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To: All to whom I wrote before

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Me Ke Aloha Pūmehana,

This is my testimony: The Hawaiian people have come a very long way and must be finally recognized! *'A'ohē hana nui ke alu'ia* (no task is too big when all do it together). On one hand, as an indigenous people whose homeland was taken over by the United States, Hawaiians have certain rights preserved under the U.S. Constitution. These rights are far too great to be ignored. Hunting, fishing, gathering, cultural, and religious rights of native Hawaiians should be protected. It is like the word *E'ala* – to Awaken (Who? You). Alert (who? Everyone around you.) Aware (Why? Everything outside your circle). You must feel *ono* not in food-wise, but in your *na'au* (gut). Then you must *malama* (take care) of that feeling. Then you must *loka'i* (unify), bring it all together into one universal motion. God (*akua*) will see that it happens. *Ho'i hou i ka iwi kumu'o* (look to your ancestors for strength).

All issues have been already done. What else needs to be said. It's like my former boss, Mr. Solomon K. Naune Sr., told me: "I'm in my 70's and still nothing has been done." I too had a stroke in 1996, but we both can't wait until it's too late to have to see that something is done. So, you guys must *e'ala* or we, like the others, are going to *make!*

Mahalo and Aloha Pūmehana,

Kehaulani and Kui'okalāni,
Pikake, Pakalana, Mokihaana,
Ilimalani, Lokelani and
Kealakai Kahakai, Penitani,
Barnes, Koholo's, Larinal