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TO: Ad Hoc Committee for Housing for the
Elderly and Service Center

FROM: Representative for Asian Americans for Action

RE: Breakdown of 230 questionnaires returned

The first 8 pages show totals for every part of all the questions asked (from Q. 5 through 57)

The next 30 pages show the breakdown, by age, of every part of all the questions, with any comments (which appeared by those particular questions) following the tables.

The following four pages are comments and suggestions which appeared at the end of the questionnaire. Translations from Japanese into English were furnished by Ms. Mitziko Sawada Fromartz and Mr. Kitayama, JAA secretary. (The identification numbers appearing under the column "Source" in this section are only for reference purposes, and for future use.)

The last 3 pages are devoted to an example of how one group can be analyzed by cross-tabulating the information received. In this case, the group of 38 persons who live by themselves was taken as the example.

Answers received to the following questions by these 38 persons were broken down by age:

- Sex
- Income
- ~~Age~~ of their income spent on rent
- Own or rent house, apartment or room
- Where they live
- How able they are to get about by themselves
- How they feel about the need for an apartment building primarily for Asian Americans

Q. 28 How often do you do (other things)?

	<u>Every day</u>	<u>Once every few days</u>	<u>Once a week</u>	<u>Once a month</u>	<u>Less Often</u>	<u>No Reply</u>
50-55	2	1	2	1	2	54
56-60	0	1	1	1	0	28
61-65	1	1	1	0	0	17
66-70	0	0	1	0	2	27
71-75	2	1	0	0	2	23
76-80	0	0	0	0	1	19
81 plus	1	0	0	0	1	28
No age given	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
	6	4	5	2	8	205

COMMENTS:

- . Once a week - Alternative schools. (ID 125, P 16, 50-55)
- . Tending to back yard. Can't get interested since husband passed away. (ID 503, P 58, 72)
- . Dancing, once every few days. (ID 544, P 69, 56-60)

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TOTALS FOR EACH PART OF ALL QUESTIONS

(Q. 6 - 57)

Q. 6 Programs for senior citizens

127 - Yes, great need
92 - Yes, some need
2 - Little need
1 - Definitely no need
8 - No reply

Q. 7 Community center for Asians

97 - Yes, great need
97 - Yes, some need
23 - Little need
4 - Definitely no need
9 - No reply

Q. 8 Participation in programs (scheduled hobby, crafts, meetings)

62 - Yes, definitely
110 - Yes, I might
45 - Probably not
5 - Definitely not
7 - No reply

Q. 9 Include young people in programs at center?

98 - Definitely, yes
113 - Yes
13 - No
1 - Definitely, no
5 - No reply

Q. 10 Need for apartment building primarily for Asian Americans?

122 - Yes
90 - No
18 - No reply

Q. 11 Live in such a building yourself?

86 - Yes
109 - No
35 - No reply

Q. 12 Like it better if only for Japanese Americans?

116 - Yes
81 - No
33 - No reply

Q. 13 Health

81 - Very good
92 - Good
43 - Fair
10 - Poor
1 - Very poor
3 - No reply

Q. 14 Able to get about by yourself?

167 - Very well
47 - Fair
9 - Need someone's help
0 - Do not go out at all
5 - No reply

Q. 15 Satisfied with neighborhood?

144 - Satisfied
48 - So-so
25 - Not satisfied
13 - No reply

Q. 16 Satisfied with home/apartment?

143 - Satisfied
46 - So-so
15 - Not satisfied
26 - No reply

Q. 17 Satisfied with neighbors?

132 - Satisfied
50 - So-so
14 - Not satisfied
34 - No reply

Q. 18 Satisfied with neighborhood facilities?

123 - Satisfied
53 - So-so
16 - Not satisfied
38 - No reply

Q. 19 Satisfied with your life in general?

141 - Satisfied
51 - So-so
5 - Not satisfied
33 - No reply

Q. 20 How often do you read?

173 - Every day
20 - Once every few days
3 - Once a week
3 - Once a month
5 - Less often
25 - No reply

Q. 21 How often do you go to church?

6 - Every day
4 - Once every few days
59 - Once a week
31 - Once a month
85 - Less often
45 - No reply

Q. 22 How often do you go to club meetings?

2 - Every day
6 - Once every few days
16 - Once a week
40 - Once a month
74 - Less Often
92 - No reply

Q. 23 How often do you visit friends?

7 - Every day
15 - Once every few days
45 - Once a week
58 - Once a month
57 - Less often
48 - No reply

Q. 24 How often do you clean house, do laundry?

49 - Every day
42 - Once every few days
69 - Once a week
5 - Once a month
10 - Less often
55 - No reply

Q. 25 How often do you go for walks?

76 - Every day
34 - Once every few days
22 - Once a week
8 - Once a month
35 - Less often
55 - No reply

