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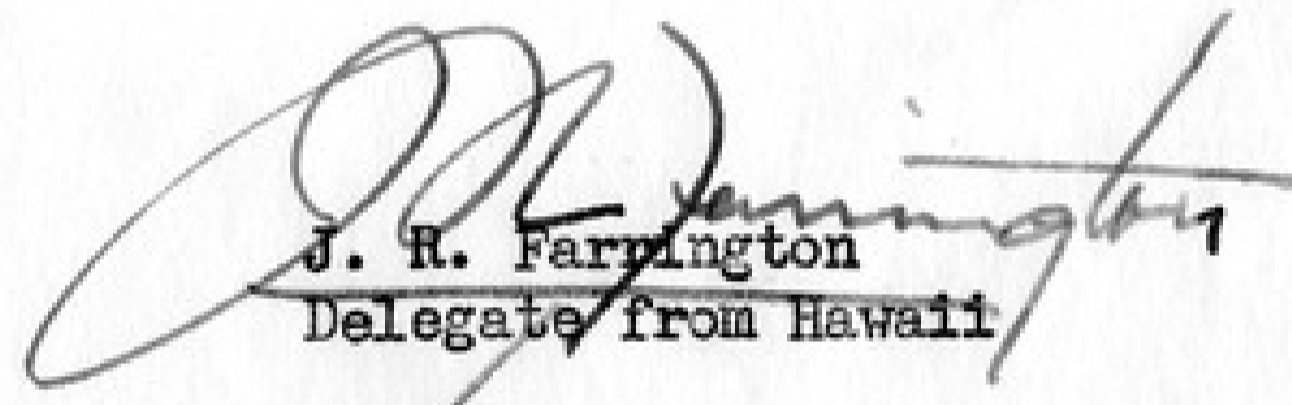
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter from a combat veteran of action in Korea expresses better than any words I might write to you the interest of many hundreds and even thousands of these young men who served our country in enactment into law of the so-called Walter-McCarran bill. I feel it would be most unfortunate if, after all the sacrifices that have been made particularly by the Americans of Oriental ancestry in demonstrating their loyalty to this country, the fight to remove racial restrictions from our immigration laws is lost.

I hope very earnestly, therefore, that because of its importance to the position of our country in the Pacific as well as to many of our citizens you will approve this legislation.

Yours sincerely,


J. R. Farrington
Delegate from Hawaii

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Enclosure

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Mr. Harrington;

I am P.F.C. Charles M. Yamamoto
US 50-000-212 took my Basic Training
at Schofield Barracks one of the
first Draftees to be inducted here
at September 7, 1950. After my Basic
Training here at Honolulu. I was
sent Overseas to Korea. I am now a
combat Veteran after fighting in the
front line for one year.

Immediately afterwards my Division
moved to Japan. During that period
I met a Japanese National Girl. She
is from Kyoto, Japan. During my
Stationed in Japan, I lived with her
also will have a baby. I stayed in
Japan for 5 months. At that time I
had a permission to get married to
her. Her name is Suzuko Matsuo
I got started to work on the marriage
papers right away. We both made a
personal appearance before my C.O. the
Chaplain and had the necessary papers
to marry. Then Her Mother's Consent
the two reliable witnesses for her,

Her local police Report, Both of our Physical Examination, the E.D.C Report and all the necessary papers to get married while the army is concerned.

But During that time on March 18, 1952 the immigration for foreign national has ceased. We wanted to get married but --- dead line ---

I was immediately put on the Rotation List and sent back home on Rotation.

My Spouse and I really wanted to get married but --- Now she is at home in Kyoto, Japan with her parents with which I also had a 10 days furlough with them. Now I am stationed at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu,

We both are writing and receiving mail regularly. I also have all of the necessary marriage forms with me at home and signed all by the officers of my former Division.

Now that the immigration Bill is at a "stand still" with which the President of the United States might Veto. I, as a fighting Combat Veteran in writing you Mr. Harrington this letter as only hope from your

permission, if necessary to personally see President Truman to pass the immigration Bill. This is the only thing that I fought for my country "Freedom from want" for as the immigration Bill will pass. I, and my spouse can get married at the earliest convenient date for which I got all the necessary marriage forms to get married.

Please Mr Harrington as a Delegate to Congress this is one favor for me and others to come in the future "Revise the Immigration Bill." When the Immigration Bill passed. I, or many Americans will be as freedom loving and united in all.

Sincerely yours
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