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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 8, 1976

MEMO FOR: PHIL BUCHEN

FROM: KEN LAZARUS

In answer to your recent question re  
pardon petition for "Tokyo Rose",  
please note attached.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Case  
Tokyo*

June 3, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN LAZARUS

FROM: PHIL BUCHEN *P.*

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*Send for draft*  
*from*  
*Traylor*



May 27, 1976

Dear Marty:

Thank you for your letter of May 21 transmitting a copy of correspondence Senator Hatfield has received regarding a possible Presidential pardon for Iva Toguri.

We appreciate your courtesy in passing along this letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

William T. Kendall  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

Martin B. Gold, Staff Assistant to  
The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

✓cc: w/inc to Philip Buchen FYI  
WTK:ba



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

May 21, 1976

cc. 5/25

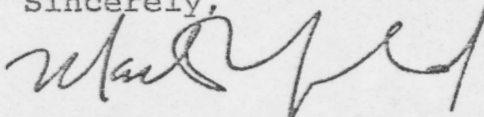
Mr. William Kendall  
Deputy Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence Senator Hatfield has received regarding a possible Presidential pardon for Iva Toguri.

Senator Hatfield does not know whether such a pardon is being considered, nor does he wish to express a sentiment about it, but he promised his constituents that he would pass their expression on to the White House. That is the purpose of this communication.

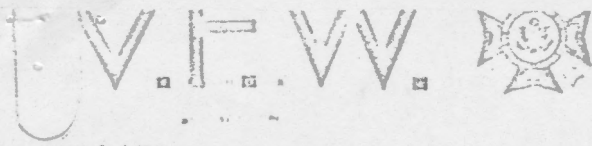
Sincerely,



Martin B. Gold  
Staff Assistant to  
Senator Mark O. Hatfield

MBG:bc  
Enclosure





WILLARD ANDERSON POST NO. 2471  
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

May 12, 1976

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield  
United States Senate  
463 Russell Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

We of V. F. W. Post #2471 strongly urge you to urge President Ford to give Iva Toguri (known as Tokyo Rose) a full pardon on July 4, 1976.

*Wesley Casey*

*Jim Pymate*

*Michele Hoffman*

*Gene M. Nelson*

*G. R. Covert*

*Art F. Dye*

*Jack Kypson*

*Art R. Ryan*

*Alvin D. Jones*

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*Carroll Truman*



United States Department of Justice

Office of the Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 11, 1976

Honorable Evelle J. Younger  
Attorney General  
State of California  
Department of Justice  
800 Tishman Building  
3580 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California 90010

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The President has asked me to reply to your letter of April 23, 1976 recommending that he grant a pardon to Iva Toguri D'Aquino.

Iva Toguri D'Aquino filed a petition for pardon after completion of sentence in November 1968. The petition was denied in October 1969. Like any other person who has been convicted of a Federal felony, has served the sentence and been a law-abiding member of the community for several years subsequent to the completion of the sentence, she is eligible to reapply for a pardon if she chooses. However, she has not done so. If she should reapply, her petition would receive the same consideration accorded to other eligible petitioners, ~~and the Attorney General would advise the President whether in his opinion the petition should be granted or denied. A Presidential pardon, incidentally, is a sign of forgiveness but does not constitute a finding of innocence.~~

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lawrence M. Traylor  
Pardon Attorney

By: David C. Stephenson  
Deputy Pardon Attorney

bcc: Kenneth A. Lazarus  
Associate Counsel to the President





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WASHINGTON

December 2, 1976

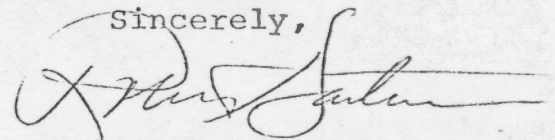
Dear Dr. Uyeda:

Thank you for sending to me the correspondence and background on the Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino case.

