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Mr. Gordon Leslie, Chairman
Napoopoo-Keei-Honaunau Community
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Dear Mr. Leslie:

Your letter of March 21, 1980 to Mr. Sidney Fuke regarding the Kealakekua Bay State Park Project has been referred to my department for a direct reply. We are glad to have this opportunity to bring the Napoopoo-Keei-Honaunau Community Association up to date on this project.

Since the "Creighton Plan" was presented in 1969, no further planning has been done. Park development planning cannot begin until a substantial amount of archaeological research has identified archaeological features worth preserving and interpreting, and also identified those areas relatively free of archaeological features where public facilities could be located. Although some archaeological work has been done, particularly at Hikiau Heiau, the majority of the research is expected to follow the acquisition of land in the Napoopoo area.

Since 1969, the State has been purchasing land as funds have been appropriated and released for expenditure. Initially the Kaawaloa Flats area was purchased, excluding the Cook monument parcel owned by the British government. The subdivision application recently sent to your association indicates the land areas which are currently being acquired with available appropriations. Agreement has been reached on a purchase price for several of these parcels and condemnation proceedings are scheduled for filing within a month on the remaining parcels. The enclosed map indicates those parcels we are currently acquiring (in blue) and the existing State land expected to be included in the park (in red).

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No further land acquisition is now being proposed. Once the archaeological research provides adequate data for planning, we expect to concentrate our efforts on developing the area shown on the enclosed map. In comparing the area being acquired with the "Creighton Plan", you will note the existing urbanized area in Napoopoo is not being acquired but land just mauka of this area is being purchased (T.M.K. 8-2-04:1 & 2) in order to provide public access to the proposed park without using the beach road. When our park development planning gets underway we will be contacting all interested parties.

Your continued interest and future input will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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cc ✓ Mr. Sidney Fuke