



*Embassy of the United States of America*

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Mr. Jerry Yellin  
3000 W. Madison Ave  
Fairfield, IA 52556

Dear Mr. Yellin:

It is wonderful to hear from you. Thank you so much for your letter, and for sharing information about the Spirit of 45, your productive meeting with Ambassador Cui, and of your ideas for youth seminars around Japan as part of a commemoration of the end of the Second World War.

I echo the words of General Welsh, your commitment to service has endured well beyond your time in uniform and is an inspiration to us all. I especially appreciate the efforts that you are making to spread your family's personal story of reconciliation.

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo is currently planning its outreach programming to commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the War, focusing on peace, reconciliation and harmony. Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Schläefer', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with a large loop and a long tail extending to the right.

David Schläefer  
Director  
Political-Military Unit