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To: Assistant Secretary John Berry Fax (202) 208-3230  
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Dear Assistant Secretary John Berry,

We regret, that we were not able to attend the Federal reconciliation hearings held in Hawaii, in December 1999, under your supervision. However we did supply written testimony to Our Honorable President William J. Clinton, Hawaii's Honorable Senators, and Representatives, and also those Honorable Members of the OHA Board of Trustees. Honorable Representative Neil Abercrombie did notify us that he did forward our testimony to Mr. Ed Thompson, U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Assistant Secretary for Planning, Management, and Budget, 1849C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. We trust the letters we wrote are therefore entered into the public record as our humble testimony on the subject.

Included with this letter, are letters to the Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye, to the Honorable Rowena Noelani Akana, Former Chairperson, of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and a memo to Hawaii's distinguished Congressional Delegates, Our Honorable Governor, and those others who have important roles in the matter of reconciliations, and reparations for Hawaiians. These letters explain that there are clear precedents established, for reparations, which surely must be responsibly made to the Hawaiian Community, as a rational component of any honorable reconciliation. They are: 1.) those REPARATIONS MADE to the Japanese Americans, interned during WWII on one hand. 2.) And, as relates to just and equal treatment, THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF RENT PAID, to the Philippine Government, up until the time when they choose not to renew the leases.

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U.S. Dept. of the Interior

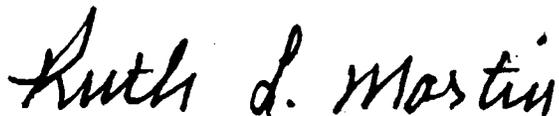
**Hawaiians are a loving people, known for their Aloha. They are also a proud yet uniquely humble people, who took incredible risks many centuries ago, to find these pristine islands, and to make them into the paradise so many people enjoy today.** Those I am intimate with do not want to beg for justice. Nor do they want to cry for justice. Yet **they do hope and pray for justice.** And it is my testimony, as a non Native Hawaiian, **they honestly deserve justice, which includes, an honorable reparations settlement, for the indignities they have suffered for so long.**

**At a minimum, we hope that those involved in preparing Federal Legislation to address these extremely important matters will use, the "standard precedents" 1 & 2, that we have presented above, and in the letters previous forwarded, to make a very Honorable offer to the Hawaiian community... The American Constitution directs us to afford equal treatment to all. This is an honorable goal, which we should try our very best to adhere to.**

We have included a working example of the formula we present as a component of any honorable reconciliation, as an addendum to this letter, for your review, edification, and clear understanding of the significant magnitude of the present injustice.. We are sending copies of this letter to those listed, in order that they may be aware of our request and suggestion to the Office, and the Duties, you Honorably represent.

Please feel free to call on us for any edification of these matters. We greatly appreciate your efforts, and humbly ask that you circulate this letter, and thosed previously sent, to all parties who have the Honorable Responsibility of Righting the wrongs of the past concerning these most worthy acts towards an Honorable Reconciliation. We hope that an appropriate amount of time is budgeted for this most honorable task.

Sincerely,



cc. Honorable President William J. Clinton  
 United States of America  
 Honorable Governor Ben Cayetano  
 State of Hawaii  
 Honorable Senator Daniel K. Inouye  
 Honorable Senator Daniel Akaka -Fax (808) 545-4683  
 Honorable Congresswoman Patsy Mink -Fax (808) 538-0233  
 Honorable Congressman Neil Abercrombie -Fax (808) 533-0133  
 Honorable Rowena Noelani Akaka, Chairperson,  
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 All of The Honorable Members of the OHA Board of Trustees  
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(1) Letters forwarded were copied to the above named Honorable persons

**Addendum**

Using the precedent amount of "standard" 1, each Japanese American was "entitled to" \$ 7,333.00 per year, multiplied by a median age of 50 years for each Hawaiian, multiplied by the 200,000 Hawaiian descendants, living today, the total amounts to seventy three billion dollars.  
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**Adding to precedent standard number 1, precedent number 2 would be based on the rent** the United States paid the Philippine Government per year, \$ 900,000,000.00, for the (2) two U.S. military bases, Clark and Suvick. Comparing that rate of "rent", paid to the sovereign government of the Philippines per year, for (2) bases, and the token \$ 1.00 per year I have heard the State of Hawaii receives for the Federal Government's use of at least (10) U.S. bases, it doesnot seem fair.

**It would seem that from 1891-3, when the Hawaiian Government was illegally overthrown, to today, over a century, 100 years+, all those "rents" were they comparable or at a rate in proportion to that the Philippines has received as a precedent, the Hawaiians would be able to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, and feel proud as a race of loving people again.** ie. 2 bases at \$ 900,000,000.00 per year = about \$ 450,000,000.00 per base per year. Hawaii has 10 bases and therefore it seems the rent should be \$ 4,500,000,000.00 per year for their use. Most of these bases have been active since 1940, or 59 years. Obviously the fair market value in 1940 would not be the same as today. **Certainly a dynamic formula needs to be worked out for just compensation to be made.**

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Ref: Reparations to Hawaiian's

Dear Senator Inouye,

First, I would like to apologize on behalf of Ms. Milliani Trask, for the derogatory remarks she made recently, concerning your distinguished record. Although it disgusts me to hear such remarks, and I detest such inappropriate expressions of thought, I believe I somewhat understand the root of her anger, and her frustration. It is the cumulative frustration of over three generations, and more than 200,000 lifetimes, of being treated like an orphan, an illegitimate child, or a third class citizen. This letter is a modest attempt, **to explain a possible solution**, to the anguish I have heard expressed by many of my Hawaiian neighbors, friends, and family, and even those who may detest me.

