

'Al Pohaku Workshop of the Wai'anae Community Re-Development Corporation  
P.O. 441 Wai'anae, Hawaii 96792, Ph. 808 696-5569  
Vince Kana'i Dodge, Coordinator, Ph. 808 478-3419

To: Husamuddin Akhras, Founder, Aloha Peace House  
From: Vince Kana'i Dodge, Coordinator, 'Al Pohaku Workshop  
Re: Commitment to Aloha Peace House

February 20, 2004

Aloha my brother Husamuddin,

Our non-profit community organization, the Wai'anae Community Re-Development Corporation is dedicated to providing training and support for our youth to take their rightful place as leaders in our communities. The 'Al Pohaku Workshop provides opportunities for youth and families to experience and participate in today's evolving kalo culture.

The relationship between Hawaiians and the kalo plant was and continues to be very deep, and very ancient. In the Kumulipo, the Hawaiian Creation chant, the kalo plant is the elder brother of the first human, the first Hawaiian. Kalo, the elder brother provides for the people by becoming the very best food for them, Poi made from kalo was the staple of the traditional Hawaiian diet and continues to be a very important food today.

Traditional cultivation of kalo was the means by which the Hawaiians respected and cared for their older brother, the kalo. These cultural practices are now greatly increasing throughout the islands.

You expressed the desire for the Palestinian and Israeli youth in Aloha Peace House to experience Hawaiian cultural practices. We would be honored to facilitate their immersion into the cultivation of kalo and other foods, and the preparation of poi and other foods. We have a youth run organic farm called MA'O and we are very closely connected to a community organic kalo farm. We believe that our youth would benefit greatly by working with and getting to know your youth.

As you confirm your plans please keep in touch with us.

For your finders this letter will serve as a letter of commitment to assist Aloha Peace House.

Ho'opiha kau 'eke poi I ka Manawa a pau,  
May your poi bowl be always full,

Vince Kanai Dodge  
Coordinator, 'Al Pohaku Workshop