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Dear

Shark incidents in the Hawaiian islands involving physical injury to humans are always of great interest to the public and news media, especially right after a new case occurs. Unfortunately, inaccurate information is sometimes disseminated because of an absence of readily available and factual background material. In order to correct this problem, a formal and historical list of shark attacks in Hawaii is maintained at the Honolulu Laboratory of the National Marine Fisheries Service. The list is an expansion of ones I previously published in *'Elepaio* (April 1981), *Honolulu Magazine* (April 1983), and *Hawaii Fishing News* (September 1987 and January 1992). A copy of the current list has been enclosed as the result of your inquiry.

Suggestions for additions to the list of previously overlooked or new cases of shark attack will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