First, let me point to the reparations Bill that was passed, to partially repair the damage done to the American Japanese, who were interned during WWII. It is my understanding, that for the three years, 1943 thru 1945, each person was interned, they were awarded \$ 22,000.00. I understand that there were 200,000 Japanese Americans interned. This should have made for a total appropriation of \$ 4,400,000,000.00. My numbers may be wrong, but the point is, that the thousands of Hawaiians, who have been treated as less than citizens, in their own Country, those who have waited decades for a homestead lease, which was promised in 1922 by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, certainly seem to deserve reparations for their sufferage, that are at the very least commensurate, with those recieved by the interned Japanese Americans.

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**Using those numbers as an example for a formula**, for each year of internment, each Japanese American was "entitled to" \$ 7,333.00, per year. Using that amount, multiplied by a median age of 50 years for each Hawaiian, this would amount to \$ 336,666.00 per person. When this is multiplied by the 200,000 Hawaiian decedents, living today, the total amounts to seventy three billion dollars, (\$ 73,000,000,000.00). We realize this is a very considerable amount. However it is very little when one objectively considers the discrimination that Hawaiians have suffered, and the disruption of their lives, and the negative effects Hawaiians have been subjugated to, for so many generations.

I am not an attorney, just a farmer. I am knowledgeable in common sense, and practical solutions, but have little legal expertise, in the area of discrimination, or that of foreign policy, and that of the State department. However, it is my understanding that the United States paid the Philippine Government \$ 900,000,000.00 per year for the (2) two U.S. military bases, Clark and Suvick , until the leases were not renewed.

Comparing that amount of "rent", paid to the sovereign government of the Philippines per year, and the token \$ 1.00 per year I have heard the State of Hawaii receives for the Federal Government's use of 1.) Pearl Harbor, 2.) Schofield, 3.) Dillingham, 4.) Kaneohe Air Base, 5.) Fort Durrusy, 6.) PMRF on Kauai, 7.) and whatever land is being used in Makua on Oahu for military training; 8.) as well as those properties between Kauai and Niihau for submarine testing, and 9.) those properties at Makaha Ridge for communications and tracking rocket tests; 10.) as well as Barbers Point, which recently was closed, it would seem that from 1891-3, when the Hawaiian Government was illegally overthrown, to today, over a century, all those "rents" were they comparable or at a rate in proportion to that the Philippines has received as a precedent, the Hawaiians would be able to pull themselves up by their bootstraps, and feel proud as a race of loving people again.

**We hope and trust, that you will provide the needed leadership and support in the U.S. Senate for such a Bill to be introduced, and passed, for the resulting appropriations to be made to the office of Hawaiian affairs, with a directive to the Honorable**

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**Governor, of the Great State of Hawaii, to also introduce Legislation that will begin the process for OHA to absorb the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, with it's Commission, in order to both maintain and improve Policies, improve Procedures, and expedite protocol..**

**We have also written a letter to Our Honorable President William Jefferson Clinton, requesting his leadership as well. It would seem appropriate for you as the Senior Senator from our Great State, to personally request his help in this effort, before his term expires. We are including this letter to you for his edification.**

**We hope you can help expedite payment to repair the gross damages suffered by so many generations of Hawaiians. With the apology Bill signed into law by the Honorable President William Jefferson Clinton, it seems that Hawaiians should be eligible for such compensation. These sorely needed payments, will assist Hawaiians in rebuilding their lives.**

**It is our understanding, that the Secretary of the Interior must actually make the authorization, once it has been requested, thru an appropriations Bill. I would appreciate it if such a protocol, for such a process could be explained to me for my edification.**

**It is our observation, that the magnitude of the lives effected, including those destroyed, such as those of the last Queen Liliokalani, and last Princess of Hawaii, do rationally justify, the amount of work it will take to honorably resolve this longstanding dilemma..** We certainly do not suggest that it will be easy. However we have no doubt it will be a most honorable endeavor.

We have enclosed a letter to this effect, to the Trustee's and various personnel of OHA, and on the State level to Honorable Governor Ben Cayetano... We hope you can give these matters a respectful portion of your valuable time and professional expertise.

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As always, we thank you again for your valuable time, and consideration, of this most important and pressing matter. We will do, whatever we are directed by your staff, to help expedite this matter, for the benefit of our Great State.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable President William Jefferson Clinton  
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*This is also a cover letter. You should receive eleven pages in all. Please call if there is a problem. Please copy all trustee's with this and the Administration Mahalo-*

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cc: to all those copied on the attached memo

