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December 6, 1993

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The Honorable William Clinton
President
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Dear Mr. President:

You have received communication from SCLC Board Chairman, Walter Fauntroy {to which you responded 11/1/93} who headed a Congressional Task Force on Haiti from 1982-1990, regarding ways to implement the Governor's Island Accord. He has also provided suggestions to support the democratic center in Haiti as a means of facilitating the transition to democracy.

We respectfully urge you to support Prime Minister Robert Malval in his effort to find a negotiable, non-violent Haitian solution to the crisis. His attempts to persuade President Aristide to pursue a course of moderation and reconciliation is admirable and deserves our fullest support. His latest initiatives, focused on strengthening the democratic center, are also congruent with U. S. interests in a negotiated, non-violent settlement.

On November 12, SCLC and other labor and civil rights groups joined with Haitian activists in Atlanta and called for an embargo {save food and medicine} by land, sea and air. We also urged air drops of food and medicine. We rejected the notion of a military invasion. I am enclosing copies of our statements.

As noted in our "statement", we are prepared to participate in a "mission" to Haiti with Haitians to aid and assist in securing a non-violent democratization -- much in the mode and spirit suggested by Prime Minister Malval.

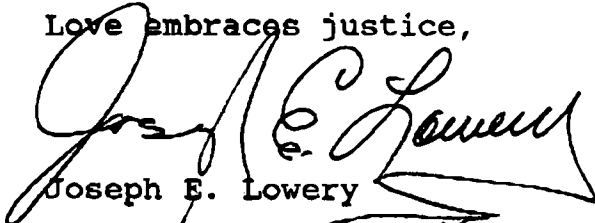
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We are anxious to discuss the "mission" with you and your administration.

Former Ambassador Andrew Young, a member of our Board of Directors {presently in South Africa} has agreed to work with us.

May we hear from you at the earliest possible date?

Love embraces justice,



Joseph E. Lowery



Walter E. Fauntroy
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FOR RELEASE:

"DEMOCRACY IN HAITI"

Jean Bertrand Aristide was elected President of Haiti in December, 1990 by more than two-thirds of the Haitian people!

Military leaders overthrew the duly elected government in a bloody coup which killed 500 civilians and drove 300,000 others into hiding. Another 3000 Haitians have been killed since and international officials report that the coup leaders are involved in shipping illegal drugs to the U.S.A.

Even after participating in the Governor's Island agreement in July, 1993....the military regime led by General Cedras has reneged on the agreement to permit Aristide's return; killed the Minister of Justice after dragging him from a worship service; and refuse to relinquish power. They obviously have no intention of restoring democracy.

While ultimately, the Haitian problem must be resolved by the Haitians...and the solutions will only be found by non-military means...we suggest interim measures to compel serious negotiations. As an interim measure we urge the Clinton administration to:

- I. Impose economic sanctions including trade embargo...by sea, by air and by land exempting food and medicine which needs to be air dropped.
- II. Urge the United Nations Security Council to adopt such sanctions.
- III. Reconsider and reverse the present policy (an extension of Bush Administration policy) of slamming the U. S. door in the face of Haitian refugees, and grant asylum to those whose desperation and fear of persecution and death drive them to seek refuge on our shores.

NOTE: SCLC and colleagues, including members of the Haitian community are developing a proposal for a "Mission for Peace & Justice in Haiti Through Non-violence" wherein we are prepared to go to Haiti to work with Haitians toward resolution of their problems within the context of non-violence. We shall not abandon our commitment to the efficacy of non-violent alternatives to conflict resolution! A military invasion will not resolve the problem!

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STATEMENT BY
REVEREND JOSEPH E. LOWERY, PRESIDENT, S.C.L.C.
NOVEMBER 12, 1993

WE ARE HERE TODAY TO URGE THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE IMMEDIATE, STRONG STEPS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF HAITI -- THE FIRST BLACK REPUBLIC ON OUR CONTINENT.

IN DECEMBER, 1990 -- IN THE FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTION IN RECENT TIMES -- TWO-THIRDS OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE VOTED JEAN BERTRAND ARISTIDE AS PRESIDENT.

