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Senator Daniel K. Inouye Papers

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6 June 1966

Mr. David Babineau, President
Kailua Improvement Association
143 Pauahilani Place
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Dear Mr. Babineau:

I deeply regret my inability to attend the ceremonies marking the completion of the Kawainui Swamp Flood Control Project.

Despite my return to Washington last night due to the press of legislative duties in the Second Session of the 89th Congress, I should like to assure you of my continuing interest in this most important project. I would like to remember especially the many contributions to this project made by the Honorable Michael J. Kirwan of Ohio, Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

You will recall that Congressman Kirwan, a steadfast friend of Hawaii, met with Windward Chamber of Commerce officials some six years ago and was favorably impressed by the need for this project.

That meeting was arranged by the Delegate to Congress, John A. Burns, who has maintained his interest and support of this project.

We also had the unswerving support of Mayor Blaisdell, his staff and the City Council. My friend, Herman Lemke, Chairman of the City Council, advises me that the City and County's Department of Parks and Recreation envisions the development of this area as a regional-type park. More than \$11 million may be spent here between 1967 and 1972 to clear, fill, grade, landscape, and construct a recreation building.

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 1, 1966

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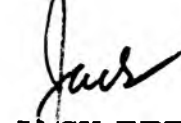
Mr. Morio Omori
602 Capital Investment Building
850 Richards Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Morio:

Enclosed are brief remarks for use on the occasion
of the dedication of the Kawainui Swamp Flood Control
project.

You'd best check as to the contributions of the Kailua
Improvement Association--I don't know how long they've
been organized.

All the best,



JACK TEEHAN
Press Assistant

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Enclosure

Message from Senate DAS

REMARKS: KAWAINUI SWAMP FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT--June 6, 1966

~~I~~
~~Senator Dan Inouye~~ deeply regrets ^{my} his inability to attend ^{the} these ceremonies marking the completion of the Kawainui Swamp Flood Control Project.

~~The demands on the Senator, as the Second Session of the 89th Congress moves toward final adjournment, are such that he had to leave Honolulu late last night for Washington.~~

~~Despite my return to Washington last night due to the press of~~
~~legislative duties in the second session of the 89th Congress, I~~
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~~That meeting was arranged by another man whose contributions should not be forgotten by the thousands of Kailua residents who will benefit from this project over the years. That man was Governor John A. Burns, then~~
~~Delegate to Congress.~~ ^{The Delegate to Congress, John A. Burns,}
^{who has maintained his interest + support of this project,}

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Senator Inouye is pleased

Senator Imuye is pleased that he, too, was able to make some small contributions to the cause of this project in his early years in the nation's capital.


He asked me to tell you that this project truly exemplifies the effectiveness of community action. Much credit should go to the Windward Chamber of Commerce and the Kailua Improvement Association for arousing public interest in the need for this project. These groups were able to work effectively with the Federal Government, the State of Hawaii, and the City and County of Honolulu.

Senator Imuye will not forget the efforts of the citizens of this growing community of Kailua, who contributed so much support to the advancement of this project.

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May 19, 1966

Mr. Morio Omori
602 Capital Investment Building
850 Richards Street
Honolulu, Hawaii

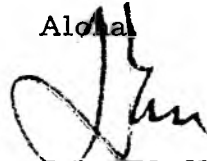
Dear Morio:

I am attaching for your consideration correspondence pertaining to the Kawainui Flood Control Project dedication ceremonies.

I would appreciate it very much if either you or Matt could attend the ceremonies in my behalf.

An appropriate message is presently being drafted and will be sent to you for presentation at the ceremonies.

Aloha



DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator

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May 18, 1966

Mr. David Babineau, President
Kailua Improvement Association
143 Pauahilani Place
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

Dear Mr. Babineau:

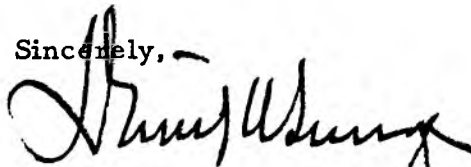
Thank you for your kind invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies marking the completion of the Kawainui Flood Control Project on Monday, June 6th.

I am presently scheduled to be in Hawaii during the first week of June; however, because of pressing legislative matters, I find that I must be back in Washington on June 6th.

Therefore, I find that I will not be able to participate in your dedication ceremonies. Please know, however, that I have followed the progress of the Kawainui Flood Control Project with a great deal of interest, and am happy that I have been able to, in my small way, contribute to its successful completion.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,



DANIEL K. INOUE
United States Senator

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KAILUA IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
143 Pauahilani Place
Kailua, Hawaii 96734

May 6, 1966

The Honorable Daniel Inouye
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Inouye:

On behalf of the entire Kailua Community and our Kailua civic groups and associations, let me extend to you a most cordial invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies marking the completion of our Kawainui Flood Control Project at 10 a.m., Monday, June 6, 1966.

The dedication will take place at the upper Mokapu Blvd. end of the Kawainui drainage canal. Ceremonies will include a dedication prayer and brief dedicatory comment by Honolulu Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell; Colonel Glenn Ingwersen, Honolulu District Engineer for the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and a representative of our Kailua Community. The Royal Hawaiian Band will provide music.

We hope that you may be able to join us for this dedication and add some comment of your own to the occasion. All of us in Kailua are most appreciative of your important contribution to the completion of this essential Kawainui Flood Control Project.

With personal best wishes.

David Babineau, per [signature]
DAVID BABINEAU, President
Kailua Improvement Association