Q. 26 How often do you go to the movies?

8 - Every day (includes TV viewing)
3 - Once every few days
11 - Once a week
34 - Once a month
99 - Less often
75 - No reply

Q. 27 How often do you do your hobbies?

30 - Every day
24 - Once every few days
24 - Once a week
20 - Once a month
47 - Less Often
85 - No reply

Q. 28 How often do you do (other things)?

6 - Every day
4 - Once every few days
5 - Once a week
2 - Once a month
8 - Less often
205 - No reply

Q. 29 How old are you?

62 - 50-55
31 - 55-60
20 - 61-65
30 - 65-70
28 - 71-75
20 - 75-80
30 - 81 plus
9 - No age given

Q. 30 Are you a (man/woman)?

115 - Man
99 - Woman
16 - No reply

Q. 31 Where do you live?

114 - Manhattan
8 - Brooklyn
32 - Queens
15 - Bronx
1 - Staten Island
27 - New Jersey
20 - Long Island
4 - Westchester
4 - Other
5 - No reply

Q. 32 How long does it take for you to get to upper west side of Manhattan (around 95th Street)?

40 - Less than 15 minutes
50 - 15-30 minutes
46 - 30-45 minutes
35 - 45 minutes-1 hour
26 - 1 hour-1½ hour
12 - 1½ hour-2 hours
3 - More than 2 hours
18 - No reply

Q. 33 Marital status

129 - Married, spouse present
1 - Married, spouse absent
4 - Divorced/separated
62 - Widowed
25 - Never married
9 - No reply

Q. 34 Employment status

37 - Self-employed
98 - Working for someone else
6 - Not working but seeking work
63 - Not working and not seeking work
5 - Currently working
21 - No reply

Q. 35 What is your occupation? If not working now, what was your regular line of work?

69 - Professional/technical workers
34 - Administrative/managerial
30 - Clerical/salesman
2 - Farmer, miner, lumberman, fisherman, etc.
18 - Craftsman, production process worker, labourer
32 - Service workers, policeman, barber, domestic help, etc.
45 - No reply

Q. 36 Citizenship

180 - US citizen
31 - Permanent US resident without citizenship
15 - Japanese citizen
0 - Other
4 - No reply

Q. 37 Where were you born?

105 - US
115 - Japan
5 - Elsewhere
4 - No reply

Q. 38 Do you own or rent the place where you live?

If you are renting, do you rent a house, apartment or room?

59 - Own the place where they live
37 - Rent the place where they live

21 - Rent homes
94 - Rent apartments
5 - Rent rooms

14 No reply

Q. 39 How many people live in the same household?

38 - Live by themselves
100 - Two persons
33 - Three persons
33 - Four persons
11 - Five persons
8 - Six persons
7 - No reply

Q. 40 Who are they? (living in the same household)

(On coded sheets, see Nos. 58 through 52)

124 - With spouse
55 - No (no spouse living with them)
40 - No reply

101 - With children
87 - No (no children living with them)
42 - No reply

29 - With relative
159 - No (no relative living with them)
42 - No reply

4 - With friends
184 - No (no friend living with them)
42 - No reply

6 - With other persons
182 - Not with other persons
42 - No reply

Totals
-8

Q. 41 How well do you use English?

128	-	Fluently
58	-	Passably
18	-	Can understand but cannot speak it
9	-	Very poorly
3	-	Not at all
4	-	No reply

Q. 42 How well do you use Japanese?

127	-	Fluently
56	-	Passably
11	-	Can understand but cannot speak it
15	-	Very poorly
5	-	Not at all
5	-	No reply

Q. 43 What is your religious preference?

136	-	Protestant
5	-	Catholic
59	-	Buddhist
11	-	Other
12	-	None
7	-	No reply

Q. 44 Income

12	-	Less than \$100
28	-	\$100-\$199
21	-	\$200-\$299
15	-	\$300-\$399
10	-	\$400-\$499
119	-	\$500 +
25	-	No reply

Q. 45 through 52 Where does your money come from?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Reply</u>
Earnings	137	77	16
Social Security	79	119	32
Employee Pension	7	187	36
Annuity	5	189	36
Old Age Assistance	25	177	28
Savings and/or Investments	78	120	32
Relatives	12	181	37
Other	18	176	36

Q. 53 through 57 What per cent of your income do you spend on the following:

	<u>Less than 20%</u>	<u>21- 40%</u>	<u>41- 50%</u>	<u>51- 80%</u>	<u>No Reply</u>
Rent	70	85	8	7	60
Food	80	71	13	4	52
Medical Care	129	14	3	3	81
Clothing	135	19	1	1	74
Other	113	12	2	1	102