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Dear Choi Soo, got your nice letter. am very much encouraged by the initial reactions from the Korean community. All the Korean language newspapers in this country have been contacted, and from what I know they all will run your story very shortly. Also the Korean newspapers in Korea, I am told, will publicize about your desperate situation. So things are looking up. As I keep saying, this is going to be a long tough road to travel. I am absolutely convinced that the Korean community must do it ourselves FIRST AND MUST SHOW THE WORLD THAT THE KOREANS CAN'T BE DESTROYED. AND I can assure you the Koreans will wake up. Money, once the Koreans are aroused, is no problem. You know the Koreans are passionate. They are a tough people whenever they are united. I sent a copy of your letter to me to W Woojung Kang, the San Francisco based bureau chief of

The W Hankuk Ilbo and the Korea Times. He's good. I believe he has already translated my story and will run it in the Hankuk Ilbo for the Koreans in this country. The Dong-A Ilbo a reporter from San Francisco also called me today saying his paper also will run your story too. Also, Mr. Choi --I forgot his first name but he is a young public information information officer at the Korean consulate in San Francisco who is very much concerned about your case--also called me and said he was deeply touched by your case and wanted to do everything to let the Koreans know about your plight. He wanted to know if you are still a Korean. I told him that as far as I know you are still an alien in this country. Maybe the Korean government might be able to help you since you are still considered a Korean national although you are, I believe, a permanent resident alien in this country. I don't know just what course would be the best for you. This Korean official also told me that my series is educational for the Koreans who will be coming to this country as immigrants. He wanted to have the series widely publicized as an educational means. Also a Korean reporter--her name is Connie Kang-- who works for the San Francisco Examiner called me from her newspaper

and asked me to send her my series. She said she was touched by what people said about your plight. She may write stories about you too. As I keep saying, Choi Soo, any human being with Korean blood will respond because you are a son of the KOREAN RACE.

HERE ARE THE ADDRESSES OF XXXXX PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST INVOLVED AT THIS TIME AND you might give them a brief note:

X Grace Kim (she is the wife of Dr. Luke Kim, chief of research and training at CMF at Vacaville...both are wonderful and warm-hearted people), 1301 Brown Dr., Davis, CA

Tom Kim, Korean Community Service Center,3136 Fulton, San Francisco, CA

Consul Choi, Korean Consulate General, 3500 Clay St., CA San Francisco, CA 04118

By the way, if you have the time, please write a letter addressed to the Sacramento Union editor so it can run xxx Xxxx and mail it to me. I will edit it and give it to our editor.

TO THE KOREAN PEOPLE

A$$o, you should be writing a letter of thank-you/to these KOREAN NEWSPAPERS AFTER THEY publish your story. I will send you their stories and their addresses after they are published.

From now on you must use your time economically since you will be getting a lot of letters. Don't waste your time too much. first you must take care of your own self. that's the most important thing for you. don't spend too much of your energy in replying letters.

THE PACIFIC CITIZEN, the English weekly for the Japanese Americans (the most powerful paper among the Japanese in America), will run a story out of my series, I am sure. I am also going to write a nice story about Ranko's long heroic xxxxxxx and lone struggle xx in your defensex--of course only after she gives me the permission to do so. The Pacific Citzizen xxx xxxx editor (harry honda) is a long-time friend of mine and a good man. He also admires Ranko and said he will be happy to run the Ranko story.

I have also send copies of the series to your family. I feel this way: in the initial stage, let's the people do their thing spontaneously. Let all kinds of groups and organizations do their own things to help you. Eventually these groups will form a clearing house to coordinate their efforts for one common purpose to help your cause. That's democracy in action. There's no way to control these spontaneous outbursts of sympathy through one central group at this stage. Tauman told our group at Davis he will shortly send me a summary of