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Dear Secretary Berry;

This letter is being written to you so that it may become part of the record that Hawaiian sovereignty decisions are based upon. In 1980 I was accepted to the University of Hawai'i at Manoa as a graduate student and teaching assistant in the Department of Chemistry. My airfare to Hawai'i was paid by the University and I earned my Ph.D. in chemistry in 1986. I remained to work in Hawai'i until 1993.

In the thirteen years I lived in Hawai'i I learned an enormous amount from the Hawaiian people I had come to know there. In order to learn more about my gracious hosts I enrolled in a Hawaiian language class, took a class in the Hawaiian Studies Department about Hawaiian history and visited the island of Kaho'olawe on several occasions. I am not a scholar in the field of sociology but from my chemistry training I am a critical thinker and would consider myself fairly well versed in Hawaiian issues.

It is overwhelmingly clear from ALL of the written, factual history I am aware of that the Constitutional Monarchy that comprised the Hawaiian government was overthrown with the explicit assistance of the US Navy and Marines. Subsequent recognition of the Provisional Government and rapid acceptance of Hawai'i as a US Territory under the premise of Manifest Destiny can only be considered illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian people's legitimate autonomous government. The Apology Resolution in 1993 from the United States Government acknowledges their complicity in the overthrow of the legitimate Hawaiian government.

Can we turn back the hands of time? Clearly, the answer is we cannot. However, the issue of Hawaiian Home Lands, Housing, Health Care, and revenue sharing from illegally occupied Hawaiian Crown Lands can and should be rapidly addressed by a sovereign Hawaiian Government. The Hawaiians have been poorly cared for, stolen from, and disenfranchised by the illegal government that is currently in place. An island nation with no provision to limit immigration can not be expected to follow all the same democratic principles as the United States and maintain a fair government for the indigenous people. The Constitutional Monarchy provided for a balance between the interest of the immigrants and the needs and rights of the indigenous Hawaiians.

The Provisional Government was established only to protect the interest of the wealthy sugar planters.

The authority for negotiating with the United States, administration of programs to benefit Hawaiians and representation for the indigenous Hawaiians must be a sovereign government. I implore you not to get bogged down on whether or not a "nation within a nation" or full and complete sovereignty is the issue. Rather, let Hawaiians begin to administer their own affairs of health, land, stewardship, conservation, etc without the interference of the self-serving State and Federal governments. Then by democratic process let the Hawaiians determine for themselves how they wish to pursue their claims against the US government in a world court of impartial jurors.

As we protest the Chechnya, Serbia, China, and other human rights violations around the globe, let us remember to face the problems in our own past that are still with us today. We can never turn back the hands of time but we can provide a legitimate, autonomous governmental voice for Hawaiians. The United States government had significant responsibility for stifling the rightful government 100 years ago. Let us not wait another 100 years to do the right thing and assist Hawaiians to form a sovereign government so they can begin the process of rebuilding their rightful place in Hawai'i tomorrow.

Thank you very much for your valuable time and allowing me this opportunity to share with you some of the knowledge I gained as a scientist in training in Hawai'i. If I can provide any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to call on me.

Respectfully submitted,



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"The Government of Hawaii surrendered its authority under a threat of war, until such time only as the Government of the United States, upon the facts being presented to it, should reinstate the constitutional sovereign...

"Should not the great wrong done to an independent State by an abuse of authority of the United States be undone by restoring the legitimate government? Anything short of that will not, I respectfully submit, satisfy the demands of justice."

"Can the United States consistently insist that other nations shall respect the independence of Hawaii while not respecting it ourselves? Our Government was the first to recognize the independence of the Islands, and it should be the last to acquire sovereignty over them by force and fraud."

W.Q. Gresham, U.S. Secretary of State
Letter to President Grover Cleveland
Washington, October 18, 1893
<http://hawaii-nation.org/gresham.html>
