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Subject: My Comments on the Draft Proposal



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Regarding the Draft Report prepared by the Department of Interior and the Department of Justice, this report in no way, shape, or form adequately enforces nor represents nor enforces our right as Native Hawaiians (hereafter referred to as "our" or "us") to self-determination. Instead, these departments representing the United States of America (hereafter referred to as "you" or "your") create another tool for the American government in order to create another level of bureaucracy to keep citizens of America and the citizens of the Kingdom of Hawai'i under your control by forcing us Hawaiians to determine who we are on your terms not on ours. We as Hawaiians accept your apology and we thank you for finally apologizing for your wrongdoing. However, we want the following:

1. We want the words to reflect that we do not blame the present American citizens for the wrongdoing of a handful of American citizens at the time of the overthrow of our monarchy. We do not blame the present citizens of the United States for actions committed by a few cheating thieves and we want to make that clear in all draft proposals and all other documents addressing self-determination on our own terms.
2. We want you to use the words "stolen lands" instead of "ceded lands" in any and all documents concerning Hawaiians and their fight for self-determination because these lands were never ceded. Instead, they were stolen.
3. We want our kingdom restored and we want it restored NOW.
4. We want the land that was stolen from us to be returned and we want it to be returned to us NOW.

5. We want to build a hospital for Native Hawaiians.
6. We want to build a college for Hawaiian culture in order to preserve our culture including but limited to language, music, and dance.

I strongly urge your immediate attention in this matter. Many Hawaiians such as myself are dissatisfied with the status quo and we will take our case to International Court and the Queen of England will be exceedingly unhappy that not only did the United States overthrow a sovereign nation but a sovereign nation WITH signed treaties with other nations.

The following are a few of my comments on certain pages in your draft proposal:

page 4: I strongly oppose Recommendations 2 and 5. Native Hawaiians are unhappy and dissatisfied with the status quo so why would we WANT to come under the assistant secretary. We will determine our destiny on our own terms! In Recommendation 5, you are intentionally ambiguous and your attitude needs to be adjusted. I want you to make this clear in your draft proposal: Native Hawaiians should decide who Native Hawaiians are. That is what self-determination is all about. We do not want your money. We want our kingdom restored and we want our land that was stolen from us and we want it NOW.

page 6: You condescendingly teach us Hawaiian. Then you try to sell a product to us that we do NOT want to buy. You have admitted a wrong so we MUST start with a clean sheet of paper. NO EXCEPTIONS. You also use the term "federal law" which is irrelevant because we do NOT want to be under your control. Again, this is NOT what self-determination is.

page 10: The Newlands Joint Resolution provided lands gained in acts of war. The United States was NOT engaged in a war with Hawai'i.

page 12: In your disclaimer, "on behalf of the people..." should be replaced with "some representatives of the United States who were greedy and who violated the law..." We do NOT blame the present citizens of the United

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States and we want that reflected in all documents regarding Hawaiians.

page 18: You describe the creation of another bureaucracy so that you can squeeze more money out of American citizens. We can work on our own problems WITHOUT your help. That is what self-determination is all about.

page 50: We do NOT want a Native Hawaiian government. Instead, we want the restoration of the Kingdom of Hawai'i AND the lands that were stolen from us.

page 53: I notice that you are poised to return our land. We thank you for offering the land that the representatives of the United States stole from us. We want it all back NOW.

page 55: How much money was paid by Americans to do all of this work? How much allocation funds were set aside for 100 plus pieces of legislation since the 1959 Admissions Act? Because NONE OF IT HAS WORKED!

In closing, on behalf of the children of Hawai'i (Na Keiki), I urge you to restore the Kingdom of Hawai'i and to give the land that was stolen from us back to us. The time is here. The time is now.

Aloha,

Lana Robbins
Co-founder, Na Keiki ("The Children")