LEADERS OF THE MILITARY OVERTHREW THE DULY ELECTED GOVERNMENT IN A BLOODY COUP WHICH KILLED 500 CIVILIANS AND DROVE 300,000 HAITIANS INTO HIDING FEARFULL FOR THEIR LIVES. SINCE THAT TIME 3,000 ADDITIONAL HAITIANS HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE WAS DRAGGED FROM A WORSHIP SERVICE AND MURDERED. THE MILITARY OUTLAWS UNDER THE RULE OF GENERAL CEDRAS HAVE OBVIOUSLY NO INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING POWER AND ALLOWING THE RETURN OF ARISTIDE.

LET ME STATE UNEQUIVOCALLY FOUR PRINCIPLES UPON WHICH WE TAKE OUR STAND.

- 1) THE ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF THE HAITIAN CRISIS RESIDES IN THE HANDS, HEARTS AND WILL OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE. OUR ROLE IS TO PRECIPITATE AND FACILITATE A JUST AND PEACEFUL SOLUTION BY THE HAITIAN PEOPLE.
- 2) WE SUPPORT AN EMBARGO AS AN INTERIM MEASURE TO PRECIPITATE AND FACILITATE THE COMING TOGETHER OF THE FACTIONS IN HAITI...WE CALL FOR THE EXEMPTION OF FOOD AND MEDICINE AND POSSIBLE AIR DROPS OF FOOD AND MEDICINE NOW, TO BE SURE SUCH AN EMBARGO WILL HURT MANY OF THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO HELP. THAT IS

ALWAYS A PART OF THE INTERIM PRICE WE PAY FOR REMOVING THE PERMANENT PAIN OF OPPRESSION. THE EMBARGO IS A NON-MILITARY MEANS OF COMPELLING THE OPPRESSOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE OPPRESSED. SOUTH AFRICA IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSUASION THROUGH SANCTIONS.

- 3) WE SHALL NOT ABANDON OUR COMMITMENT TO THE EFFICACY OF NON-VIOLENCE IN RESOLVING CONFLICT AND IN OVERCOMING OPPRESSION..WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT PREPARED TO CONDONE THE MILITARY INVASION OF ANOTHER THIRD WORLD NATION -- A MILITARY INVASION COULD RESULT IN THE SLAUGHTER OF COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF CIVILIANS. WE HAVE WITNESSED SUCH A TRAGEDY IN PANAMA AND OTHER NATIONS.

SECONDLY, A MILITARY INVASION WOULD REQUIRE OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY TO ENFORCE THE POLICIES...THE LAST TIME WE INVADED HAITI, WE STAYED FOR 20 YEARS AND LEFT THE RUTHLESS DESPOTIC DUVALIERS IN POWER. EVEN THOUGH HE IS IN EXILE SINCE 1986, THE INFLUENCE OF DUVALIER CASTS AN OMINOUS SHADOW ON THE HAITIAN PEOPLE THROUGH THE PRESENT MILITARY RULERS.

THIRDLY, THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CHANCE THAT THE U. S. A. WILL RISK THE LIVES OF OUR TROOPS IN SUCH A VENTURE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF OUR EXPERIENCE IN SOMALIA -- A NON-MILITARY OPERATION IN PURPOSE.

- 4) REVERSE POLICY OF REJECTING HAITIAN REFUGEES NOT CLINCHED FISTS -- OPEN ARMS.

FINALLY, WE COME TODAY TO ANNOUNCE EFFORTS TO CONSTITUTE A MISSION TO HAITI -- A MISSION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE.

WE INITIATED SUCH A MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST IN 1979 -- CALLING FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM.

THANK GOD WE STOOD ON WHITE HOUSE LAWN A FEW WEEKS AGO AND WATCHED THE GOALS OF THAT MISSION JOINED -- WHILE THEY HAVE A LONG, LONG WAY TO GO, THE PLO AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO END THE VIOLENCE.

WE ARE PREPARED TO GO TO PORT AU PRINCE WITH THE SAME MESSAGE WE GO TO PHILADELPHIA -- STOP THE KILLING -- END THE VIOLENCE.

WE CALL FOR BEATING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES ... IN AFRICA AND ATLANTA...IN BELFAST AND BIRMINGHAM....

LET'S TURN TO EACH OTHER AND NOT ON EACH OTHER...SINCE ARAFAT AND RABIN HAVE JOINED HANDS....NOW CEDRAS AND ARISTIDES -- THEN BUTHLEZI AND MANDELLA, IT'S TIME TO TURN TO EACH OTHER AND NOT ON EACH OTHER.



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