

My dear Cholsoo,

got your Dec. 31 letter, and I have sent a package of reading books--The Grass Roof by the late YOUNGHI KANG who died a couple years ago--he was a very dear friend of mine--; a new 1978 Korea diary; a booklet about Korea; and The Living Reed by the late Pearl Buck. You will enjoy reading Mr. Kang's Grass Roof. It's about his childhood in Korea before he came to America back in 1932. I pray this book will help lift your faith in the future and help you survive in your dark hours. You are right. We didn't have enough time to get to the most important issue on the Chinatown case. But I have enough to present my own views why you are innocent of the killing, but if we still have time to tackle this issue later.

As I told you, and your PD agreed, I want to concentrate on your happy childhood in Korea and your journey to the Beautiful Country which turned out to be a nightmare. I will stress that ~~whatxxxxxxx~~ it could happen to any Korean kid because Koreans don't count in the eyes of schools and the juvenile authorities. Your crime was ~~xxxx~~ the fact that you were a Korean boy with no English. And being a Korean boy in the metropolis of San Francisco was like a baby in a JUNGLE. NOBODY CARED. Nobody in schools and juvenile institutions had the decency or basic human understanding to listen to you through a Korean or Koreans who knew the Korean language. It's a frightening picture for any father or mother. I want to ask any parent if how would they react if their own child has gone to China or Korea without any knowledge of Chinese or Korean and was put in jail just because Chinese or Korean officials decided their own child must have done something wrong and must be mentally disturbed.

Mr. Kang of the Korea Times (The Hankuk Ilbo) stationed in San Francisco is waiting for my article. I must hurry. Also, I am writing a long piece on you for The Sacramento Union. I know you must be anxious to read it before it is published. As I told you, I will ^{send} ~~xxxxxx~~ draft copies of the two different articles (one for Korean papers and another for The Union) to your P. D. first so you will get the chance to read them.

I understand why you and your mother and sister ~~xxxxxxx~~ don't wish to see anything mentioned about your mother and sister. I will not mention her real names or where they do live. But I must say something about your mother's struggle in America and her devotion and her heroic past and her helplessness. I am going to write along that line, but don't worry. You will be reading my ~~xxxxxxx~~ article drafts

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in advance so that you can tell me whatever you wish I should
~~do~~ do in regard to your mother and your family in the
articles.

People in the Korean church here want to visit with you.
Can we b send you a jar of kimchee? I must talk with Rees
and demand that you are entitled to some Korean foods. YOU ARE
A KOREAN. EVEN AN ANIMAL IN A ZOO IS ENTITLED TO SOME FAVORITE
FOOD. I WILL CALL REES THAT YOU SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE
SOME KOREAN FOOD. IT'S BASIC HUMAN DECENCY. Also I will demand
that Koreans be allowed to see you in person, not through the glass.

Also Mrs. Grace Kim~~xxxx~~ in Davis will be visiting a
church headquarters in New York next week, and I will give
her a summary of ~~xxxx~~ how you have suffered monstrous injustice
in San Francisco and in the Chinatown killing case. Also,
we are going to call on all KOREAN CHURCHES IN AMERICA--there
are hundreds of them and they are well organized--to support
you, and my gut feeling is that they will rally together because
your case is Korea's case. Jay Yoo is a great human being.
He got sick after long hours of going over your files and
summarizing your case for the Koreans. But he is getting better
and he must prepare for the tough bar examination in February.
I urged him to ~~xxxx~~ take it easy since he must prepare for
the test, but during his the coming months while he must
study his wife --~~he~~ she is a Korean social worker here--a
great human being too--will be working with me. She is a big
leader in the Korean church here. Also, I will be getting in
touch with Ranko too. WAIT. I got a call from Mr. Tauman now.
Just talked with Ranko. Ranko is going to get together with me
this evening about 7 or 8 p. m. here in Sacto. We will have a
lot to talk about.

Also, Koreans hwere would like to send you some b textbooks
on Korean language so you can review them to pick up the
basic hankul. I don't think you would have trouble recalling
the Korean hankul. That will keep you mentally alert.
Remember you are a Korean. I know you have the Korean spirit.

keep up your faith. I will send you other Korean books in
English shortly. So send me more permits for reading books.

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