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CABLE ADDRESS
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NEW YORK

February 27, 1968

Miss Yoshiko Uchida
645 63rd Street
Oakland, California 94609

Dear Miss Uchida:

The day brightened considerably when your letter came in the mail. What good news it is that you are in agreement with our ideas for books about foreign lands.

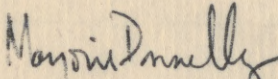
Thank you too for your kind words about the books on Israel and Finland.

Now, to answer some of your questions. Since these are picture books, the royalty is split between author and artist. This means that you would receive a royalty of 5% of the retail price of the book. The advance would be \$1000, \$500 on signing the contract, and \$500 on completion of a satisfactory manuscript.

As for a deadline for completion of the manuscript, that is entirely up to you. Of course, we would hope to have your book about Japan on our list quite soon, but you probably have a very crowded work schedule. Barring problems with the artist or printer, the book should certainly be published within a year of the time you submit the completed manuscript.

I hope this answers your questions. If you do have further questions, don't hesitate to ask. All of us here are keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that you will say yes, you would like to write a book about Japan for us.

Sincerely yours,


Marjorie Donnelly

md/s

645 63rd Street
Oakland, Ca. 94609
March 4, 1968

Miss Marjorie Donnelly
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Miss Donnelly:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 27th which reached me on the 2nd. I appreciated receiving information about the contract arrangements and the schedule for the book on Japan.

I was glad to know that the deadline for the book is flexible, because this makes it possible for me to say yes, I will be happy to write the book on Japan for your series!

Since I now plan to have two books out in 1969, I would prefer to have your book published in the spring of 1970, if this is agreeable to you.

I am also working now on a project (adult), which will probably occupy my time for the next several months, so I doubt whether I can get anything to you this year, but could definitely do so early in 1969. I hope this would work out satisfactorily for your series.

I am already giving some thought to the book I will be doing for you, and hope to discuss it further with you as ideas develop. I look forward with much pleasure to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

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April 9, 1968

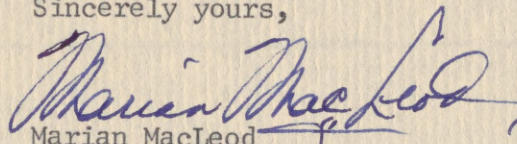
Miss Yoshiko Uchida
645 - 63rd Street
Oakland, California 94609

Dear Miss Uchido:

Enclosed are the author and publisher copies of the contract for A STORY OF JAPAN. If you find everything in order, would you please initial where indicated and sign both copies, and return them to us? We would complete signatures here, and then send back your executed copy, together with the check due on signing.

Our thanks and our best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Marian MacLeod
Contracts and Permissions

mm:s

contract forms enclosed

645 63rd Street
Oakland, Calif. 94609
April 15, 1968

Miss Marjorie Donnelly
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Miss Donnelly:

I was happy to receive Miss MacLeod's letter of the 9th, enclosing my contract, and just have two points which I'd like to clarify before I return the contracts to her.

In Clause III (f), OTHER BOOKS ... I wonder if we might delete the phrase, "or any book of a similar character tending to interfere with the sale of the Work."

I would not, of course, knowingly interfere with sales of this book, but am a little concerned about this phrase since all my books are about Japan or Japanese children, and there will be other SUMI books, which perhaps could be construed as "a book of a similar character." If it is agreeable with you to delete this phrase, I'll just cross it out and initial it before sending back the contract.

I also wonder if you plan to publish a "Library Edition". I didn't find reference to such an edition in the contract, but hope that if there is to be such an edition, payment per copy would not be less than that for the regular trade edition.

I'll look forward to hearing from you, and in the meantime, send all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

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April 25, 1968

Miss Yoshiko Uchida
645 63rd Street
Oakland, California 94609

Dear Miss Uchida:

We have your letter asking about two points in our contract and I am happy to try to answer them.

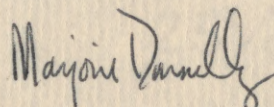
We understand your concern about the "other books" clause, but our lawyers insist that we maintain this phrase in the contract. Of course we know that all of your books have been about Japan or about Japanese children, and that you plan to write other such books. However, we do not consider them to be books that "tend to interfere with the sale of the work".

As for your second question, there will be a library edition of the book. The royalty rate on our library editions is the same as that on the regular trade edition.

I hope this clears things up.

Have your plans for a visit to New York this spring materialized? It would be so good to meet you.

Sincerely yours,



Marjorie Donnelly

MD:jcm

645 63rd St.
Oakland, Ca. 94609
April 28, 1968

Miss Marjorie Donnelly
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Miss Donnelly:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 25th regarding the contract.

I was happy to have clarification regarding the library edition, and as long as we understand each other on the "other books" clause, it is perfectly agreeable with me to retain it.

I am enclosing the signed contracts and would appreciate your passing them on to Miss MacLeod. Since I have finally been able to make plans to leave for Connecticut on May 15th, I hope it will be possible to receive my copy before I leave.

