

July 14, 1981

Mr. Andrew N. Hepburn  
Executive Assistant Manager  
Kahala Hilton  
5000 Kahala Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

Dear Mr. Hepburn:

The purpose of this letter is to provide formal documentation for the Kahala Hilton's records as to the species, individual identification and authorization for four subadult green turtles from the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology to be permanently exchanged for four adult green turtles currently at the Kahala Hilton.

The green turtles at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology were legally obtained in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service prior to the listing of this species (*Chelonia mydas*) in 1978 under provisions of the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Consequently, they are not subject to the permit requirements of the Act. It is my understanding that the green turtles at the Kahala Hilton were also obtained prior to the species listing under the Act.

The four green turtles at the Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology to be exchanged are individually identified by small alloy tags with the following inscribed numbers:

2051  
2053  
2054  
2056

For future legal documentation, it may be valuable to the Kahala Hilton for these tags to remain on the turtles.

Approximately once each year, at a date and time entirely convenient to the Kahala Hilton, permission will be granted to measure the shell length of each turtle for use in compiling growth data on green turtles of the Hawaiian

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population. This procedure will take approximately 30 minutes and will not require removing the turtles from their holding facilities.

Sincerely,

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Countersigned by

Philip Helfrich  
Director, HIMS

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and Wildlife Service  
records

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