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REMARKS

MEMORANDUM

TO: SENATOR INOUE
FROM: VAN
DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2010
RE: JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE GALA

On Thursday September 16, 2010, the National Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) will hold its annual gala at the Marriott Hotel, with dinner scheduled to begin at 7pm. Senator Akaka and you are honorary co-chairs of the event, though Senator Akaka is unable to attend. The JACL Mike Masaoka Congressional Fellow, Misha Tsukerman is interning in your office until March 2011, and he will be present at the gala, working as a photographer for the JACL.

The gala's theme is *A Salute to Champions*, and will honor women including Senator Dianne Feinstein, community leader Etsu Mineta Masaoka, journalist Roxana Saberi, and actress and filmmaker Christine Toy Johnson. The event's emcee is former CNN news anchor and CBS news correspondence Joie Chen. Ms. Chen is currently Executive Vice President for Branded News Worldwide, which creates online platforms for organizations to deliver news to specific audiences. Ms. Chen will speak from the left podium (when facing the stage). When you and David Kawamoto (National JACL Vice President of Planning & Development) are introduced by Ms. Chen at 7:13pm, Floyd Mori requests that you approach the stage from the right (when facing the stage) and use the right podium when making welcoming remarks.

Do you wish to deliver the following comments?

OK

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to the Annual JACL Gala Awards Dinner this evening. I am pleased to serve as honorary co-chair along with Senator Akaka, and to represent the Honorary Committee for this important event recognizing the contributions of outstanding women who have proved themselves to be true champions of civil rights. Since its founding in 1929, the JACL has had a steady history of advocating for civil rights and equality. I commend the JACL membership and all those gathered here tonight for standing firm in your belief to preserve the integrity of the JACL's mission, ensuring that its intent never falters.

I join the audience in expressing my sincere congratulations and appreciation to this evening's honorees: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Etsu Mineta Masaoka, Roxanna Saberi, Christine Toy Johnson, and corporate partner, Eli Lily. Thank you very much.