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Mr. Jon Enriques
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Dear Mr. Enriques:

Our tagging study of green sea turtles at Punalu'u Bay on the Big Island is a very important research project. Our ultimate goal is to obtain sufficient biological information to permit the recovery and wise management of all sea turtles in the Hawaiian Islands.

For nearly a year now we have been regularly capturing, tagging, and recapturing turtles at Punalu'u Bay in cooperation with mostly volunteer students from the University of Hawaii at Hilo. In doing this work, it is extremely important that we are able to account for as many tagged turtles as possible. In this regard, I am writing to request your cooperation in providing us with the number of the tag that was attached to the turtle captured at Punalu'u on July 16, 1984. We would also be appreciative to receive any other tag numbers you may be aware of from turtles captured during past years. A postpaid and self-addressed envelope has been enclosed for your convenience in responding to this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs
Wildlife Biologist

Enclosure