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dear chol soo, it has been a hectic week. on march 14, i drove to see tom kim and his korean community service center people and then talked to a class of korean americans in tom's class at SF state university. at KCSC, i called ranko and had her talk with tom kim so they could start working together. in class talk i was impressed with the concern of young koreans shown for your case. they said they will work together in your case. i am sure you will be hearing from them. they are in early 20s and some are about your age.

then sunday--march 19--i got a call from myungho moon, dong-a ilbo reporter who came from korea for a series of articles about the koreans in america. he was calling from s. f. so i drove there to see him, and from 10 a. m. until 7 p. m. he interviewed me about your case. he was really trying his best to get the correct picture of the situation. i was impressed. then i drove back to join the meeting of concerned people--mr. and mrs. tauman, yoo, and mr. and mrs. taylor, a christian minister and others--at yoo's home. it was a good meeting. tauman told us what he would like to see done. namely, he would like to have tom kim, ranko and others in SF to start reaching people who could help provide information. san francisco journal, i am told, is going to run my articles about you. that will get to chinatown, i am sure. in SF last tuesday, i also had a long talk with mr. george woo, a good long-time friend of tom kim, who knows a lot of young chinese in chinatown who used to be advisor to young chinese groups. he said he knows robert louie, joe fong and others. he said your chinatown case is incredible. he said chinatown people don't know about your case and feels it is time to let the chinese people know about your case. he said he is convinced public appeals for people to step forward would help. he said he often runs into owang but he is afraid to talk to her. he is a SF state university teacher and was the one who tried to find out the address and phone number of owang just before your trial in sacramento started but was unable to get it from the asian community center (then located in international hotel where owang was used to hang around). mr. woo feels that if some of the korean community approach her and let her know about your serious situation and let her use her own judgment she might be approachable. mr. woo will be working closely with tom kim's group in regard to your case, i am sure. i also talked with some korean government officials today in san francisco about your case for help. they said they are concerned but they want to handle the matter wisely at this stage. as i told you, i believe the korean consulate people at a later date may send an official to

stockton to express the interest of the korean gov. in your case. they sed they dont want to make any hasty move which might hurt your case. last night in SF i had a long talk with ranko who expressed pleasure at the news that things are now moving. he sed he will be getting in touch with YOO to be briefed. YOO is the key man. you may write him ~~xxxx~~ directly in the future.

yoo and his wife are beautiful people. they ~~xxxxx~~ and others are spending many many hours typing, printing and mailing hundreds of letters and materials. and almost every korean i have run into share the same concern. it will take time but at least we have made our first step.

and chol soo, your map and long letter was another good tool for me. in that map, you mentioned people you know whose businesses were at the murder ~~xxxxxx~~ scene. i now begin to see more clearly why you couldn't have committed the killing at that spot. ~~why~~ how could any person commit such act in front of or ~~xxx~~ near the businesses ~~xxxxxx~~ of people who know you very well?

CHOL SOO, let me hear more about those people whom you knew well whose places were at that street corner or very near it.

i am enclosing a letter from ~~xxxxxx~~ Jai lee from l. a. and a copy of her letter to me. she is great. she is, i believe, a few years younger than you are. as you see, she is deeply involved. write her a brief letter. chol soo, as many koreans receive appeal letters from the yoo group, they will be writing you. to conserve your energy, it is best that you write one ~~xxxxxxx~~ answer for everyone--that is, your letter of thanks could be reprinted and mailed later or publicized in korean papers.

i have a lot of contacts to make with ~~m~~ newspaper and tv people about your case.

i am dead tired. i could go on and on, but i must close here. ~~xxxx~~ keep the faith. keep your cool. don't make any rush move. because we want you to live--and live as a free man among us. chol soo, you are not just one person now. many young Koreans identify with your fate. don't let them down. keep your patience. i know it is easy to say, but i must say it.

kyung won

