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Hawaii Chapter, American Red Cross

My dear friends:

I regret very much that a crucial vote just scheduled in the United States Senate requires my presence in Washington.

I had every intention to participate in the meeting of the Pacific Division of the American Red Cross tonight and the granting of authority to the Hawaii State Chapter.

In recent years, many have suggested that the image of the United States has been sorely tarnished in the Pacific and Asia. Events of our making and not of our making have taxed our leadership and effectiveness in the international arena.

We have, however, been able to present a new image of compassion and concern in these areas through the activities of the American Red Cross. You have, during this critical period of political upheaval and reassessment, maintained our humanitarian posture and aims.

It is said that music is the international language that binds men's souls. The language of compassion and concern is the international language of the Red Cross. The Red Cross has epitomized this international language of compassion and concern for unfortunate victims of man-made wars and natural disasters. It has communicated by deeds this message of aid and comfort effectively throughout these many years of war and pestilence. As long as people can communicate through this language, and the Red Cross continues to serve, this message of good will and hope will eventually transcend most barriers which the minds of men can devise.

I again express to you my disappointment in being unable to be with you tonight. I wish to express my appreciation to you for your active participation in the humanitarian aims of the Red Cross and in contributing to the continued success of

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the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Warmest aloha.

Sincerely,

DANIEL K. INOUE  
United States Senator