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SUBJECT: Protest Arrests of Kānaka Maoli on Stolen Kanaka Maoli Land

On November 12, Friday, 12 noon, at the Queen Liliuokalani Statue in Honolulu, the Pro-Hawaiian Sovereignty Working Group and Kanaka Maoli Tribunal Kōmike will publicly join in the islands-wide protest to the Attorney General's Office and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. These two state agencies initiated again(!) the arrests and jailing of Kanaka Maoli Michael Kamakau Grace and his wife Sondra Field-Grace, at their home at 'Ili Noho Kai O Anahola, by the Kaua'i County police on Wednesday morning, November 10.

The state charges the Graces with contempt for: (1) refusing to recognize the jurisdiction of the state over Kanaka Maoli living on their lands that were stolen by the U.S. and transferred to the illegally imposed State of Hawaii Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; (2) refusing to meet the community service penalty for allegedly "trespassing" on their own stolen Kanaka Maoli lands, which the state claims as "Hawaiian Home Lands."

The Graces have challenged the jurisdiction of the state and U.S. courts over Kanaka Maoli since the U.S. armed invasion and illegal occupation of the Kanaka Maoli Nation in 1893 and charged these imposed administering powers with genocide.

We support the Graces assertion that the repeated arrests and harrassment of Kanaka Maoli while they are engaged in deriving their livelihood from Kanaka Maoli lands in traditional ways are crimes of genocide. Such acts by the U.S. and its subsidiaries are violations of Kanaka Maoli natural and customary law, international law and U.S. law, as affirmed by Ka Ho'okolokolonui Kanaka Maoli - The Peoples' International Tribunal - of August 1993.

We condemn these persistent assaults by the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Attorney General. It is clear that these state agencies are acting in concert against our people islands-wide, such as also at Puhi Bay and at the Prince Kuhio Plaza in Hilo.

We are reporting these crimes to appropriate international bodies and requesting an immediate investigation.

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Similarly, these abuses are occurring when the U.S. Senate has **recently approved** the Akaka Apology Resolution acknowledging the U.S.'s illegal actions against the "inherently sovereign" Kanaka Maoli people beginning with the 1893 armed invasion of our homeland, and calling for "reconciliation."

And the alleged Native Hawaiian Sen. Akaka and his colleagues in the Hawaii congressional delegation ignore the state's violations of the Graces' exercise of their inherent sovereignty.

We are reporting these crimes to appropriate international bodies and requesting an immediate investigation, including the hypocritical failure of top U.S. and state officials to intervene on behalf of our Kanaka Maoli.

Meanwhile, we publicly call for: (1) immediate release of Michael and Sondra Grace from incarceration in the Kaua'i County jail; (2) the Department of Hawaiian Homelands and the Attorney General to proceed with appropriate settlement with the Graces concerning their home at 'Ili Noho Kai O Anahola, as ordered by the Ninth Circuit Court on (date)_____; (3) the state and county agencies to recognize the right of the Graces to self-determination under international law and, therefore, cease and desist from further acts of genocide against them and other Kanaka Maoli in our homeland; and (4) Sen. Akaka, Governor Waihe'e, State Legislators and other officials to stop their hypocrisy and blatant bad faith by using the powers of their high offices to intervene on behalf of all of our Kanaka Maoli who continue to be victims of the oppressive establishment.