

Hawaii Tribune Herald

Editor David Bock
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Dear Editor Bock:

Your Sunday, September 20, 2015 “Setting the Record Straight” invites corrections and a phone call to you, which I did today at your published telephone number, 808-930-7323.

My complaint is with your two-part article “**TMT Aims for 2024 Completion.**” Written by pro-TMT writer Tom Callis, the first segment is titled “Work Continues on Mirror, Other Telescope Features Despite Constructive Setback,” and the second article “‘King of Hawaii’ Threatens to Send Armed ‘Marshals’ to Aid Telescope Protesters.” The first segment expresses the biased hope the telescope will be timely completed to aid “science,” and the second article aims to discredit an alleged Hawaiian royal by publishing opposition to his effort to send armed “marshals” to the site to protect the “protectors” and the cultural artifacts they erect.

The specific errors that you need to correct source from Tom Callis’s claim that the purported Royal Family descendant sent a letter to Governor Ige that “repeated a conspiracy theory spread on social media that claims the observatory will be used as a military weapon by the United States to target satellites.” This statement is false and misleading for several reasons, as I should know as the co-author (with investigative journalist Sherri Kane) of the 400 page book and 39 minute newscast on this subject now on the Internet providing accurate intelligence that your newspaper is (1) neglecting, and (2) misrepresenting.

The fact is the TMT “mirror” that you herald has an “eye” called the CCID-61 “prototype” Adaptive Optics (AO) hardware manufactured by the U.S. Air Force through their Lincoln Labs in Lexington, Massachusetts. The power of that new “eye” is unprecedented, and TMT is planned for use as a military testing ground not simply for the U.S. military, but for “partner” China—two nations vying for “space supremacy.”

You will recall that: (1) the U.S. Govt. is not supposed to be involved in the TMT (i.e., the U.S. is not listed as a “partner” with China, Canada, India and Japan in the TMT project); (2) China

supports the Taliban in Afghanistan who are at war with America, and besides supporting Iran's nuclear program, China is threatening our Pacific Fleet in Taiwan; and (3) throughout the seven (7) years of purported "open public debate" on the TMT land lease deal with the Univ. of Hawaii and Department of Land and Natural Resources ("DLNR") all officials repeatedly claimed the TMT project has "no connections at all to the military." That statement is not only a lie, but conceals the threat of a "Space Pearl Harbor" brought to the attention of a U.S. Congressional investigating committee earlier this year. That CCID-61 AO "eye" is chillingly useful for administering "counter space" and nuclear missile "defense" systems and military operations everywhere on earth in "real time" from the "high ground" of space as seen through that "eye."

Accordingly, Tom Callis's biased *opinion* published as a "news feature" by the *Hilo Tribune Herald* claiming the aforementioned is a "conspiracy theory" needs to be retracted with an apology to everyone who is justifiably concerned about the lies output by TMT proponents including Mr. Callis. Otherwise, your newspaper will become increasingly discredited as news filters-out through your online competition. This includes the fact that hundreds of millions of dollars have been allocated to pro-TMT media outlets by a local public relations firm, and that it appears that Mr. Callis, with your complicity, is heralding a "conspiracy theory" to hash the disturbing "military reality" and fraud.

Sincerely yours,

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Leonard G. Horowitz

P.S. It is very apparent by your juxtaposed articles, and divisive content therein, that your newspaper discourages a unified anti-TMT effort, just as it discourages groups laboring for sovereignty and rights on par with those reclaimed by Native Americans; to come together with one organized voice to establish a provisional government. In essence, yours is the voice of commercial fraud and political repression.