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Attn: Mr. Ed Thompson

Dear Sirs:

I would like to comment on the reconciliation hearings that are being held in the state of Hawaii.

America did not annex these islands, they stole them. Americans even had the audacity to imprison a queen (our queen), in her own palace.

However, I do not agree with those screaming belligerent Hawaiians who want to return to Sovereignty. Are they nuts? **THEY DO NOT SPEAK FOR ME!**

Reparations? Yes. Into funds for the care, education, health and welfare of persons of Hawaiian ancestry. Special care for the elderly Hawaiian.

Return of lands? Yes. To the State? No. To whom then? I don't know. Certainly not to the charge of The Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Those people can't even get along with each other. They spend beneficiary money suing each other.

You will find that only the radical attend hearings. There is a large silent majority of Hawaiian that do not speak up or want to be associated with the Hawaiians that attend these hearings. These Hawaiians are not particularly in favor of sovereignty. I certainly am not.

When hearings such as these are held. The members and representatives sent to preside over the hearings should be well educated in the history of Hawaii as well as the history of the Hawaiian people and what has happened to the Hawaiian and his welfare since "Annexation" They should also know that the white man treated the Hawaiian, as they treat other persons who are not of white ancestry, like scum.

Many years ago my mother tried to purchase a home in what was once a "ritzy" "A1" rated (white only) neighborhood (known as Manoa) dominated by the white man. My mother was white, but she had married an Hawaiian. She got her house but it wasn't easy and it was probably her married name that got her the house. My mothers aim was to try to get her children a good education away from the common pidgin English speaking people - but being married to an Hawaiian made it difficult for her. In the 50's I tried to rent an apartment in Waikiki with my girl friend who was

white. When the land lady realized that I was to be a roommate, she immediately came up with a story that the apartment was taken - she was so obvious it was laughable. She asked me if I worked and where. At the time, I worked for "The Big Five" and told her so. She then immediately changed her mind and said we could have the apartment, but of course by then I did not want it. You should know that I was raised in Waikiki on land where the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel now stands, that I come from a fairly prominent family and therefore resented her "judging the book by its cover".

It was not easy for the Hawaiian in islands that were taken over and run by the white man who looked down at any race that was not white. Made them wear clothes, stop dancing the hula, etc. For some reason white man thinks that any race that is not white is full of idiots. Not so! It is white man who is ignorant and intolerable of other races. Such as those bald Nazi freaks, the KKK, etc. And, many of America's settlers came from European prisons. How common is that?

I will admit that the Hawaiians did not like to have to go to work for the white man or persons of any other race. In the old days they worked for and lived off of the land of the Alii. They did not need to purchase homes nor did they need money then. Their reluctance to work for white man was responsible for the import of laborers from Japan, China etc.

I am rambling. All I wanted you to know was that Hawaiians speaking out at these hearings DO NOT SPEAK FOR ME.

Thank you,

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