

Statement from the Brown Family

The Brown family has been consulted by the FAHI board regarding the circumstances motivating the decision to gift a major part of the FAL collection to the UCLA Asian American Studies auspices. In one way it is disheartening to see the library resource moving from its roots and its current Filipino town location to UCLA. However, it is also with optimistic anticipation that the moving of materials will allow more exposure and more frequent access to its resources. We understand and concur that this move is a more practical strategy given current levels of funding and limited financial support. So our family concurs with the FAHI board in its decision to gift most of the library material to UCLA. We are confident this will be a good move in the long run and while the transition takes place, we would like to encourage the board to make extra communication efforts to those in the local community to provide logistics and help to access the UCLA Filipino library material that they have previously been using in the SIPA building.

-George Brown