

To Department of the Interior
John Berry, Assistant Secretary

December 7, 1999

From Kahu/Rev. Lloyd Imuaikaika Pratt

Re: The Reconciliation Talks to the 1993 Apology Resolution

This is my testimony regarding December 5, 1999 hearing that was held on the Island of Kauai.

We have heard your talks and promises over and over again and yet we have never seen any of your promises manifest to benefit we the Na Kanaka Maoli and/or the indigenous people of Hawai'i. We have no trust in your system of justice, for we the natives of this land has been suppressed in health, education, and every program that the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i has shoved down our throats and said that it is for the betterment of us. Preservation of life and the freedom of expression for a better relationship with all mankind is what we envisioned and with the United States of America dictating who we are and where we should be is not the avenue that we agree on. We, the natives that God entrusted Hawai'i to be our home, has been taken away from us forcefully through the means of violence. The 1993 Senate Joint Resolution called the Apology Bill is an omission of guilt by the United States of America for the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i. That announcement to all nations of the world gives recognition, status and venue that the Kingdom of Hawai'i is reinstated into the International arena under International affairs, rulings and protection under the laws of Nations. Almost ten years has passed and still our venue, status and the restoration of our Kingdom of Hawai'i has been neglected by the powers still be (United States of America and the State of Hawai'i) and still proceed in illegal acts of genocide against we the Kanaka Maoli, citizens to the lawful government of Hawai'i. We, the Kanaka Maoli of today are loving people who share what we have as our ancestors did. The United States of America has instilled hurt, suffering, lack and illusions that is not of us. Today, America the land of the free has put in our hearts anger and brought separation among our people.

What God entrusted in us to take care of is polluted with harmful substance. The land, air, water and our bodies has been effected by it. We are Gods children given all the necessities to sustain life in Hawai'i and yet the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i does not permit we of Hawai'i to be self-sufficient and self-sustaining. Hawai'i's environment is perfect for growing food and the natural materials for shelter, clothing and medicine that all mankind needs for life preservation, but we are forced into buying high price import goods that only hurts us and our environment. We are influenced with fears to permit the United State to bring onto our land, water and air military weapons of destructive force. The creation of money and power is all that matters to United States of America and who ever comes in their way is removed or discriminated. We live it and now we are saying no more. We will no longer be followers to your unjustly doings and we ask by the grace of God, that you, the United States of America and the State of Hawai'i leave and take all those destructive elements that you have put onto and in our land, air and water with you.

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Senator Daniel Akaka

With Aloha,

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