I have tentative plans to be in New York City about June 2-5 and do hope to meet you then. I'll call you when I get to New York, but if you need to contact me before then, I shall be at the following address: c/o Mrs. S. Kakutani, 32 Round Hill Road, Hamden, Conn. 06518.

Looking forward to seeing you before long,

Sincerely,

Encl: contracts

Yoshiko Uchida

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January 19, 1972

Miss Toshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue, Apt. 102
Berkeley, California 94707

Dear Miss Uchida:

Your book, MAKOTO, THE SMALLEST BOY, is included in our pamphlet, Focus on Minorities: A Multi-Cultural Booklet for Children in Primary and Intermediate Grades. We recently revised the pamphlet to include our 1971 and Spring 1972 titles, and you will notice that a great deal of thought has gone into the revision.

We distribute the brochure at conventions we attend throughout the year and mail it from the office in response to requests from teachers and librarians. We thought you would be pleased to have a copy of this impressive little booklet which lists your book.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie

Marjorie Naughton
Books for Boys and Girls

MN:mm
Enclosure

1685 Solano Ave.
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Calif. 94707
February 8, 1972

Miss Marjorie Naughton
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Marjorie:

Thank you for your letter of January 19th and for the enclosed revised, "Focus on Minorities." It looks excellent and I am pleased to have my book listed in it.

The pamphlet set in motion some thoughts: Do you have such a pamphlet or program focusing on minorities for teenagers and young adults?

I have a non-fiction manuscript concerning my own experiences in the wartime evacuation of Japanese from California which was originally written for adults. Several magazines such as THE NEW YORKER and HARPERS liked it, but felt it was too long for an article. (It runs about 80-odd pages).

So many Junior and Senior High Schools have requested permission to use a portion of the article which appeared in the CAL MONTHLY, however, that I have been thinking it might best serve its purpose as a book for young people.

Would you be good enough to pass this letter on to Marjorie Clarke, or whoever in the Juvenile (or perhaps even adult) Department might be interested in a book of this nature? I would appreciate hearing from someone.

All the best,

Yoshiko Uchida

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CABLE ADDRESS
TYCROWELL
NEW YORK

February 14, 1972

Miss Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Apt. 102
Berkeley, California 94707

Dear Yoshiko:

Thank you for your nice letter. We do have a pamphlet featuring the books we publish on a young adult level on blacks and black history and a copy of it is enclosed. Marjorie Clarke is temporarily out of the office as she just had a baby girl but I passed your letter along to Ann Beneduce and I am sure you will be hearing from her regarding your manuscript.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Marjorie

Marjorie Naughton
Books for Boys and Girls

mn/s
Enc.

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CABLE ADDRESS
TYCROWELL
NEW YORK

March 2, 1972

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Ave.
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Calif. 94707

Dear Ms. Uchida:

Marjorie Naughton has passed on to me your letter about your non-fiction manuscript concerning your own experiences in the wartime evacuation of Japanese people from California. This does indeed sound interesting and we'd be pleased to have the opportunity to read it and consider it for possible publication. We'll look forward to hearing from you about it.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ann Beneduce

Ann Beneduce
Editor-in-Chief, Children's Books

AKB/kb

1685 Solano Ave. , Apt. 102
Berkeley, California 94707
March 5, 1972

Miss Ann Beneduce
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue, So.
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Miss Beneduce:

Marjorie Naughton wrote that she would be passing on to you my inquiry of February 8, and I wonder if you would be interested in seeing the manuscript I mentioned.

It is a non-fiction account of my personal experiences in the wartime evacuation of Japanese from the west coast. I wrote it originally as an adult article, an excerpt of which has been published in a California magazine. There has been such interest shown in this segment from junior and senior high schools, however, that I thought *the full article* ~~it~~ might be suitable as a book for young adults, particularly in your excellent "Focus on Minorities" program.

I would be delighted to have you look at it, but if you think it might be better suited for the adult book division at Crowell, I would appreciate your passing my inquiry along to one of its editors.

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

*If want -
tell me journey to Japan.*

1685 Solano Ave.
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Calif. 94707
March 6, 1972

Ms. Ann Beneduce
Editor-in-Chief, Children's Books
Thomas Y. Crowell Company
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Ms. Beneduce:

My last letter must have just crossed yours in the mails. I was delighted to receive your letter of March 2, and am enclosing, herewith, my manuscript, "Camp - 1942." I would be so pleased if it would fit into your publishing program.

I could easily divide the manuscript into three sections or into shorter chapters for book form, and there are some excellent photographs of the evacuation in the National Archives which might be used to supplement the text. The use of evacuee art work would be another possibility.

I am most enthusiastic at the thought of having this manuscript published for young people because the schools seem so anxious for material concerning Asian-Americans, and I believe non-technical, first person accounts of the evacuation episode are almost non-existent. I know that the Japanese American Citizen's League as well as the Japanese American Curriculum Project would give this book their warm support and endorsement.

