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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

September 30, 1943

To the members of the Advisory Board
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I am,

Cordially yours,

AC McGiffert
Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert

* I heartily approve the
Exec. Committee's proposal.
Frank S. Gaines
10/2/43

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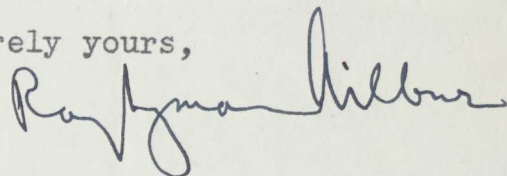
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

October 1, 1943.

Dear Doctor McGiffert:

Thank you for your letter of September 30th, with enclosed leaflet, in regard to the activities of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. It would seem to me worth while to extend the range of the Committee to the Chinese. They certainly need all the help that we in California can give them in trying to get them put on the quota basis.

Very sincerely yours,



R.L. Wilbur/ELF

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert,
Pacific Coast Committee on American Prin-
ciples and Fair Play,
465 California Street, Room 203,
San Francisco, California.

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October 1, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
465 California Street, Room 203
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

Let me thank you for your fine letter of September 30.
I have enjoyed reading the enclosed pamphlet very much and
believe it to be a very fine statement. I am also in complete
accord with the plan to "enlarge the focus of its concern and
attention to include the Chinese in this country".

Thanking you for your continued interest in this most
difficult situation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Tully C. Knoles -

Tully C. Knoles

K:d

WILLIAM C. JAMES
670 SAN LUIS ROAD
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Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
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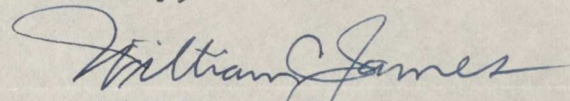
Dear Dr. McGiffert:

Concerning your letter of 9-30-43. If we are to "widen the scope of our efforts" I think it should include other races than just the Chinese. If we take the statement of our purpose honestly and fairly, I believe we should work for the repeal of the Exclusion Act for all the races involved, rather than to select one particular race.

To work for just one of the groups involved would seem to me to be narrowing the real scope and purpose of our committee rather than truly widening it.

This is the feeling I expressed to the editor of Asia magazine a few weeks ago when they wrote to me concerning the repeal of the Exclusion Act.

Sincerely,


William C. James

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Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert,
c/o Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman,
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play,
2234 Telegraph Avenue,
Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

I have your letter of yesterday asking my view on the question whether the committee should enlarge the scope of its activity so as to advocate the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act.

I doubt very much the wisdom of doing so without a full consideration of the question by the entire membership of the committee. Although I personally am inclined to favor the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, nevertheless the question is one of public policy about which there may be great difference of opinion, and I cannot see its immediate relevancy to the considerations of constitutional right which formed the basis of the committee's original activity. No alien has any constitutional right to enter the country. It seems to me that we can readily diffuse our efforts in various directions so that they will not be particularly effective in any. I therefore suggest that before we are committed to a position on any new issue a full meeting of the committee be held. If, however, the response to

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert - 2.

your suggestion is favorable with reasonable unanimity and you feel such a meeting to be undesirable, then I would like to consider whether it would not be more appropriate for someone else to take my place on the committee.

Yours sincerely,

Erasmus E. Harrison

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October 2, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

The taking ~~into~~^{into} the activities of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play ~~se as to include~~^{as to include} other ^{races} than the Japanese is obviously a correct procedure, but the way the Committee attacks the problem of the Oriental Exclusion Act requires an almost infinite amount of wisdom. The problem is loaded with dynamite, and ill-considered action very likely would have precisely the opposite results ^{from those} intended.

For example, the standing for "the repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Act" is one thing, but an entirely different thing from "standing for ~~the repeal~~^{the replacement} of the Oriental Exclusion Act" by a quota system which will be so adjusted as to protect American civilization from being submerged beneath a wave of Asiatic or even European influences.

In other words, this is a field in which it would be well to spend a few years of intensive study and conference rather than to take a position for the Committee which has not been thought through and thoroughly approved by the best judgment that the Committee can put into it.

