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Mr. Gary Gill, Director Office of Environmental Quality Control Central Pacific Plaza 220 South King Street, 4th Floor Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Mr. Gill:

Subject: Negative Declaration for

Castle High School

Eight-Classroom Building

TMK 4-5-34:8

The Department of Accounting and General Services has received and reviewed only one comment letter (see Attachment) during the 30-day public comment period which began on September 8, 1995. The agency has determined that this project will not have a significant environmental impact and has issued a Negative Declaration. Please publish this notice in the December 8, 1995 OEQC bulletin.

We have enclosed a completed OEQC Bulletin Publication form and four copies of the final EA. If there are any questions on this matter, please have your staff call Mr. Allen Yamanoha of the Planning Branch at 586-0483.

Very truly yours,

GORDON MATSUOKA State Public Works Engineer

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Attachments

cc: PMB w/attachments

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (NEGATIVE DECLARATION) CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL EIGHT-CLASSROOM BUILDING NOVEMBER 9, 1995

- A. <u>PROPOSING AGENCY</u>: Department of Accounting and General Services for the Department of Education.
- B. APPROVING AGENCY: Not applicable.
- C. AGENCY CONSULTED: Department of Education.
- D. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE TECHNICAL, SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:
 - 1. Technical: This project is to construct a new twostory, reinforced concrete/masonry eight-classroom
 building of approximately 12,690 square feet. The
 project will consist of five general classrooms, three
 science classrooms (physics, chemistry, biology), one
 faculty center and eight restrooms. Also included in
 this project are any site improvements and utility easements that may result from this work.

2. Socio-Economic:

- a. The proposed project will not create sufficient work to substantially impact the economy and welfare of the community and State.
- b. The estimated cost of the project is \$3,245,000.
- c. Since the project will be constructed within the existing school campus, no land will be removed from the tax base.
- d. The project will provide the school with a muchneeded facility to implement its program in accordance with the Educational Specifications.

3. Environmental:

- a. The project will not create any major long-term environmental impacts.
- b. However, during construction, the air quality may be affected by dust and exhaust emissions and it is anticipated there will be a temporary increase in noise levels.

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c. These impacts are expected to be minimal since State and Federal regulations need to be met.

E. <u>SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF THE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING SITE MAPS:</u>

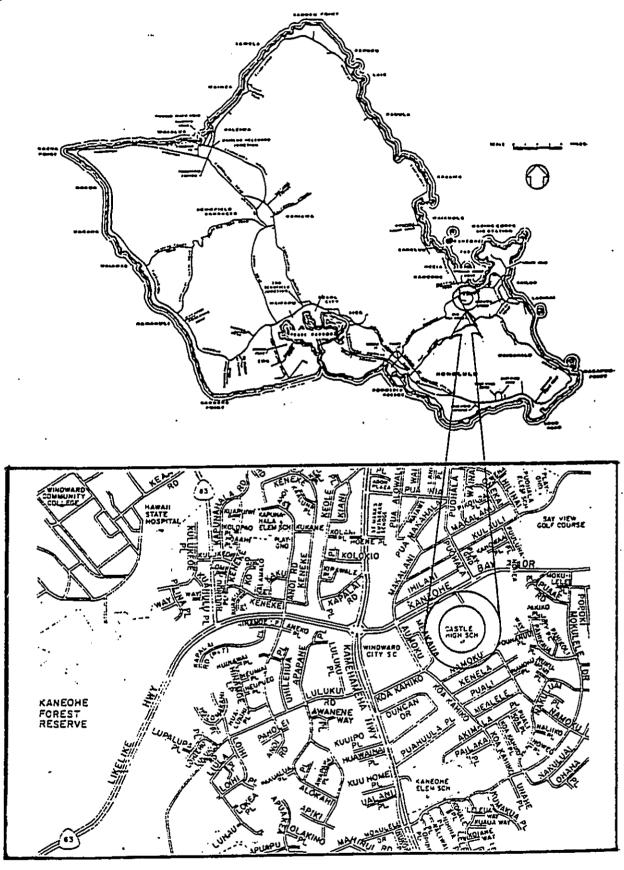
- 1. The site of the proposed project is located on the school campus (TMK 4-5-34:8).
- 2. No habitat of endangered species, flora or fauna are known to exist at the site.
- 3. No historical, archaeological or cultural sites are known to exist at the site.
- 4. The site is not in a Special Management Area.
- 5. The location map and site plan are as shown on Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

F. <u>IDENTIFICATION AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR IMPACTS AND ALTERNATIVES</u> <u>CONSIDERED</u>:

- 1. Major Impacts: The proposed project will not:
 - a. Involve an irrevocable commitment to loss or destruction of any natural or cultural resources.
 - b. Curtail the range of beneficial uses of the environment.
 - c. Conflict with the State's long-term environmental policies.
 - d. Substantially affect the economic or social welfare of the community or State.
 - e. Involve substantial secondary impacts, such as population changes or effects on public facilities.
 - f. Involve a substantial degradation of environmental quality.
 - g. Detrimentally affect air or water quality or ambient noise levels.

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- h. Be located in any environmentally sensitive area, such as a flood plain, tsunami zone, erosion-prone area, geologically hazardous land, estuary, fresh water, or coastal waters.
- 2. <u>Alternatives to the Proposed Project</u>: "No action" is not considered to be a viable or desirable alternative.
- G. <u>PROPOSED MITIGATION MEASURES</u>: Short-term impacts on air and noise quality during construction will be controlled by application of appropriate pollution and noise control measures.
- H. DETERMINATION: On the basis of the above assessment and on our findings, it is concluded that the proposed project will not have a permanently significant adverse impact on the environment (project is located on a developed school site currently used for educational purposes). During construction, historical and/or archaeological sites discovered will be reported to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, State Historic Preservation Division for guidance. It is also noted that background information from the Geographic Information System database (mainly from the City and County of Honolulu) is not currently available for this submittal but will be incorporated in other submittals to the Office of Environmental Quality Control when the information is readily available to the Department of Accounting and General Services.



LOCATION MAP

FIGURE 1

