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**THURSDAY - JANUARY 10**

**9:00 AM OPENING REMARKS - NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY EXERCISE  
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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR DANIEL K. INOUE  
PANDEMIC TEMPEST EXERCISE  
JANUARY 10, 2008**

**Good morning and Aloha. It is both seemingly odd, yet very appropriate, that we have gathered here just steps from the beautiful beaches of Waikiki - at a defense facility - to consider and role-play the consequences of a possible pandemic influenza outbreak.**

**This Asia Pacific Center brings together military leaders from different Asian countries to foster a greater understanding across national borders. At the same time common problems are discussed, like terrorism, piracy, the proliferation of weapons, and other potential security threats. I consider the Asia Pacific Center to be one of the finest tools of diplomacy for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.**

**But how does this relate to influenza? Simply, a pandemic outbreak of influenza is a public safety threat. It is a national security threat. It could even be a devastating terrorist attack. It makes good sense for the military and the Asia Pacific Center to join in this effort to examine this potentially debilitating blow to our nation.**

**Moreover, Hawaii is clearly the right location. We are the gateway to Asia. Every day, thousands of people from many different nations arrive on our shores to conduct business, enjoy the warm climate and our Aloha spirit. In the world of pandemic outbreaks, our little state could hold the key to either the spread or the containment of this dangerous disease.**

**If there is one grave lesson to be learned from the attack on September 11<sup>th</sup>, it is that we can no longer assume that our national security threats will come only from nation states, and their large military forces. In this century, our nation must be prepared to respond to new asymmetric threats – terrorist attacks, biological weapons, and cyber warfare.**

**In many respects, influenza is like a man-made biological weapon which will not discriminate against who it harms or attacks. So too, the panic that will ensue from a pandemic outbreak could be similar to the reaction from a terrorist attack on a soft target. I have no doubt that the actions we take to respond to a terrorist attack will have clear similarities to those we would take to manage the consequences of a pandemic virus.**

**Clearly, our national security leaders can draw upon lessons learned from terrorist planning. Moreover, the efforts of government agencies, at all levels, will be critical. Acting in concert with disaster managers and health care experts will provide our best hope to control the impact of such an occurrence. As such, I am pleased that such a distinguished group of experts and policymakers are here to participate and plan for a coordinated response.**

**I wish you much success in this endeavor. I very much look forward to learning the results of this exercise. Let us hope we need never use it. I thank you for your participation.**

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