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[The Governor of the Hawaiian Islands]

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STEPHEN EARLY  
Assistant Secretary to the President.

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TO THE CONGRESS:

It is particularly necessary to select for the post of Governor of Hawaii a man of experience and vision who will be regarded by all citizens of the Islands as one who will be absolutely impartial in his decisions on matters as to which there may be a difference of local opinion. In making my choice, I should like to be free to pick either from the Islands themselves or from the entire United States, the best man for this post. I request, therefore, suitable legislation temporarily suspending that part of the law which requires the Governor of Hawaii to be an actual resident of the Islands.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
May <sup>22</sup>, 1933.

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GOVERNOR OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

After a careful study of the situation, I am convinced that the Post of Governor of the Hawaiian Islands is of great importance at this time. It is particularly necessary to select a man of experience and vision who will be regarded by all citizens of the Islands as one who will be absolutely impartial in his decisions on matters as to which there may be a difference of local opinion. In making my choice, I would like to be free to pick either from the Islands themselves or from the entire United States, the best man for this post. I <sup>regard</sup> ~~think~~ therefore, ~~that you draft~~ suitable legislation temporarily suspending that part of the law which requires the Governor of the Hawaiian Islands to be an actual resident <sup>of the Islands.</sup> ~~for at least two years.~~

*for the post of Governor of the Hawaiian Islands*