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Honorable William P. Kenoi
Mayor, County of Hawai'i
Aupuni Center
101 Aupuni Street, Suite 2
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As you know I try to think in the abstract, and therefore the following should come as no surprise to you.

Our President is faced with a need to find someone in this country who will take the detainees now being held at Guantanamo, and I'd like to suggest that we be the one.

On the surface, this may sound insane, but let me pursue the thought. Whoever accepts the task will receive both national and international recognition and exposure. They will in fact be the only place talked about for the next month or so in the media, and this will help us in more ways than imagined.

Vastly more importantly however, it places us in a position to heal the festering wounds of the world through the projection of the spirit of this place.

Billy, I know this may sound insane but think about it.

From a purely selfish standpoint it places you in the position of helping our president out of a critical predicament, and it wouldn't hurt if you were his best friend -- and wouldn't it be wonderful if we were the ones who opened the door again to humanity with a touch of the "spirit of Aloha."

I'm asking for some time to speak with you in a couple of weeks about recovery fund money again, but I'd also like to expand this thought with you.

Your friend,


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