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Dear Mr. Berry:

- (Public Law 103-150)*
- 1) In 1993 Congress and Pres. Clinton took the word of Hi. Senators about taking othe public lands of Hawaii without compensation to the Republic of Hawaii. NOT TRUE!

At the time of Annexation in 1898, compensation was effected through payment of the public debt of Hawaii (see EXHIBITS 1,1A), of at least \$ 2.6 million .

The public lands of 1.84 million acres X \$ 1.5 average price per acre in 1898 = \$ 2.76 million plus PLUS the "amounts due to depositors in the Hawaiian postal savings bank" , not to exceed \$ 4.0 million. The first bebt started in 1827.

EXHIBITS 1 ,1A

EXHIBIT 2 shows one of the last debts by King Kalakaua's rule,1886.

2) The Hawaiian people were not against the Revolution that overthrew the Monarchy...

- a) In 1854 King Kamehameha IV was in the final negotiations for cession of Hi. to u.s. when he died. (SEE HI. ARCHIVES).
- b) See EXHIBIT 3 from Queen Liliuokalani's book, written after the Revolution, about her amazement that the Hawaiians did not ... understand that the P.G.S(Provisional Government of Revolution) were their enemies!

EXHIBIT 3

c) In 1900 the Territorial Legislature (over 70% Hawaiians) elected a commoner as Hi . Delegate to U.S. congress, Robert W. Wilcox, a Hawaiian counterrevolutionary instead of "Crown Prince"

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Kuhio! Kuhlows also a counter-revolutionary, who shared the prison with Wilcox...

In 1902 , kuhio joined the enemy (the Republican Party, the Revolution that overthrew his kingdom) and finally got elected to congress, knowing well that this would split the Hawaiian vote and they would lose the advantage of overwhelming majority.

In 1903 , five years after annexation, the territorial legislature with 73% Hawaiians voted unanimously for Statehood. (See Hi. Archives).

e) Hawaiians did not resist until 2 years after the overthrow, in 1895 when several hundred armed Hawaiians gathered near Diamond Head in Honolulu. 2 Government men and 5 Hawaiians were killed and it was over within hours.

f) In 9-2-1900 , seven years after the overthrow, the former Queen wrote in her diary: "THOUGH FOR A MOMENT IT"(THE OVERTHROW) "COST ME A PANG OF PAIN...THE PRESENT HAS HOPE FOR THE FUTURE OF MY PEOPLE" !!!

SHE WAS THE ONLY LOSER WHEN SHE WROTE THIS... SHE WAS A GREAT WOMAN. (My eyes were wet as I wrote this.)

g) In 1911 the former queen was "an interest observer and guest " at the opening ceremonies in Pearl Harbor. (King Kalakaua ceded it to U.S.... in exchange for duty free importation of sugar to U.S. Soon after the cession the sugar production increase d ten-fold...)

(see Hi. Archives for Kalakaua. For Queen see EXHIBIT 4)

h) In 1917 when U.S. entered WW I , the Queen raised the U.S. flag at her resident near the Palace (named long before "Washington Place") . The raising of the flag was done to demonstrate her loyalty to U.S.
ALSO EXHIBIT 4

i) In 1959 plebiscite for Statehood 131,000 voted "YES" , 7,000 voted "NO".

Approx. 10% of the voters were Hawaiian. If only 4% of non Hawaiians voted "NO" that would be 5,000 votes of "NO" which leaves 2,000 "NO" votes for the 10-13,000 Hawaiians which is even less of the 15% "NO" by Hawaiian that has been estimated.

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ONE OF THE GREAT MISINFORMATIONS IS THAT THE NUMBER OF HAWAIIANS IN HAWAII TODAY IS OVER 200,000!

j) In 1921 was the last count to determine the beneficiaries for the 203,000 acres given to 14,000 Hawaiians claiming over 50% Hawaiian blood quantum. plus 8,500 under 50% quantum. Before that, the official count under the Republic of Hawaii there were 30,000 pure (nobody could know the "pure" in any case) and 10000 others. Under better conditions the numbers were declining under U.S. rule, after 1898. After 1900 there was no separate census for Hawaiians.

To extrapolate their number today I took the number of U.S. residents in the whole U.S. in 1921 (106 million), and the number in 1998 (211 million, excluding the immigrants for the period 1921 to 1998) and the increase comes to 105%. Excluding the immigrants because we want to compare with Hawaiians.

