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October 26, 1981

Ms. Michi Nishiura Weglyn
c/o William Morrow and Company, Inc.
105 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10010

Dear Ms. Weglyn:

I have been given to understand that, in a forthcoming book, you examine critically my fieldwork at the Tule Lake Segregation Center. If this is so, then I request that you send me a copy of the relevant portions of your manuscript, so that I may be in a position to evaluate your criticism and respond as might be appropriate. As you may know, I have already published a frank and detailed account of my fieldwork in the early part of my book, Doing Fieldwork: Warnings and Advice, (University of Chicago Press, 1971) which includes a statement of the ethical dilemmas to which I had to respond.

In any case, I would like to complement you on your book, Years of Infamy". I was particularly interested in your excellent account of what happened at Tule Lake in the latter part of 1945, after I had been forced to leave. And I was deeply moved by Project Director Merritt's account of his talk with Joe Kurihara. It explains a good deal of Mr. Kurihara's behavior at the Tule Lake Center.

Sincerely yours,

Rosalie Hankey Wax
Professor Emerita Sociology/Anthropology

RHW:sc

Dear Dr. Wax,

(*Just returned from a trip)

Forgive me for this belated* - and hastily
scribbled - response to your letter of Oct. 26.
You have apparently been fed ~~mis~~ information.
Tule Lake has absolutely nothing to do with my
present writing efforts - nor your activities
there.

Thank you for your generous evaluation of
Years of Infancy. I have read most of your
publications and wish I could write as
brilliantly. Good luck on your current
project.

Sincerely,

Michie Wegman

Michi Weglyn
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Dr. Rosalie H. Wax
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April 17, 1983

Dear Prof. Wax,

My profound apologies for this tardy
reply, but a heap of mail greeted me
upon my return from a trip overseas.

I wish you great success with
Betrayal and Survival. Since the "Commission"
Report has come out, I'm delving once again into
the internment question. Be assured however
that there'll be nothing in it regarding you.

Sincerely,

Micha Wegman

Just in case you or your colleagues might be interested! (m)

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March 14, 1983

Ms. Michi Weglyn
957 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10028

Dear Ms. Weglyn:

I am writing a book about the Americans of Japanese descent who were confined in the Tule Lake Segregation Center. The tentative title of the book is Betrayal and Survival. It is being considered by the University of Tennessee Press, Communications Building, Knoxville, Tennessee 37916. May I have your permission to quote the following passage in your book, Years of Infamy. Page 263, beginning "May 20, 1959." and ending on page 265 in "come to a close."

My book is primarily based on interviews conducted in 1981 and 1982 with people who had experienced Tule Lake. Since a number of my respondents renounced their citizenship and describe their feelings, your moving historical account would be most helpful and instructive.

Good luck on your current project.

Sincerely,

Rosalie Hankey Wax

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Title Michi Weglyn

Date April 17, 1983