Dunne was appointed by President Bush in March 1990 as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights with responsibility for the enforcement of all federal statutes affecting civil rights.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Dunne served in the New York State Senate for 24 years representing Long Island's Sixth Senate District, a career which included a broad range of committee chairmanships and assignments dealing with criminal justice, the courts, insurance, finance and the environment. He served as Deputy Majority Leader and as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and as a member of the State Legislative Commission on Toxic and Hazardous Waste Substances and was Co-Chairman of the Senate Majority Task Force on AIDS. Mr. Dunne also served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Crime and Corrections.

Mr. Dunne has practiced law for more than 35 years and is active in both the American and New York State Bar Associations, having served as a member of the House of Delegates for both associations. He is a Life Fellow of both the American Bar Foundation and the New York State Bar Foundation and is a member of the American Judicature Society. In addition, he is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and is a Past President of the Nassau County Bar Association and of the Nassau County Legal Aid Society.

Mr. Dunne has authored numerous articles which have appeared in The New York Times, Newsday, New York State Bar Journal, American Bar Journal, Fordham Urban Law Review, Hofstra Law Review, St. Louis University Public Law Review, Best's Insurance Review and other professional publications.

Born on January 28, 1930, Mr. Dunne is a graduate of Georgetown University and Yale Law School and, until joining the Justice Department, was a partner in the national law firm of Rivkin, Radler, Dunne & Bayh.

He and his wife Denise presently reside in Washington, D.C. They have four children.



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JAMES P. TURNER
DEPUTY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Mr. Turner currently serves at the U.S. Department of Justice as Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, a position he has held since 1969. He is responsible for the supervision of assigned segments of the Division's operation. From December 1988 to April 1990, and December 1980 to July 1981, he served as Acting Assistant Attorney General. Special assignments have included appearances before the United States Supreme Court, numerous Congressional committees, and various organizations.

From 1957 to 1961, Mr. Turner served in the Justice Department's Tax Division, before heading West to practice law in his home state of Colorado with the firm of Calkins, Kramer, Grimshaw & Harring. He returned to Washington to join the Civil Rights Division in 1965, and served as a trial attorney and supervisor before accepting the position he currently holds.

In 1983, Mr. Turner was chosen to receive the Distinguished Executive Award, presented by former President Ronald Reagan, and in 1978, the Distinguished Service Award, presented by then Attorney General Bell. He is a member of the bars of the U.S. Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, and the State of Colorado, and a member of the American Bar Association.

Having served with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1952-1954, Mr. Turner went on to the University of Missouri School of Journalism, the University of Colorado School of Law, and in 1978, the Senior Managers in Government Program at Harvard University. He is married and has four children, five grandchildren, and two stepsons.



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ROBERT K. BRATT
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION
ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF REDRESS ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Bratt currently serves as Executive Officer for the Administrative Management Section of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, and concurrently, as Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration.

The Division's Executive Officer oversees the full range of management support functions for the division, including personnel, budget and accounting, automated systems, procurement, facilities and property management, mail and file operations and Freedom of Information and Privacy Act matters.

As Administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, Mr. Bratt directs the implementation of section 105 of the Civil Liberties Act of 1988.

Mr. Bratt has made his entire career in the federal service. His initial appointment was as a participant in the cooperative education program at the (then) Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Upon college graduation, he accepted a permanent position with that agency, and approximately a year later came to the Department of Justice as a Budget Analyst.

For the next eight years thereafter, he held progressively responsible positions in budgeting and financial management, rising to Assistant Director of the Justice Department's Budget Staff. With that background, he assumed his current position as Executive Officer in 1986, and Administrator for Redress in September of 1988.

In 1989 Mr. Bratt was selected as a recipient of the President's Council on Management Improvement Awards (PCMI), for his role in directing the Japanese American Redress program. The PCMI is based on a government-wide competition which recognizes excellence in managerial achievement.

In 1988, Mr. Bratt was conferred the Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Management, the Justice Department's highest award for managerial achievement. There were only two recipients of this honor in 1988. He has also received Special Achievement Awards.