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2 3	Monday, April 12, 2021
4 5 6 7 8	Mr. Bruce A. Schoenberg Securities Enforcement Branch 335 Merchant Street, Room 205 Honolulu, HI 96810
9 10 11	RE: In the Matter of David Keanu Sai and Kauʻi Sai-Dudoit a/k/a Kauʻi Goodhue Case no. SEU-2018-0003
12 13	Aloha Mr. Schoenberg:
14 15 16 17	On 15 March 2021 the State of Hawai'i [SOH] declared its intent to "commence an enforcement action against respondents Sai and Goodhue based upon their sale of unregistered Kingdom of Hawaii Exchequer Bonds, in violation of HRS § 485A-301."
18 19 20	The SOH stated that "If your clients would like to resolve this matter prior to the commencement of formal litigation, please contact me by March 31, 2021."
21 22 23	I communicated our response on 26 March 2021 which noted the SOH lacks jurisdiction in this matter.
24 25 26	As of this date, there has been neither an acknowledgement of receipt, nor a response to our 26 March communication by the SOH.
27 28	In addition to the reasons stated in the communication of the 26th, I would add, noting, that
29 30	PART II. EXEMPTIONS FROM REGISTRATION OF SECURITIES
31 32 33	[§485A-201] Exempt securities. The following securities are exempt from the requirements of sections 485A-301 to 485A-305 and 485A-504:
34 35 36 37 38	(2) A security issued, insured, or guaranteed by a foreign government with which the United States maintains diplomatic relations, or any of its political subdivisions, if the security is recognized as a valid obligation by the issuer, insurer, or guarantor;
38 39 40 41	The only communication from the SOH which could be considered a reply to the communication of the 26 th is an 8 April communication from the SOH asking whether I would "accept service of process on behalf of Mr. Sai and Ms. Goodhue in the above-referenced matter."

I have consulted with my clients. I am not authorized to accept service of process until the SOH: 1] acknowledges receipt of the communication of the 26th; and, 2] responds to the points made in it regarding the United States' explicit recognition of the continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom

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as a State and the Council of Regency as its government, which it did during arbitral proceedings at the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) between 8 November 1999, when the arbitral proceedings were initiated, and 9 June 2000 when the arbitral tribunal was formed. This explicit recognition by the U.S. Department of State, acting through its embassy in The Hague which sits as a member of the PCA Administrative Council, triggers the *Supremacy Clause*. According to the USPS, your office received the communication of 26 March on 29 March.

As stated in that communication, the actions taken by the SOH have serious repercussions under U.S. constitutional law and also international humanitarian law. These include the war crime of usurpation of sovereignty. This non-response is an acquiescence to the facts and the law cited in that communication and precludes the SOH from proceeding without violating the *Supremacy Clause*.

According to Notes of Advisory Committee on Proposed Federal Rules of Evidence (Rule 801):

Under established principles an admission may be made by adopting or acquiescing in the statement of another. While knowledge of contents would ordinarily be essential, this is not inevitably so: "X is a reliable person and knows what he is talking about." See McCormick §246, p. 527, n. 15. Adoption or acquiescence may be manifested in any appropriate manner. When silence is relied upon, the theory is that the person would, under the circumstances, protest the statement made in his presence, if untrue.¹

Furthermore, according to the New York Court of Appeals, in *People v. Vining*, 2017 NY Slip Op 01144:

An adoptive admission occurs "when a party acknowledges and assents to something 'already uttered by another person, which thus becomes effectively the party's own admission" (People v Campney, 94 NY2d 307, 311 [1999], citing 4 Wigmore, Evidence § 1609, at 100 [Chadbourne rev]). Assent can be manifested by silence, because "a party's silence in the face of an accusation, under circumstances that would prompt a reasonable person to protest, is generally considered an admission" (Robert A. Barker & Vincent C. Alexander, Evidence in New York State and Federal Courts § 8:17 [2016]; see also People v Koerner, 154 NY 355, 374 [1897] ["If he is silent when he ought to have denied, the presumption of acquiescence arises"]). We have also recognized that "an equivocal or evasive response may similarly be used against [a] party either as an adoptive admission by silence or an express assent" (Campney, 94 NY2d at 316 [Smith, J., dissenting], quoting 2 McCormick, Evidence, op cit., § 262, at 176). Here, despite the dissent's characterization, the defendant was not silent in the face of the victim's accusations. He gave "equivocal or evasive response[s]" (id.).²

My clients look forward to the SOH's response to the communication and the specific points that were made. Upon receipt I will consult with my clients accordingly, regarding the SOH inquiry as to service of process.

¹ Cornell Law School, Legal Information Institute, "Rule 801. Definitions That Apply to This Article; Exclusions from Hearsay," https://www.law.cornell.edu/rules/fre/rule 801. [Last accessed as of 14 April 2021]

April 2021] ² *People v. Vining*, 2017 NY Slip Op 01144, https://law.justia.com/cases/new-york/court-of-appeals/2017/1.html. [Last accessed 14 April 2021]

If you are of the opinion that I have a mis-stated either a fact, or a principle of international law, Hawaiian Kingdom law, or United States domestic law, I look forward to you providing what the SOH contends is authority that, in your opinion, contradicts any of the facts or counters any of the conclusions of law stated.

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Sincerely,

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107 U.S. State Department cc: 108 Royal Commission of Inquiry 109 Governor Hon. David Ige 110 Lieutenant Governor Hon. Josh Green 111 Attorney General Hon. Clare E. Connors 112 Adjutant General Hon. Kenneth Hara 113 President of the Senate Hon. Ron Kouchi 114 Speaker of the House of Representatives Hon. Scott Saiki 115 City & County of Honolulu Mayor Hon. Rick Blangiardi 116 Hawai'i County Mayor Hon. Mitch Roth

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