Sincerely yours,

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Robert A. Millikan

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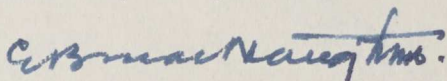
October 2, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Chairman
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Answering your inquiry of September
30th, I am in favor of the Committee's effort to
enlarge the scope of the work in connection with the
Chinese in this country.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "E. B. MacNaughton".

E. B. MacNaughton

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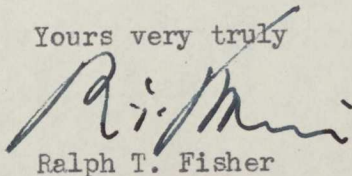
October 4, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Chairman
Executive Committee
Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

This replies to your letter of September 30 on behalf of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. Personally I feel that since the Committee is interested in maintaining the principles of the Constitution, it is perfectly in order to include the issue relating to the Chinese. My own feeling in connection with that issue, however, is that any admission should be restricted to a quota basis. Otherwise we shall be doing an injustice to ourselves and to the Chinese as well.

Yours very truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "R. T. Fisher", written over a red horizontal line.

Ralph T. Fisher

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Office of the President

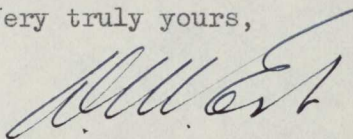
4 October 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
Committee on American Principles
and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. McGiffert:

In answer to your letter of September 30, I
am entirely in accord with your desire to include
the Chinese in the program of the committee.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'DM Erb', written in a cursive style.

Donald M. Erb
President

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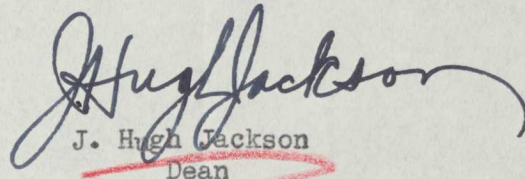
October 5, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, Chairman
Executive Committee on American
Principles and Fair Play
Room 203, 465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

As a member of the Advisory Board of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play, I am entirely agreeable to the proposal of the Executive Committee to widen the scope of our efforts and to include in our activities the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act now pending before Congress. In fact, I am in favor of such action being taken.

Cordially yours,


J. Hugh Jackson
Dean

JHJ/lft

JOS. S. THOMPSON
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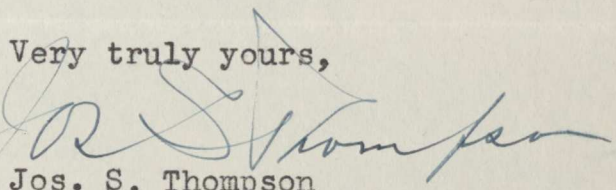
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Committee on American
Principles & Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Responding to your letter of Sept.
30th, I would be inclined to use the
organization, now that it is assembled,
to aid in the movement to repeal the
Chinese Exclusion Act.

Very truly yours,


Jos. S. Thompson

JST:RM

268 Bellefontaine Street · Pasadena, California

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October 4th, 1943.

Dr. A. C. McGiffert,
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

I have your circular letter of September 30th with reference to enlarging the focus of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. I have always taken the original statement of purpose literally and have regretted that anyone should have construed this purpose narrowly, as some critics of the Committee appear to have done. To my mind it would be very unfortunate if the Committee should concern itself almost exclusively with Japanese-Americans or with any other single type of hyphenated Americans. The true function of the Committee, it seems to me, should be to seek fair play for racial minorities of whatever sort.

Very sincerely yours,

William B. Munro
William B. Munro.

WBM/R

Mrs. Robert McWilliams = Stanford Court = San Francisco, California

October 4, 1943

Re letter September 30.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:-

From the beginning of our organization I was in favor of broadening our program to permit the inclusion of educational and legislative activities beneficial to minority groups including the Japanese.

There are now in the field several organizations doing effective service in the field we propose to function. To mention two only, The China Council of Berkeley and the Bay Area Council Against Discrimination, the latter taking a most effective part in securing passage of resolutions before several Boards of Supervisors memorializing Congress to pass the bill to eliminate the Chinese Exclusion Act.

However I feel that there is much to be done in behalf of minority groups now and most certainly a need for organization to press for international justice at the future conferences on racial problems.

