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The Honorable Leigh-Wai Doo
Honolulu City Council
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Dear Leigh-Wai:

I wanted to drop you a note with regard to the conversation we had last week on looking at the jurisdictional issues related to the Northwest Hawaiian Islands. As I mentioned to you, I am planning to work with my colleague Joseph Morgan (who is in the Geography Department) on a project designed to look at the validity of the federal claim to an exclusive economic zone around these islands. I am enclosing a copy of the proposal Professor Morgan submitted which will give you an idea of what we had hoped to accomplish. We expect to receive a "mini-grant" from Sea Grant College which would enable us to put together a short piece on this subject. Although I am not listed as one of the investigators, because no resources are available from Sea Grant to pay for my time, I expect to be working closely on the research and writing and supervising of the law student that would be associated with this project.

We would be happy to look also at the state-county jurisdictional questions that are raised. Because the Sea Grant budget is so small, however, we would need some additional resources to add in this new element. I would not imagine that we would need a vast amount of additional help, but something in the range of \$7500 would enable us to hire additional students and to allocate more of our time to this project. Please let me know if you would like us to pursue this by preparing a more formal grant proposal or budget.

Best wishes,

Jon Van Dyke
Professor of Law

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