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Dear Lynne,

Thank you very much for the check - it has been a long time since we've seen any money. The entire group sends its' thanks and will use the money to help with the legal expenses and court fines.

And your newsletter impressed people; I've listed some of the other chapters at the letter and if you can send extra copies the chapters can help distribute your newsletter on the west coast.

I have enclosed some more misc. material and some old strike leaflets to give you some idea what the specific demands were and some weak-assed reports on the McCarran Act. The material you requested earlier (historical, economic and etc.) is available and usually in fairly obscure sociological journals or whatnot but the problems in Third World communities exist not because of the lack of academic studies but because of scarcity of people ready to fight for self-determination for these communities. You are probably aware of this already and from the sounds of it (the opening of new office) you are beginning to move on out. There has been some organizing done in Oakland and San Francisco's Chinatowns and I'll check with the people and find out if they have any written reports. Most of the organizing is in the early stages of building a community base (mainly social service activities, i.e. tutorials, switchboards, helping people cut through red tape) and in most cases the real fight for indigenous control over jobs, rents and school curriculums, and pigs has not been started. But people haven't overlooked the basics of survival and like in all Third World communities it will be a long knock down drag them out kind of fight.

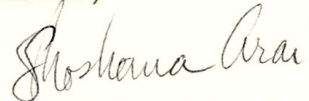
I used to live in New York and the toughest problem it seemed to have unlike most cities it was overorganized except for one community - Chinatown. Good luck. If you have the time try getting in touch with Phil Hutchings (Aichi Kochiyama might know how to reach him) and get him to talk to you about what community organizing means and limitations and its beauties. He spent several years in Newark.

This summer Berkeley AAPA will still be involved in court cases and in the never ending hassles with the University over the control and the funding of the Asian Studies Dept. It has been suggested that a Bay Area conference/workshop be set up followed by a statewide meeting. But people want to hold off until some thinking and planning is done so that something concrete comes out of the bullshitting.

I think there is another Iijama in Berkeley, do you have any relatives in the Bay Area?

Keep in touch and let us know how the office and your organizing is effecting the community. Everyone again sends their thanks for the money and welcomes you and all the Asians for Actions to the sometimes glorious Third World.

Later,



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