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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
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Dear Friends,

This letter is in regards to a most lovely pristine part of your Hawaiian Islands that needs so much the understanding and help of all of you. No where on earth is there such an impressive example of nature's unspoiled harmony and balance as at French Frigate Shoals, 500 miles N/W of Honolulu,

I had the good fortune to be stationed at French Frigate Shoals with the U.S. Coast Guard through 1945 to 1946, and during those years spent hundreds of hours, day and nighttime, observing the wildlife, fish, birds and turtles, that depend so much upon the naturalness of the Shoals and Islets for their very existence. Later, in 1976, I was happily able to return for a visit to French Frigate Shoals and once again joy in seeing the loveliness and beauty of the Atoll and the wildlife, untouched and un-exploited by man. The impression left upon me by the experiences at the Shoals, and prior to that on the other Islands of the Hawaiian chain, did much to build a love for nature and all that is so typical of the beauty of your Hawaiian Islands. French Frigate Shoals is a precious Hawaiian Heritage that deserves to be protected and appreciated for what it is.

Proudly I can say that I was one of the few that served my fellowman on French Frigate Shoals; and now hopefully can serve again by pleading for the preservation of an Atoll that took hundreds of thousands of years to develop to it's present balance of nature, and for God's little creatures who make French Frigate Shoals their home -- and who deserve to be undisturbed and un-exploited, as God meant it all to be.

Aloha! from an old friend,

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George! All mistakes in typing were properly corrected on the original. This carbon copy was not corrected. Hope you understand.
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