I have forwarded the package of material to Mr. Philip Buchen, Counsel to the President, who handles these matters.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,



ROBERT T. HARTMANN  
Counsellor to the President

Dr. Clifford I. Uyeda  
Chairman  
Japanese American Citizens League  
1765 Sutter Street  
San Francisco, California 94115

cc: Mr. Wayne Horiuchi



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Dear Mr. Hartmann:

Enclosed are three editorials that  
were brought to my attention, all dated  
November 22nd.

I was informed that the New York  
Times, December 5th, will feature the  
case in its magazine section. It is  
written by John Leggett (English Dept,  
Univ. of Iowa).

The Board of Supervisor, County of  
Santa Clara (Calif.) passed a resolution on  
November 16th supporting a presidential pardon  
for Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino.

Sincerely yours,

*Clifford I. Uyeda*  
Clifford I. Uyeda, M.D.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 18, 1976

Mr. Hartmann:

Wayne Horiuchi of the Japanese  
American Citizens League called.  
223-1240.

He would like to have an appointment  
with you (along with David Ushio,  
National Director of the organization)  
the week after Thanksgiving to discuss  
a Presidential pardon for Tokyo Rose.  
(see\*attached correspondence).

Gail



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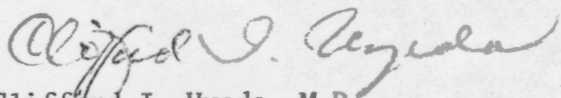
Enclosed please find copy of a letter forwarded  
to President Ford.

Yesterday, the official petition for presidential  
pardon was mailed from the San Francisco post office to  
the Pardon Attorney, Lawrence M. Traylor, as called for  
in the protocol.

We would greatly appreciate your assistance in  
bringing this matter up to the President.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Clifford I. Uyeda, M.D.  
Chairman.



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Hon. Gerald R. Ford  
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The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The petition for pardon for Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino was filed this morning by her attorney, Wayne M. Collins.

Senator-elect Dr. S. I. Hayakawa had earlier brought to your office informations pertaining to the case. As you know Mrs. d'Aquino was convicted of treason as "Tokyo Rose" in 1949 following the most incredible chain of circumstances.

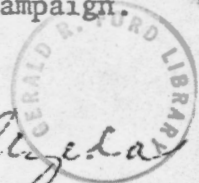
Researchers, including the media, have concluded that it was the "legend of Tokyo Rose" and not an individual that was convicted.

Mrs. d'Aquino has served her time and has paid her fine. In spite of over 30 years of suffering, abuse and humiliation she has remained steadfastly loyal to the United States.

In this bicentennial year when we are celebrating the glories of our nation conceived in justice and fair play for all, we urge you to pardon Mrs. d'Aquino with a statement of her innocence and restore her cherished American citizenship.

We withheld the filing of the petition for pardon until after election because we did not want you to be confronted with the problem during your busy election campaign.

Sincerely yours,

  
*Clifford I. Uyeda*  
Clifford I. Uyeda, M.D.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN  
FROM: JACK MARSH *JM*

The attached is self-explanatory.

Could you prepare a status report for the President on the matter involving Tokyo Rose.

I am of the view that you, rather than the President, should get to Senator-elect Hayakawa.

cc: Dick Cheney



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 2, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

The following notation was directed to you in the President's outbox:

"Senator Hayakawa called. Interested in pardon for Tokyo Rose.....I said I would ask for status report and then make decision on course of action.... Talk with me."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney







December 6, 1976

Dear Spark:

This is to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your November 23 letter to the President recommending consideration of a Presidential pardon for Mrs. Iva Toyuri D'Aguine (Tokyo Rose).

As you know, initial responsibility for requests for Executive Clemency rests with the Pardon Attorney at the Department of Justice. His recommendations are submitted to the Attorney General, who in turn submits them to the President. I will be pleased to ask that your letter be placed with Mrs. Toyuri's records.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Charles Leppert, Jr.  
Deputy Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Spark M. Matsunaga  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

bcc with incoming to Philip Buchen for appropriate handling

WTK:CL:JEB:kt



SPARK M. MATSUNAGA  
1st District, Hawaii

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*No Pardon  
for Iva Toguri*

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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OF SELECT  
COMMITTEE ON AGING

November 23, 1976

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

*MP*

On November 17, 1976, at the former site of the Federal District Court in San Francisco, now used as a post office, a petition for the pardon of Iva Toguri, convicted of treason in such court 27 years ago, was mailed to the Pardon Attorney in Washington, D.C. Ms. Toguri, a victim of the World War II "Tokyo Rose" legend, is deserving of a Presidential pardon as this Nation's Bicentennial gift to her. As a member of Congress, I fully support the granting of a Presidential pardon in order that Ms. Toguri may once again possess that which she once cherished above all else -- her U. S. citizenship.

