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**Senator Inouye's Introduction of
Admiral Joseph W. Prueher
to the Senate Foreign Relations
Committee
October 28, 1999**

Mr. Chairman,

It is my pleasure to appear before you

today to introduce you to my good friend,

Admiral Joe Prueher.

● **Senator Frist has already told you**

much
~~something~~ about Admiral Prueher's

background and military career. I'll

therefore keep my remarks short and to

the point.

I know Admiral Prueher from his three years as Commander-in-Chief ^{of the} U.S. Pacific Command and as a resident of the great State of Hawaii. The security of the Asia-Pacific region is of course something ~~that~~ ~~to which~~ the state of Hawaii ~~is~~ ~~acutely~~ ~~turned.~~ *considers not important*

In his position as CINCPAC, the security of our nation was Admiral Prueher's foremost concern, as it has been throughout his career. This was reflected in both his words and deeds. He was an articulate advocate of our nation's military presence in Asia and took active steps to resolve issues before they emerged as crises.

In his dealing with me and the members of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Admiral Prueher was always honest, direct, and straightforward in his communications. I believe this will be an important quality in light of the intensity of this Committee's interest in China policy.

I have the utmost respect for Admiral Prueher's abilities as both a military commander and a statesman. I can't think of anyone who can better represent our nation to the People's Republic of China than Joe Prueher. Mr. Chairman, I urge the Committee to support this nomination.