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RE: Reconciliation and Reparations.

Aloha Mr. Berry and Mr. Van Norman

I'm writing this letter in protest of this Americans who is established this " Task Force ", the citizen of the De-Facto Government of Stanford B. Dole, has no right in this reconciliation with the Department of Interior.

I have given my testimony to you Mr. Berry and to Mr. Norman in writing and I also testify at that hearing at the East West Center of Hawaiian Studies, and I has stated that only the Ohana of Queen Liliuokalani, have that right to this matter that concern the Government of Queen Liliuokalani which was overthrow in 1893, by forces of the foreign Government of the Americans and its citizens.

in my testimony I have stated that certain persons was making a claim to 1.8 million acres, well here are their names and of their grouping as to what type of class of citizens who is claiming to be Heir and Successor of our Ohana's, but none of this foreigner who is on this list are related to my Ohana.

So Mr. Berry and Mr. Van Norman, we would like you to tell your citizens who is establishing this, De-Facto Task Force to keep its hands out of my Ohana's affair, as your government will have to deal with the Ohana of Kealoha Kuhea as far as reconciliation and reparations is concern.

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Hawaiian Citizen

ing Native Hawaiians such as political status and self-determination. The Hawai'i delegation is committed to addressing the concerns of Native Hawaiians."

The Task Force has designated five working groups to assist in its efforts, including representatives of the Native Hawaiian community, the state government, the White House and federal officials, congressional members and caucuses, the Native American community and constitutional scholars.

The Native Hawaiian community working group counts 25 members, and the state group, 16. Both working groups include trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

The Native Hawaiian community working group represents diverse points of view and experience with members, in alphabetical order, including Emmett Aluli, Roy Benham, Gladys Brandt, Tom Contrades, Robin Danner, Beadie Dawson, Kawika Gagero, Kekama Helm, Corbett Kalama, Kamaki Kanahelo, Kina'u Kamali'i, Na'u Kamali'i, Mahealani Kamau'u, Rev. David Ka'upu, Rev. Sharlan Kupia, OHA Trustee Colette Machado, Rev. Charles Maxwell, Tara

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A TASK Force on Native Hawaiian Affairs has been established at the federal level in response to the *Rice vs.* ruling handed down Feb. 23.

Headed by Senator Daniel Akaka, the Task Force's membership comprises Hawai'i's congressional delegation: Senator Daniel Inouye and Representatives Patsy Mink and Neil Abercrombie. The immediate goal identified by the Task Force is to clarify the relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States.

To this end, federal legislation will be introduced. At present, according to the United States Supreme Court in *Rice vs. Cayetano*, the federal government has no official relationship with Native Hawaiians and no political status is implied under the United States Constitution. This was a basis of the court's determination in *Rice* that the Hawaiians-only vote in state-run OHA elections was race-based and, therefore, unconstitutional.

At the announcement of the formation of a Task Force in March, Sen. Akaka said, "The *Rice* decision underscores the need to resolve longstanding issues fac-



Hawaiian activist Wayne Kaho'onei Panoke and Senator Colleen Hanabusa are among diverse representatives on the Native Hawaiian community and state working groups, respectively.

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Lulani McKenzie, Manu Meyer, Ho'opio Pa, Kaho'onei Panoke, Tony Sang, Pi'ilani Smith, OHA Trustee Mililani Trask and Nani Watanabe.

The 16 members of the state working group are OHA Trustee Rowena Akana, Sen. Whitney Anderson, OHA Trustee Hannani Apoliona, David Forman, Rep. Eric Hamakawa, Sen.

Colleen Hanabusa, OHA Chair Clayton Hee, Department of Health nutritionist Claire Hughes, Department of Land and Natural Resources Director Tim Johns, Rep. Mike Kahikina, Rep. Sol Kaho'ounehala, Professor Lilikalā Kame'eleihewa, Ph.D., Rep. Hiramia Mōlita, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Chair Ray Sook, University of Hawai'i Regent Nainoa Thompson and Professor Eric Yamamoto.

The purpose of the five working groups is to gather information and input in a timely manner. The ultimate goal is to introduce federal legislation in June that will recognize a political and trust relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States, and assure that under federal law, Native Hawaiians have a right to self-determination.

Inquiries on the Task Force and its working groups may be directed to Sen. Akaka's office in Honolulu at 522-8971. Those wishing to assist the community working group please see page 19.

KA WAI OLA READERS:

The community group working with the Native Hawaiian Task Force is helping with the development of federal legislation defining the relationship between Native Hawaiians and the United States government. The time frame for gathering information toward accomplishing this important task is very short. *Ka Wai Ola* readers can assist the community group and the Task Force with your responses to the following questions.

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| 1. Native Hawaiians are the indigenous people of Hawai'i. | Agree | Disagree |
| 2. Native Hawaiians should have political and trust relationship with the U.S. | Agree | Disagree |
| 3. Native Hawaiians have a right to self-determination under federal law. | Agree | Disagree |