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Mr. Charles Park General Manager Mauna Lani Bay Hotel P. O. Box 4000 Kawaihae, HI 96743

Dear Mr. Park:

By this letter I am authorizing Mauna Lani Bay Hotel to maintain a second juvenile green sea turtle (Chelonia mydas) identifiable by tag numbers 8689 (right) and 5683 (left) and approximately 56 cm straight carapace length. This turtle will be kept only in the seawater pond on the northeast end of the pond system associated with the hotel building. This appears to be the only pond with depth sufficient for this turtle. If problems develop in maintenance of two turtles in this pond, please advise us immediately.

As the turtle we placed in your care in 1984, this turtle has a "living-tag" graft in its carapace and plastron and we intend to keep it in captivity until these marks are no longer visible. The animal will occasionally be checked by the staff of this Laboratory's Marine Mammals and Endangered Species Program. Should you or your staff decide that you can no longer maintain these turtles or if you have reason to suspect they may have health problems please contact Bill Gilmartin or George Balazs at 943-1221.

Thank you for your cooperation in maintenance of these animals for our research program.

Sincerely,

Richard S. Shomura

Director, Honolulu Laboratory

cc: WPPO