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Press Briefing To Be Held By Hawaiian Independence Advocates On The 20th Anniversary Of The Apology Law

Tomorrow, November 23, 2013 marks the 20th anniversary of President Clinton's signing of the landmark US Public Law 103-150, popularly known as the Apology Law. In this law, the United States admitted to and apologized for its illegal actions beginning in 1893 that led to the usurpation of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

It was the second time a sitting US president admitted to and apologized for these wrongful acts committed against the people of the Hawaiian Kingdom. The first was during President Grover Cleveland's address to the U.S. Congress 120 years ago on December 18, 1893.

To mark this anniversary of the more recent (1993) Apology, Hawaiian Nationals and other independence advocates are gathering at 'Iolani Palace to comment on what impact, if any, the 1993 Apology has had in reconciling the problem of the unlawful occupation of the Hawaiian Islands by the United States of America.

Statements will be made to the press at 12:00 noon on the Palace grounds.

Pilipo Souza of The Committee of Hawaiian Nationals states: "The U.S. apology basically said, 'sorry for stealing your nation,' but the Apology purposely avoided providing any remedy, and the U.S. for the past 20 years has refused to engage in any meaningful dialog for reconciliation."

Leon Siu adds: "Instead of returning our country, the U.S. is trying to further subdue the Hawaiian people by offering to turn "Native Hawaiians" into a 'federally recognized' Native American Indian tribe. This is not reconciliation; this is humiliation. This is not freedom, this is bondage."

Several prominent advocates for a Free Hawaii are expected to speak.
