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Payment Program 96 Percent Completed, Reports Justice Dept.

Approximately 74,600 of the 80,000 eligible individuals have been paid; Help Line will cease operation after Oct. 30.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Justice announced today that 74,600 Japanese Americans have been paid \$20,000 each under the redress program and that an additional 5,000 persons will receive payments in fiscal 1994, which begins Oct. 1, 1993.

Paul Suddes, administrator of the Office of Redress Administration, said, "We have paid 96 percent of the estimated 80,000 individuals who will receive redress payments by the close of the program. Therefore, effective Oct. 30, the ORA toll-free Help Line will cease operation. The efforts of our toll-free Help Line staff will now be directed

toward processing the remaining cases as quickly as possible."

Japanese Americans interned during World War II or their surviving heirs born through Dec. 31, 1943, are eligible for \$20,000 redress payments.

Beginning Nov. 2, 1992, eligible individuals who have not yet received their redress payment may call ORA at (202) 219-6900. The Telephone Device for the Deaf (TDD) phone number is (202) 219-4710.

Japanese-speaking callers will be directed to Japanese-speaking members of the ORA staff in Washington, D.C.