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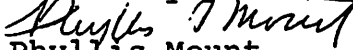
Dear Mr. Yablonsky:

The Asahi Newspaper staff would like to express our disappointment in your decision to destroy the ark that has been built by Kea Tawana. We reported on her efforts several years ago in our newspaper, The Asahi Shimbun, Japan's leading daily newspaper.

Her story was met with great interest by our readership of eight million people a day, and it will be met with great disappointment if we must report that this pioneering effort by a Japanese American was destroyed by your department.

As you are aware, Newark has had a special relationship to Japan since the 1920's, and many of the special cultural programs that are carried out by the city are covered in our paper. We hope that you will reconsider your decision, and allow Ms. Tawana's work be preserved.

Sincerely yours,


Phyllis Mount