

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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The President
The White House

My dear Mr. President:

I appreciate very much the opportunity which you afforded me yesterday to talk over with you matters of interest to Hawaii, particularly statehood. It occurred to me later that a brief summary of some of the points made in that discussion might be helpful to you.

May I stress with a conviction based on the long struggle which I shared with my husband for statehood for Hawaii, that:

1. The Republican party platform promised statehood for Hawaii and Alaska and although Executive pronouncements have been limited mainly to Hawaii, fulfillment of the platform commitment would be applauded throughout the country.
2. In the event that the amended H. R. 3575 providing for statehood for Hawaii and Alaska is not acceptable, it is still important, in my view, that the House conferees be appointed. Only in this way, I feel, can the Party pledge be redeemed and the integrity of the Party's promise be maintained.
3. If the Administration is desirous of having added strength in both Senate and House in the 84th Congress, it is imperative to get the Hawaii bill through now, at this session.

I thank you again for your sympathetic interest in the new Delegate to the House of Representatives. I know of your keen interest in Hawaii. It is because of this that I urge your immediate consideration of my suggestion, as outlined in the attached memo, that the House leadership be requested to appoint conferees to take up the Statehood bill, H. R. 3575.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth P. Farrington

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