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Letter to Asian American Organizations:

Dear

Concerned Japanese Americans is holding ^{an annual} the "Day of Remembrance" program to mark the 41st anniversary of the ~~issuing~~ of Executive Order 9066; the Presidential Order which led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans and ~~Asian~~ ^{resident} Japanese. ~~This year~~ ^{We would especially like to invite all of the members to attend this program.} we are seeking to build solidarity with other Asian American organizations in our cause of Redress/Reparations.

There are many political issues facing Asian Americans today. In our discussions in C.J.A., we have noted the similarities between the present, 1984, and the time prior to the outbreak of World War II. We are alarmed by the concentration of monies and manpower being funnelled into war preparations. We see the accompanying blind patriotic sentiments, which so easily give rise to the scapegoating of Asian Americans for unemployment and economic problems. The importance of 1984 is underscored by the upcoming presidential election; the outcome of which will determine the implementation of policies which will effect our daily lives for ^{well beyond} the next 4 years.

It is time to call on the larger Asian American Community in New York to come together around various issues. Central to the Japanese American community, is the issue of Redress/Reparations.

~~There is currently pending in congress~~ ^{is currently pending in Congress} legislation which address our main concerns around Redress/Reparations. HR4110, "The Civil Liberties Act of 1983," was introduced by House Majority Leader, James Wright in October, 1983. It has been assigned to the Administrative Law sub-committee of the Judiciary Committee. S2116, "A Bill to Accept the Findings and Implement the Recommendations of the C.W.I.R.C.," was introduced by Senator Matsunaga in November, 1983. It has been assigned to the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Senate. Both bills are scheduled to be heard in their respective committee and sub-committee in ^{April - May of} the ~~spring~~ of this year.

We are seeking your concrete support in the following ways:
 1. ~~We are asking that your organization and its membership let your~~ ^{Send a letter of support from your organization & members}

- ~~support of the Redress/Reparations Bills by either writing to:~~
- Representative Sam Hall, Chairman, Administrative Law Sub-committee
 - Representative Peter Rodino, Chairman, House Judiciary Committee
 - and Senator William Roth Jr., Chairman, Governmental Affairs Committee

or/

by agreeing to sign on to a letter drafted by C.J.A. to the above persons,

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and circulated throughout the larger New York Asian American Community.

--We would greatly appreciate a statement of solidarity from your organization to be circulated at our Day of Remembrance Program,
held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1984
at 2:00 p.m. , Japanese American United Church

--We would like to take this time to cordially invite all of your members to attend our program.

Thank you for your kind interest. Please contact us and let us know of your plans when they materialize.