I take the liberty of addressing you for the second time regarding the controversy surrounding construction of the TMT on Mauna Kea. In this missile I urge you to consider whether the educational opportunities built into the project are of such import and present such opportunities for educational and economic advantage to the residents of Hilo, and particularly of the Hawaiian Homestead development of Keaukaha, that the project should be supported by you and allowed to move forward despite any resistance or misgivings of any of your members.

My experience at the Office of Mauna Kea Management and my observations of the economic situation in Hilo and, in particular, the economic and educational disadvantages suffered by the people of Keaukaha has left me with an abiding conviction that the project will assist greatly in overcoming those continuing concerns. TMT contains educational programs for the people, particularly the young people of Keaukaha which will assist them greatly in competing for any and all kinds of jobs that will become available, during construction and afterwards during further development of space exploration and discovery.

Let the small step in the advancement of astronomy exploration be a giant step for the people of Keaukaha.