Ms. Toguri's story does not begin in 1949, when she was tried, convicted, and sentenced for treason, indisputably the most serious offense against this country that any American could commit. Nor does her story begin during the lonely World War II years that she spent in Japan, where she was stranded while visiting a sick aunt, and where she allegedly engaged in the acts for which she was later to be indicted and brought to trial. Ms. Toguri's story actually begins with her birthright; she was born an American citizen, her most cherished possession, on July 4, 1916.

Unlike many others who chose a course of personal convenience, some of whom were later to testify against her -- falsely, according to recent disclosures -- Ms. Toguri came home to America after World War II had ended. Her return to the United States apparently was motivated by two basic reasons: First, she loved her country, and that love was not in any way diminished while she was forced to lead a hand-to-mouth existence in the land of her country's enemy; and second, she

The President  
November 23, 1976  
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sincerely believed in her "Orphan Ann" broadcasts which were beamed to American troops in the Pacific from Tokyo, that she was aiding, not hindering, America's war effort.

Today, Ms. Toguri, age 60, lives quietly and modestly in Chicago. She was released from prison after serving 6 years and 2 months, with reduced time for good behavior, of a 10-year sentence. She has paid her fine of \$10,000 in full. But she has not regained her cherished U. S. citizenship, which she lost when she was sentenced. She remains remarkably composed despite recent disclosures by the press, for example, Far East correspondent Ronald Yates' story on the front page of the Chicago Tribune of March 22, 1976, stating that prosecution witnesses living in Japan informed him that "they were forced to tell half-truths and withhold vital information at her 1949 trial for treason."

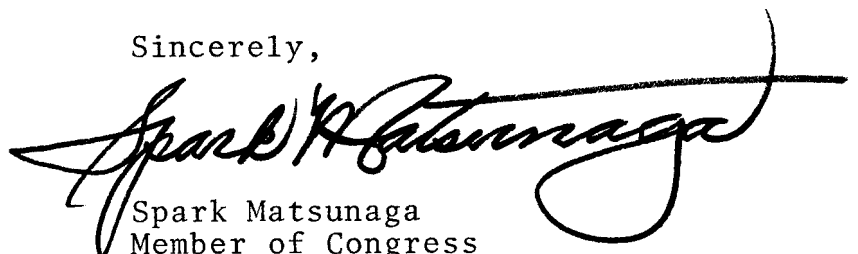
Ms. Toguri's one abiding wish is to have her American citizenship restored to her. She seeks no retrial of her case, even though it now appears that she was made a scapegoat. She only wants a Presidential pardon, and in no way claims that she was denied due process. She does not condemn the American judicial system. A Presidential pardon, if granted to Ms. Toguri, would therefore demonstrate the strength of our system -- that its checks and balances insure justice in every possible case.

The granting of a Presidential pardon and the restoration of U. S. citizenship to Ms. Toguri would further serve as a symbolic act on the part of our Government that our system's greatness lies in part in its flexibility to show kindness and tolerance toward those whom it once prosecuted.

Mr. President, the petition merits your favorable consideration. I strongly recommend that Iva Toguri be granted the pardon that is prayed for in her petition.

Aloha and best wishes.

Sincerely,



Spark Matsunaga  
Member of Congress

Mr. President  
November 23, 1976  
Page Three

cc: Honorable Lawrence M. Traylor  
Pardon Attorney  
Department of Justice  
320 First Street  
Washington, D.C. 29537

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 6, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEC*

SUBJECT:

Article entitled: "Tokyo Rose:  
Traitor or Scapegoat?"

