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UNITED STATES  
SECRETARY

Mr. Benjamin Thoron,  
Chief of Bureau of Territories,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Thoron:

Riley Allen, Editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, sent me on the day following the announcement in Honolulu of the program of the restoration of civil rights the following message:

**CIVILIAN SENTIMENT CANVASSED BY STAR BULLETIN PROGRAM RESTORATION CIVIL FUNCTIONS STRONGLY FAVORABLE STOP PLAN GENERALLY REGARDED INSURING SUBSTANTIAL RETURN CIVIL RIGHTS WITHOUT IMPAIRING MILITARY SECURITY.**

In addition to the above, I thought you would find interesting an excerpt from a letter I have received from Dr. Min Hin Li of Honolulu who is at present in Oberlin, Ohio. Dr. Li is an American citizen of Chinese ancestry who is held in such high regard by those who know him that he was made Commander of the Hawaiian Department of the American Legion, a great majority of whose members are Caucasians. In addition to this he is one of the outstanding leaders among the Americans of Chinese ancestry. His reaction therefore is of real significance. In a letter sent from Oberlin, dated February 8th, he says:

"A broadcast last evening stating that 'restoration of 18 functions of government from military to civil rule in Hawaii was proclaimed today, effective in 30 days, by Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emons, military governor, and Territorial Governor Ingram Stainback.' This is very good news to one who has been away for the last 7 months, and who knows what all of us had gone through under a form of rule foreign to us. This revision will prevent any precedent to be thoroughly

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"established and applied again elsewhere in a similar circumstance. I am very pleased, particularly from a psychological standpoint."

Yours sincerely,

  
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Delegate from Hawaii

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