Foreword

I am pleased to introduce this issue of *CRM* which focuses on cultural resource management and heritage conservation in the state of Hawai`i. During my years in the United States Senate, I have worked to educate my colleagues about Hawai`i's unique and special resources. The blending of Polynesian, Asian, and European cultures has given us a rich and priceless heritage. This multicultural setting provides both great opportunities and challenges for those of us who call Hawai`i our home.
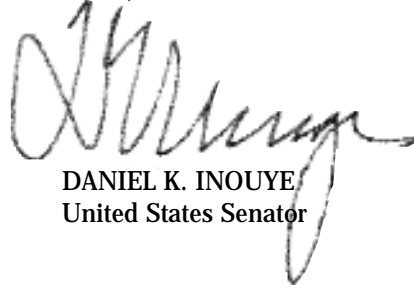
As can be seen in this issue of *CRM,* there are a number of motivated individuals dedicated to the preservation of Hawai`i's cultural resources. From the repatriation of Native Hawaiian cultural artifacts to the restoration of Kaho`olawe, there are many exciting projects. However, given the magnitude of the work to be done, and the limited resources with which to do it, important questions are being asked about the focus of preservation— what should be preserved, and how do we best accomplish this daunting task of preservation.

Through the Department of Defense's Legacy Program, and the development of the Museum of the American Indian, I have worked to insure that our native cultural resources will be respected and preserved for the future. In Hawai`i, millions of federal dollars have been devoted to identifying and preserving cultural resources at Mäkua Valley, the Schofield Training Area, and the Pohakuloa Training Area. I commend the many in our community who have devoted a significant portion of their lives to the cause. I applaud *CRM* for highlighting the endeavors of some of these people and hope it will serve as an educational tool through which others can appreciate their contributions and emulate their commitment.

As we approach the 21st century, cultural resource conservation must provide a window to look and see where we have been, to understand where we are today, and to plan our strategy for the future. It cannot be a choice. It must be a commitment—**our** commitment.

Aloha,

DANIEL K. INOUYE
United States Senator