May I suggest that we immediately broaden our program to meet the policy intimated in the name of our committee and may I further suggest that we implement our statements of policy, to which I most heartily subscribe, with bold and definite action that the urgency of the times demands.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruby McWilliams

Dr. Arthur C McGiffert
465 California St.
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

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October 6, 1943

President A. C. McGiffert,
Room 203, 465 California Street,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

I am heartily in favor of enlarging the work of our committee to include the Chinese in this country. I am more interested than I can say in the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, and in anything else that we can do to make clear our friendship for the Chinese.

Sincerely yours,

JCB/lbf

James C Baker

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 8th
1943

Doctor Arthur C. McGiffert
Committee on American Principles and Fair Play
Room 203
465 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Doctor McGiffert:

Allow me to thank you for your letter of September 30th in which you ask the opinion of the members of the Advisory Board as to whether we approve the proposal of the Executive Committee to widen the scope of the efforts of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Personally, I think it is very wise, indeed; for we must look into the future and if the peace that will be formed is going to be like every other peace whereby the white man is considered superior and the yellow man to be dominated by him, we are going to pave the way for another and worse war in less than thirty years' time. So I fully agree that we would do well to place the issue before Congress as to the repeal of the Chinese Exclusion Act, and put them on a basis of other countries whereby they will have a quota for entrance into this country as other countries have.

Wishing you every success in your work, and with kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Edward J. Whelan S. J.

Edward J. Whelan, S. J.
President

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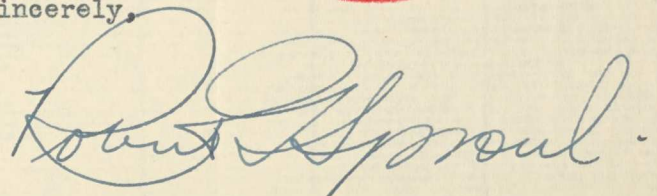
October 13, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert
Chairman, Executive Committee
Pacific Coast Committee on
American Principles and Fair Play
465 California Street - Room 203
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

The proposal in your letter of September 30,
addressed to the members of the Advisory Board of the
Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and
Fair Play, to extend the activities of the Committee
to include Chinese as well as Japanese, has my approval.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Louis Appoul". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L". A red horizontal line is drawn across the signature.

RGS:KWH

Cathedral House

615 South Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, Calif.

Zone 14

October 20, 1943

Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert

San Francisco, California

My dear Dr. McGiffert:

In answer to the question in your letter of September 30th may I say that I think it would be an excellent idea to include the Chinese. The present attacks against the Japanese and Japanese of American birth will undoubtedly be directed towards the Chinese when the opportunity arises. I think it would be an excellent plan. I am sorry that my absence in the East prevented my replying before.

Sincerely yours,

W. B. Stevens

Bishop of Los Angeles

First Methodist Church

Donald H. Tippett, Minister

October 22nd, 1943

Dr. A. C. McGiffert,
Room 203,
465 California Street,
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. McGiffert:

Continued absence from the city on
preaching missions has delayed my reply to
your correspondence of September the thirtieth.

I am highly in favor of enlarging the focus of
the concern of the committee to include the
Chinese in this country.

Please forgive this belated reply.

With all kind wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Donald H. Tippett

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A. C. McGiffert
Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert

I approve
August Beelman

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*I agree
Frank S. Bayley
Hatte*

Walnut Creek, Calif.

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San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Dr. Mc Leffert,

I am ^{largely} in favor of enlarging
the focus of this Committee and
working for the Chinese as well
as the Japanese. But I would
like to make a few remarks.

I think the removal of the
exclusion is a step to Creche.
The Chinese need food & equipment.

I would also like to feel
that when the Chinese are
admitted into our country

There will be a change in our
hearts so that we will not
turn on them when the
interests of our two countries
clash, or when they grow a
little prosperous in our country.
I don't want again to see a
Chinese man stoned by Swab
boys in the streets of San
Francisco.

Perhaps the removal of
exclusion is a foot in the
door - so I vote yes -

Cordially

Ans E. Bancroft
Mr Philip Bancroft.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr A.C. McFiffert
~~Room 203~~

1798 Scenic Ave. ~~465 California St.~~
~~Berkeley California San Francisco~~

I am in favor
of increasing the
scope of the Committee
on Am. Po. Fair Play
to include Chinese
& other minority
groups.

Sincerely
Joseph W. Drueck