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Hello Stephanie,

I am sorry to say that after the ASIJ Board's last two letters to alumni and parents about the Moyer case, I no longer use "hero" in describing you to my family. This is due to two main facts:

- no acknowledgment by the Board of its responsibility for the potential Japanese victims of Jack Moyer, and
- Ed Ladd's continuing in his position despite his documented complicity in the cover-up since 2011.

This is very regrettable.

A classmate asked me after yesterday's Japan Times article "Why is it that the Japanese kids always seemed to be overlooked or never mentioned by ASIJ?" Here is part of my answer. I intend to re-work it a little and send it out as a letter in both English and Japanese to the editors in Japanese newspapers tomorrow. Before I do, you have a few hours to give feedback if you wish to prove wrong anything I am saying.

Regards,  
David Bruns

"As for the Japanese victims, they will be ignored by the Board as long as the Board thinks it can get away with it. It would be too much bother, too much bad publicity and too much increased risk for lawsuits for them to accept any responsibility. Think about the Japanese girl now in her late 20's or 30's who was victimized as a pre-teen or teen by the highly esteemed "professor", Moyer sensei. There would be too much unbearable shame to tell her husband or her parents. She imagines the abuse was her fault. She imagines that she is the only person in this situation. She hurts but has never thought of seeing a counselor. She will bear this suffering silently the rest of her life and it will adversely affect her relationships with others (to put it mildly). Her marriage may fail because of it. She may eventually commit suicide. She will never dream of going public or complaining to ASIJ. She may never have heard of ASIJ and wouldn't recognize its complicity in her suffering. The board knows this last fact, speculates on it, and is most comfortable to leave the victim in her hopeless situation because it is the easy way out and because they lack any moral compass to do otherwise. They fail to see the humanity of this girl so they have no empathy for her and simply have "no comment". The Board Chair hides behind the convenient excuse of waiting until the investigation is over, probably knowing full well that the Japanese victims are not even part of the investigators' scope of work and hoping they will be forgotten. It may never cross Stephanie Toppino's mind that waiting six months to take action means prolonging the suffering of all the unreached victims by at least another six months before they can be offered counseling. If it does cross her mind, it has only secondary or tertiary importance to her.

That's my take. It's speculation but must contain a great deal of truth. You can share this with others if you wish.

This brings another issue to mind. The ASIJ Board needs to be requested to add the following to the investigative team's scope of work. Get the help of the Metropolitan Police to try and match suicides by young Japanese women in the last 20-25 years with girls who were in contact with Moyer on his education programs and were potentially molested. Investigate whether Moyer was named in suicide notes or verbally to confidants before the suicides. This is a relevant part of the consequences of the school's failure to stop this known serial pedophile abuser's contacts with children."