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I AM DISTRESSED TO LEARN THAT FORMER GULF OIL EXECUTIVE, CLAUDE WILD, MADE AN OUTRAGEOUS CHARGE AGAINST ME TODAY IN HIS TESTIMONY IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT.

MR. WILD IMPLIED THAT I MAY HAVE APPROVED, THROUGH MY AIDE, MR. HENRY K. GIUGNI, A CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION HE ALLEGES WAS MADE IN DECEMBER, 1972.

I AM INFORMED BY MR. GIUGNI THAT MR. WILD'S TESTIMONY IS INACCURATE AND FALSE. FOR MYSELF, I CAN ATTEST TO THE FACT THAT AT NO TIME DID MR. GIUGNI OR ANYONE ELSE ASK FOR OR RECEIVE MY APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTING ANY ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

I WISH TO EMPHASIZE, AS I DID SO UNDER OATH, THAT I WAS FIRST MADE AWARE OF MR. WILD'S ILLEGAL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS IN SEPTEMBER OF 1975, WHEN THE GRAND JURY BEGAN ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DURING THE ENTIRE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COURT YESTERDAY ON THIS VERY MATTER, THIS CHARGE WAS NEVER RAISED BY MR. WILD OR HIS ATTORNEY. I CAN ASSURE YOU IF I HAD BEEN CONFRONTED WITH THE INNUENDOS CONTAINED IN MR. WILD'S TESTIMONY TODAY, I WOULD HAVE ADVISED THE COURT, WITHOUT HESITATION, THAT THEY WERE FALSE. UNFORTUNATELY, NEITHER MR. WILD NOR HIS ATTORNEY SAW FIT TO CONFRONT ME WITH THESE FALSE ALLEGATIONS.

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I AM WELL AWARE THAT MY CREDIBILITY HAS BEEN CHALLENGED BY THE TESTIMONY OF MR. WILD AND BY THE CLOSING ARGUMENT OF MR. WILLIAM HUNDLEY, HIS DEFENSE COUNSEL. HOWEVER, THE RECORDS OF THE COURT WILL CLEARLY SHOW THAT I WAS READY AT ALL TIMES TO TESTIFY UNDER OATH BEFORE THE GRAND JURY, OR FOR THAT MATTER, BEFORE ANY TRIBUNAL.

FURTHER, ALTHOUGH NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, I MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THAT HE DESIRED FROM MY PERSONAL AND SENATE FILES. THIS WAS DONE VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF A SUBPOENA. I SHARED WITH THE PROSECUTOR ALL OF MY FILES AT HOME, INCLUDING CANCELLED CHECKS RECEIPTS, AND OTHER FINANCIAL MEMOS.

I WISH TO ASSURE THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII THAT AT NO TIME DID I KNOWINGLY OR INTENTIONALLY GIVE FALSE TESTIMONY DURING THE TRIAL. I RESPONDED TO ALL QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION.

IT HAS BEEN MY PRIVILEGE TO SERVE HAWAII AS A LEGISLATOR FOR NEARLY 22 YEARS. DURING THAT PERIOD, I HAVE DONE MY BEST TO PROVIDE HONEST AND EFFECTIVE SERVICE FOR MY STATE.

OBVIOUSLY, I AM DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY THIS ATTEMPT TO TARNISH MY PERSONAL CREDIBILITY WHICH I SINCERELY BELIEVE I HAVE ESTABLISHED DURING MY PAST TWO DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

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