This means that even if the Hawaiians suddenly (after 150 years of declining numbers until 1921) started to increase at the same rate as U.S. they would have increased by 105% in 1998 from 22,500 to 46,130.

There is more ... Today the Hawaiians maintain that 100,000 Hawaiians live in the mainland. So that's 1/3 of the total number of Hawaiians. So, of the 43,130, 1/3 must have moved to mainland. 28,800 in HI. Not... 203,000!

3) ANTIAMERICAN DEMONSTRATIONS BY HI. AUTHORITIES AND OTHERS.

a) In 1993, the 100 years since the overthrow of the Monarchy the part-Hawaiian governor Waihee ordered removal of U.S. flags during 4 days of commemoration, from State buildings.

b) In ten years in Hawaii there has not been a 4 of July parade. (The 4 of July fireworks called "4 of July Festival.")

This past 4 of July I tried to buy a flag for my car antenna and was told they do not carry them because nobody buys them (I put a 3X5 ft. flag in the back of my station wagon and it was the only flag I saw driving around Honolulu all day, except in the Federal buildings and the State House (I think...))

c) The Convention Center has the Haw. flag in the middle and to the right U.S. flag and left the ... convention C. flag.

(EXHIBIT 4A Photo of flags)

4) See exhibit 4B for what Hawaiians think about America.

5) Claims of worst statistics for Hawaiians.

- a) Health of Hawaiians better than Japanese/Americans.
- b) Education of " better than Philippine/ Amer. and Korea/Amer.
- c) An employment and incarceration better than Samoan/Amer.

(EXHIBIT 5)

d) Family income Almost same as average in HI.: \$34,000 com-

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pared to 35,000 average for the State.

6) POVERTY OF BENEFICIARIES OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

The Department of Haw. Home Lands Hoaliku Drake (Hawaiian) said in 9-15-91 to a reporter BENEFICIARIES ARE MOSTLY HIGH MIDDLE CLASS!

EXHIBIT -6-

- 7) Haw. Home Lands given by U.S. to 14,000 50% Hawaiians in 1921 (14 acres per person. When the King divided the lands of Hawaii in 1848 gave 80,000 Hawaiians 30,000 acres. 1/3 acre per person.) 1 million acres for himself (he was selling 50,000 per year for personal use until in 1865 prodded by the missionaries, the legislature made the Crown Lands inalienable... The chiefs sold approx. 1.5 million acres almost 40% of their land in 46 years and before the end of the 19 century they were impoverished. (That's why Prince Kuhio made sure that the beneficiaries of the Haw. Home Lands could not sell them: They get a 99 year lease until today. Watch out when they demand to have title...)

Bernice PAUHI Bishop GOT almost 400,000 (FOUR HUNDRED THOUSEND ACRES) FROM THE KING. THAT'S THE BISHOP ESTATE. She is the only one who did not sell. The others on the list paid hard cash... to the chiefs.

The island of Niihau, 70,000 acres sold by the King Kam. v in 1865 for 10,000 acres. In California was selling the same acreage for 6,000. (No bargain. He told the buyer 10,000 or go to California...)
(EXHIBIT -7-)

- 8) U.S.A. did not ban the Hawaiian language. THE HAWAIIANS DID.

Royal School: English only in the ...1830's!

Kam. IV (1854-1863) and later monarchs favored English.

The missionaries did not.!

In 1980 there were 2,000 Haw. speakers in Hawaii. These were the old timers in their 70's and 80's who died out. There is hardly anybody left, except in the private island of Niihau which is owned by the same Scottish family since 135 years and guards their culture jealously. (Gay and Robinson). But there are only 180 Haw. people there.

Several hundred students attend Hawaiian only schools but, not having anybody outside the school to practice when they go to visit Niihau where the Hawaiians who speak fluently ... cannot understand each other.

EXHIBITS 8, 8A

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9) 60% of births are interracial. This means those 50% Hawaiians who were the beneficiaries (14,000) of the Haw. Homelands in 1921 1921 , are gone long ago and with 60% interracial births there is nobody even 25% left.
The Hawaiians say anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 100% Hawaiians.!

EXHIBIT 9,10

Very truly Yours



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