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Donald T. Eovino  
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Dear Mr. Eovino:

**Subject: Inadvertent Discovery of Human Remains During Archaeological Monitoring of Electrical Trench Excavation at 4577 Kahala Avenue (TMK:3-5-4:003)**

Thank you for the opportunity to conduct archaeological monitoring during excavation of an electrical trench for the parcel at 4577 Kahala Avenue. Archaeological monitoring was conducted on Wednesday, April 20, 2005.

A fragment of the distal end of a human femur was recovered from the excavated sand from the trench. Upon discovery, mechanical excavation was halted and hand excavation of the trench face and bottom was conducted in order to determine the origin of the bone. There was no indication as to the origin of the find. The inadvertent discovery was reported to the SHPD on April 20, 2005.

On April 21, 2005 *T. S. Dye & Colleagues, Archaeologists, Inc.* screened the excavated sand from the portion of the electrical trench within approximately 5 m of the find spot. Screening was conducted to recover any additional remains that might have been removed from the trench during excavation. Two small, 1-2 cm long, cranial fragments, and a few other, less than 1 cm long, bone chips were recovered. Additionally, the trench bottom and faces were re-examined for any additional remains or cultural features. No *in situ* remains were identified.

Mr. Kana'i Kapeliela of the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) Burial Sites Program was called on April 21, 2005 to update him on the status of the recovery effort. Later in the day, Mr. Kapeliela was called again and agreed to conduct a site inspection of the area in the afternoon.

Mr. Kapeliela was shown the femur fragment that was recovered on April 20, 2005 and the additional fragments retrieved during screening of the excavated sand. He was also shown the excavated trench and the sand piles that were screened. He agreed with our belief that sufficient effort was employed to find any additional remains. He agreed with our opinion that no intact burial was impacted by the excavation of the electrical trench.

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Based on our investigations, we believe that the femur fragment and the other small bone fragments in the electrical trench were secondarily deposited during past ground disturbance on the property. Our earlier work on your parcel, as detailed in our March 8, 2005 letter to you, discovered the fragmentary, highly weathered, and incomplete remains of an individual, indicating that secondarily deposited human remains are present on the parcel. The bone fragments that we found in the electrical trench excavation indicate that secondarily deposited human remains are found in widely separated locations at the *mauka* end of the parcel.

Based on the above information and because no further excavation of the electrical trench was necessary, Mr. Kapeliela determined that the conduits could be laid and the trench backfilled, and that this phase of burial recovery was completed.

The bone fragments recovered from the electrical trench excavations were placed in a paper bag inside of the *lauhala* basket that contains the remains recovered during our previous work. The *lauhala* basket is held in the locked storeroom on the property. This basket contains all of the human remains that we have recovered on your property.

I anticipate that you will re-inter these bone fragments with the other human remains recovered on property. Details of the re-interment will need to be worked out with the State Historic Preservation Division.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call me at 387-9352.

Sincerely,

Thomas S. Dye  
President

cc: Kana'i Kapeliela, SHPD (w/o enclosure)

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