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Mr. Chris Iijima
Asian Americans For Action
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Dear Mr. Iijima:

May we acknowledge your letter of October 7. We are taking the liberty of sending thermofaxed copies to those who are receiving copies of our reply to you for their own information.

As you may be aware, the Japanese American Citizens League has a Committee on International Affairs. Its Chairman is Dr. Mary Watanabe of Philadelphia. That Committee has reached a recommendation on the so-called Okinawa question that has been approved by the National Board. It will take up the issue of the Joint United States-Japan Treaty for Mutual Cooperation and Security probably as its next study.

While we welcome the interest of other organizations which are dedicated to the same objectives as we, as a matter of organizational policy we are required to seek certain information of other organizations that express a desire to contact our members and our chapters, a procedure which we are confident you understand.

Accordingly, we would appreciate hearing from you concerning the following:

1. What are the general and specific objectives of your organization, with particular reference to your positions on the reversion of Okinawa and the extension of the Mutual Cooperation and Security Treaty?
2. What are the membership requirements? When was your organization organized, and by whom? How many members do you have, and where do they reside? Who are your officers, and what are their respective backgrounds?
3. How is your organization financed?

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4. What are your specific plans for action, including those planned for Washington in connection with the forthcoming visit of Japanese Prime Minister Sato?

We regret that we must ask these questions, but we need the answers in order to inform our members and chapters concerning your organization.

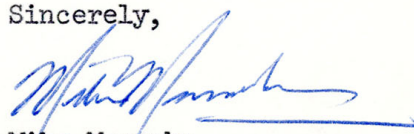
As for contacting our individual chapters, as you may know, they are relatively autonomous and determine on their own whether they will invite certain speakers, participate in certain programs, etc., provided that their determinations are made within the framework of the national organization and its objectives.

In any event, listed below are the respective chapter chairmen in this Eastern District Council:

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May we hear from you soon as to the requested information since, no doubt, our chapters will be asking us for it, particularly if they are asked by your organization to invite speakers to address them in the near future.

Sincerely,



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Washington Representative

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