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Dear Mr. Berry:

In my dictionary the word "reconciliation" is sandwiched between the words recompense (amends for damages or loss) and reconnaissance (determine the disposition of military forces). I believe the meaning of all three words have a lot to say to the situation at hand. In order for the U.S. to participate in a reconciliation process over the injustice done to the people of the nation of Hawaii, the U.S. must begin to make amends by disposing of U.S. troops now occupying Hawaiian soil. Indeed, it was the landing of U.S. Marines from the USS Boston to assist greedy business interest in the overthrow of Hawaii in 1893 that helped create the need for reconciliation that we face today.

The truth is you can't have your cake and eat it too. That is to say, you can't keep U.S. military forces here occupying Hawaiian lands and expect a reconciliation process to go forward. The troops and the more than 100 U.S. military installations in Hawaii have got to go. Aloha `oe! Good bye! Farwell! Thanks for the memories!

A thief can't expect reconciliation with his victim by keeping the stolen goods and with a gun kept cocked to the head of the victim. The goods must be returned, payment must be made for keeping the stolen goods for 100 plus years and the thief must turn in his gun and get out of the victims house. Only then might there be consideration of re-establishing a friendship. There can never be a true friendship while Uncle Sam continues to stand with his boot on the throat of the Hawaiian people.

If I can be of further help in clarifying any of the above points, do not hesitate to call on me for assistance. Let me conclude by saying that I attended the Hilo hearing and was appalled at the insulting way you ended that hearing. Instead of moving the reconciliation process forward, you set it backwards. Arrogant Americans need to learn how to eat humble pie.

Sincerely,



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