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Re: Withdrawal of Notice of Intent to Sue Regarding Violations of Section 9 at the Kokee Air Force Base

Dear Secretary Carter, Secretary James, and Lt. Col. Jarratt,

Thank you for your February 24, 2017 letter regarding the Air Force's efforts to comply with the Endangered Species Act at the Kokee Air Force Station. We have reviewed the biological opinion prepared by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the long-term operations of the Station, and are gratified that the Air Force is committed to meeting its obligations to protect threatened and endangered species on Kauai. We sincerely hope that in the years to come the Air Force will strongly consider implementing the conservation recommendations for compliance with Section 7(a)(1) of the Act.

We concur with you that litigation is no longer necessary given the Air Force's compliance, and we are formally withdrawing our Notice of Intent to Sue. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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