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Dear George,

I hope you had more luck with your turtle net than you had Saturday morning. Did you tag anything besides a couple of mermaids? Thank you having me come along on your turtle tagging adventure. I enjoyed it and found it very interesting and educational even though there weren't any turtles.

I tried to get some information about turtles for you by talking to some Kohala people. I didn't realize how many people catch turtles along the Kohala coast. I did manage to get a general location where a lot of turtles are seen and caught.

Our Vice Principal Mr. Jerry Sakamoto does a lot of spear fishing and turtle catching. He says he's seen a lot of turtles between the Loran station and Papaa Beach Park. He's also seen a lot of them in the area where we first had the net on Saturday morning, but a lot closer to the breakwater.

He thinks that most of the turtles are generally located along the north Kohala coast where there's

hardly any boating activity. The rough waters of the Alenuihaha Channel would prevent you from catching the turtles by net and boat except on days of very good weather. If you've got any questions I'd be glad to help in any way. He'll be here during the summer and would enjoy talking to you the next time you come to the Big Island.

I've heard that there's a man who catches a lot of turtles regularly along the North Kohala coast from Upolu to Kauhola Point. From what I've been told I don't think he understands the purpose of the tags and has never bothered to send any back to HMB. If you'll send me a list of the information you want I'll approach him and try to explain.

After discussing the purpose of turtle tagging in our Oceanography class we came to the conclusion that Marine research performed by the University doesn't receive enough publicity. This is one of the reasons why people don't send back the tags and why a lot of their projects aren't enthusiastically supported by the public.

We could help you in the area of informing

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the community and urging them to cooperate. at our next PTA meeting, in May 31, I could inform the members of what you're doing and ask for information and help. The parents have begun to show much interest in Marine research since Sam Herrick gave a presentation and showed Barry Hill's slides of MOP at our last meeting. We could also write an article about Turtle tagging for our weekly community paper.

Last Sunday morning I drove to the store and was very surprised to see a turtle lying on its back and flapping its flippers. Some men speared the 20 pound, 20 inch green sea turtle in a bay just west of Pololu. Sorry, it didn't have a tag, although I almost talked them into giving me their turtle so you could tag it! No, not really, but I did try to get as much information out of them for you as was possible.

It's quite a coincidence that I've met a turtle tagger on Saturday and then carried a turtle on the very next day which is only the second time <sup>and I</sup> ~~and~~ I've touched a turtle <sup>13</sup> years ago.

It's also quite a coincidence that we both know Jennette Lai. Why did you mention

her name in particular instead of the other girls who worked on the net like maybe a Coriss, Judi, Diane, Terri or a Colleen. Strange! Junette might remember me as the French delegate in a black sweater and serving on the Marine Environment Control Commission at the Model U.N. conference.

I'd like to meet your friend in Tahiti and observe how the Tahitian department manages their fisheries. I'll be in Tahiti with the foundation for study in Hawaii and Abroad <sup>to</sup> study <sup>the</sup> French language and civilization under the auspices of Punahou school. I'll arrive in Papeete on Wednesday, July 11 and will be living with host families. From July 18 to Aug. 3 I'll be attending classes at the Lycée de Sauguin and from Aug. 3-11 will be continuing our classes at Siva. We return to Honolulu on Aug. 14 and will receive  $2\frac{1}{2}$  credit in French language and  $\frac{1}{2}$  credit in Pacific area studies. I'd appreciate it if you'd ask your friend if it would be possible to meet him sometime during my stay there as I am very interested in Marine biology.

It's too bad you missed the talent show because Wanette sang beautifully. She sang "Laurie" and "God Bless My Daddy" and won a trophy. She fibbed to you because she was embarrassed and didn't want you to hear her sing.

How did you like chasing sheep up on the mountains? Or were the sheep chasing you? I'd must have shot something, but I don't know whether Jim can shoot or not. Anyway I hope you had pleasant stay on the Big Island.

I'll keep you posted on any information that I receive in regard to turtles and please send the list of information you want. Also, let me know when you'll be coming back so I can let Mr. Sakamoto know. If there's anything I can do to help with any other research projects please let me know. I'd be glad to help in any way I can.

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Peace,  
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P.S. Couldn't remember how to spell your last name. Blazy? Blahs? Blags? Bloss? Blozs?