I shall look forward to hearing from you.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

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NEW YORK

May 1, 1972

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Avenue
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Calif. 94707

Subject: CAMP- 1942

Dear Ms. Uchida:

Your manuscript came in just as I was leaving for a long business trip. While I was gone, several other people here read the story and now, I too have had the opportunity to read it. Now I am sorry to have to report that we do not feel that this is something we could publish successfully for young readers. It is a tragic story, and of course it is also a great tribute to the courage of the people who endured it. But it does seem better suited to the adult market than to ours. We must therefore decline this. We are returning it herewith. Thank you again for allowing us to consider this. I am sorry that this was not something we could undertake.

With best wishes,

Ann Beneduce

Ann Beneduce

AKB/kb
Enc.

"Camp-1942"

1685 Solano Ave.
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
May 8, 1972

Ms. Ann Beneduce
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
201 Park Avenue South
New York, N. Y. 10003

Dear Ms. Beneduce:

Thank you for your letter of May 1
and the return of my manuscript, "Camp - 1942."
I appreciated your taking the time to read it.

I think perhaps you are right about
its being better suited to the adult market
and will probably turn to that area again.

I hope we shall have the opportunity
to work together on something else at another
time.

All the best,

Yoshiko Uchida

1685 Solano Ave.
Apt. 102
Berkeley, Ca. 94707
July 8, 1975

Mrs. Ann Beneduce
Thomas Y. Crowell Co., Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Mrs. Beneduce:

I wondered if you were at the ALA meeting
in San Francisco, and was sorry to miss seeing
you there.

May I ask you to send a copy of MAKOTO,
THE SMALLEST BOY to each of the following?

Ms. Patricia Nakano
The Ethnic Heritage Project
Japanese American Citizen's League
1765 Sutter St.
San Francisco, Ca. 94115

Mr. Edward Kemp, Acquisitions Librarian
The Library
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Many thanks and my best wishes,

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

Mrs. Beneduce

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August 6, 1975

Ms. Yoshiko Uchida
1685 Solano Ave. , Apt. 102
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Re: MAKOTO: THE SMALLEST BOY

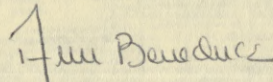
Dear Yoshiko Uchida:

Yes, both Sophie and I were in San Francisco at A.L.A.. We were sorry not have seen you there. It was a very busy and very successful meeting, we thought.

We have ordered copies of your book to be sent to Ms. Nakano and Mr. Kemp, as you requested.

I hope all goes well with you. I have noticed announcements of your new books from time to time. Our list is still terribly crowded, but I hope that eventually we will be able to think about having another of your good books on our list. In the meantime, everyone here sends best wishes to you.

Sincerely,


Ann Beneduce

AB/mr

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Ms Yoshiko Uchida
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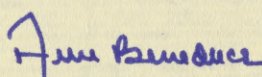
Dear Yoshiko,

As I'm sure you know, the publishing business has been having the same problems that many other businesses are experiencing these days, and the combination of inflation and recession has inevitably affected the pattern of sales. In particular, libraries with pinched budgets must often choose between a good new book and a good basic backlist book. The result is predictable: new book sales are flourishing, but libraries that already have bought our good backlist titles are not replacing worn copies as promptly as they ordinarily would, and sales of some of our excellent backlist titles have slowed considerably.

In order to stimulate sales on some of these good but slower-moving titles and also to help libraries stretch their budgets further, we are making them a special offer of a reduced price on a selected list of titles including your good book noted below. This is not a remainder sale and books so offered are available only through us and not through jobbers (except at full price). It is a sale for a limited time only. We thought you would want to know about this in advance, to avoid misunderstanding.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,


Ann Beneduce

MAKOTO: THE SMALLEST BOY

666 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019

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December 27, 1975

Ms Ann Beneduce
Thomas Y. Crowell Co.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10019

Dear Ann:

It was good of you to write to me about the special price Crowell is offering libraries on MAKOTO, THE SMALLEST BOY.

I certainly do understand the problems faced by all the publishing houses today, and think your plan is a good solution for all concerned.

Thank you for taking the time to inform me about it, and my best wishes to you for the new year.

Sincerely,

Yoshiko Uchida

THOMAS Y. CROWELL, PUBLISHERS

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10 East 53rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10022

*Rec'd from
Ellen 6/11/79*

May 25, 1979

Ellen Levine
Curtis Brown, Ltd.
575 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ellen Levine:

Thank you for sending UNTIL THE SHORES OF HOME by Yoshiko Uchida. Virginia Buckley is on vacation but will be back in the office on June 6th. She will get back to you with her decision as soon as she had had a chance to read the manuscript.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Rhea Loudon

Rhea Loudon

THOMAS Y. CROWELL, PUBLISHERS

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10 East 53rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10022

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Ellen

July 24, 1979

Ellen Levine
Curtis Brown Ltd
575 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022

Dear Ellen Levine:

I enjoyed reading Yoshiko Uchida's latest novel, UNTIL THE SHORES OF HOME, but I am sorry to say that I do not think that we can publish it successfully on our list. Since Ms. Uchida has been so widely published, I am sure that you will be able to place this elsewhere.

We appreciate your allowing us to consider the manuscript, and we are returning it to you herewith.

Sincerely,

Virginia Buckley

Virginia Buckley

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