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"Preamble: Fernando Wood"

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In view of our desire for freedom from the persistant
meddling
By state officials in city affairs,
In particular the harassment of our citizens and our
municipal police
By the so-called "Metropolitan Police,"
I, Fernando Wood, hereby declare our city a free and
independent state
To be named Tri-Insula.
If President Lincoln considers this an act of war,
Then the state of Tri-Insula shall declare war
Upon the United States of America, to claim her
independence.
No longer must our children be called upon to crush
the legitimate
Struggles of other disaffected peoples
Striving for their own independence
From the forces of tyranny.

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