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Mr. Leroy Mollena  
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Dear Mr. Mollena:

I am writing to ask if you can provide me with any information on the occurrence of sea turtles nesting on the sand beaches of Molokai. As you will undoubtedly recall, in 1969 hatchling hawksbill turtles were found at Halawa Beach and subsequently given to your office (see attached page from "Turtles of the United States"). Do you know of additional nestings that have taken place on Molokai, either at Halawa or any other beach?

It is my understanding that green sea turtles occurred in large numbers at certain sites along Molokai's south shore, at least during former times. Are there still areas where turtles are abundant?

Any assistance that you give to this request for information will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

George H. Balazs  
Assistant Marine Biologist

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Attachment