The President returned the attached article in his outbox with the following notation:

"Very interesting article. Keep me posted on this matter."

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney



# Tokyo Rose: Traitor or scapegoat?

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN



After World War II, an American girl named Iva Toguri d'Aquino was convicted of broadcasting from Tokyo to American troops in the Pacific. Her case tells America something about itself.



In the teahouse of her Chicago shop, Iva Toguri d'Aquino denies bitterness over the ordeal that began in a Japanese jail cell in 1945 (top). "Heck," she says, "you just have to adjust your life."

By John Leggett

For most servicemen, the worst of modern warfare is the boredom of it. On my World War II ship, the U.S.S. Elden, that boredom was as vast as the Pacific itself—day after day, same watches and drills, same food and smells, same heat and shipmates. That is why the Elden's crew, and the rest of the two million young Americans in the Pacific theater during World War II, made so much of the woman they referred to as Tokyo Rose.

Her voice was native-American with a dash of soy sauce, and she played us our songs, the ones we had danced to the summer before (or was it the summer before that?). She was talking to us from Japan, flirting with us, calling forth those romantic illusions from "Terry and the Pirates."

We lost some confidence in her newscasts when she reported us sunk, but that only added to our enjoyment. She knew what was on our minds. She was lighthearted, and sometimes raunchy about it, suggesting that our sweethearts back home were two-timing us, with help from the 4-F's and fat cats. We didn't take her seriously. There was a tongue-in-cheek quality to the relationship, an understanding between us that is illustrated by the bomber squadron said to have responded to her apology for playing only old records (they were all she had) by addressing her a carton of late releases and parachuting it into the center of Tokyo.

So, for this World War II veteran, it is astonishing and saddening to find what that war brought to an American woman named Iva Toguri. It was her fate to have been one of several women who broadcast from Japan to American troops in the Pacific, and her misfortune to have been the only one convicted of treason and jailed for doing so. Today, at the age of 60, she lives in Chicago, where her friends know her by her married name, Iva d'Aquino. She is the proprietor of Toguri's, a shop on the North Side, where you can buy parasols, fish kites, books on judo and Zen, incense and, presumably, even the complete teahouse at the back of the big white store.

For many years after her release from prison in 1956, she asked only to be left alone with her work and her circle of friends. She had had enough publicity in the years immediately following the war. But recently, a committee formed in her behalf has brought increasing attention to her, and last month, Iva sent a letter to President Ford requesting a pardon. At a press conference just before mailing the letter, she said she hoped to get a pardon so that her American citizenship could be restored: "You don't realize the importance or significance of such a thing until you lose it."

On a recent evening I found her at her shop, counting cash in the register and saying good night to her employees as they filed into the street. She has a square, handsome face, clear eyes and a resonant voice that clangs like an iron bell. There is an abruptness to her speech, an all-business tone, but her laughter is sudden, called forth by remembering some preposterous turn of her life, and as American as her frequent "hecks" and the Midwest flatness of her "a's."

Sometimes her responses are immediate, but when she must search back through the decades to recall loneliness and fear in wartime Tokyo, or during her trial, she rattles and wanders as she looks for familiar paths. She is numbed by questions. People have been questioning Iva Toguri d'Aquino for 30 years.

This is how she remem- (Continued on Page 125)

John Leggett is director of the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. His most recent book is "Ross and Tom."

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Bobbie is  
waiting for  
material  
from the  
Gardner  
Atley.





December 20, 1976

I checked with Dawn on the status of this and she advises that Ken talked with Laurence Traylor about this last week.

It was decided at that time that something would be done one way or the other before President Ford left office.

As you probably noticed, Tokyo's name did not show up on the Xmas list. There is another list scheduled soon. Dawn wasn't sure her name would be on it.

The person who probably knows exactly where this matter stands in the AG's office is Traylor.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 20, 1976

ADMINISTRATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR:

PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

JIM CONNOR *JEB*

The attached notation was directed to you in the President's  
outbox:

"What is status of Tokyo Rose? "

Please follow-up with appropriate action.

cc: Dick Cheney

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