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Dear Mr. Simmons:

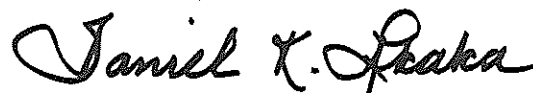
It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest aloha and congratulations to you for your outstanding work in coordinating the *Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands* debut concert at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai.

I welcome this opportunity to express my admiration for your encouragement and support to preserve and promote the Hawaiian culture, integrating it into the mainstream of contemporary American classical music. You offer the people of Hawaii the rare opportunity to enjoy an exciting and unique appreciation of the natural beauty of symphonic music.

In the spirit of this monumental debut concert, the *Orchestra of the Hawaiian Islands*, this evening's concert-goers will be entertained and inspired by symphonic music. This will be an exciting and memorable experience, an evening filled with great performances.

Again, congratulations! My thoughts are with you for your continued success as the Artistic Director of the American Music Festivals.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA  
U.S. Senator