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My dear chol soo,

So sorry for this long silence since you wrote me last. I am certain Dr. Ryoo has kept you informed of my doings in the past few weeks. I was in LA a couple weeks ago while on vacation, and made a personal visit with Hankook Ilbo reporter Pyong Yong Min to thank him for his active role in publicizing your case. Remember he is the one who asked you--through me--if it would be possible to write up an autobiography for his readers?

This man Min is quite anxious to do a long piece on you and I pledged my cooperation. I am sending him a copy of your autobiography for his use. I am sure you don't mind. He is one of a very few socially conscious Korean reporters among the Korean-language newspapers. He did a series of Young Yung Min Kim, the college professor who is about to be sent to state prison for an assault on a retired navy admiral at Santa Barbara--a crime I am convinced he didn't commit. He has lost his last legal appeal to the state supreme court. I feel very very sad. I did little for him because I decided I must give my time on your case and because fortunately he had a group of dedicated friends fighting and raising money for him.

I spent many hours in LA trying to measure the level of public consciousness in your case. I talked with dozens of people. And I learned to my great satisfaction that almost everybody I ran into knew about your case and expressed concern. That's good news. Chol Soo, this shows nothing is being accomplished overnight. It is a build-up case. We must build blocks on blocks day by day, week after week. I have written a personal appeal to a powerful man back in Korea to do something about your case. So has Jay K. Yoo. We have been trying to get some papers in Korea to start a fund-raising drive. Thus far only rhetoric. No action. But we must be patient.

As you know, Judge Papas has transferred your petition to Sacramento--it is a partial victory. Papas could have easily rejected your petition outright. He didn't. That's good. Judge Lally of the Sacramento superior court has taken your case. The Union's courthouse reporter is a good friend of mine and has shown great sympathy. This is good. I will help him out when the petition is being reviewed. The Bee's courthouse reporter is a young Chinese American by the name of Iris Yang. I am sure she will be open-minded. I will find out about Lally in detail and let you know. I will be back at work Monday. I will write up ~~your~~ about your petition being moved to Sacramento this coming week.

Chol Soo, we are going to tackle the big issue of hiring a private attorney shortly. The committee must ACT. Doctor Ryoo will be keeping you posted, I am sure.