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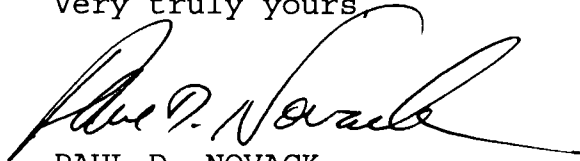
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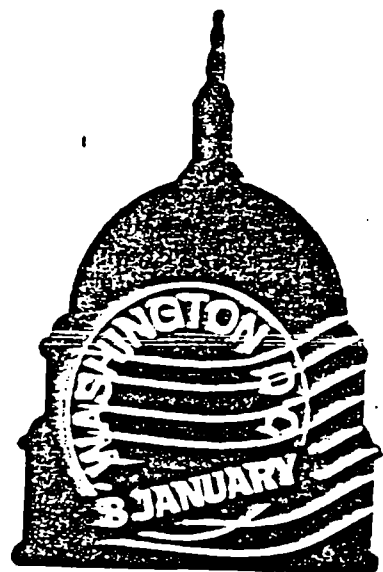
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Local Cities Donate Vehicles to Provide Public Services in Haiti

Working together to find ways to support democracy and help provide desperately needed public services in Haiti, cities in Dade County have combined to donate surplus vehicles to the strapped Haitian government.

With the first transfer of fifteen vehicles to the Republic of Haiti to occur next week, Haitian officials are gratefully accepting the support and pledging to put the vehicles to immediate use. Included within the first shipment will be passenger vans, public works pick-up trucks, garbage trucks, and former police cars.

Each of the vehicles are surplus and would have been put up for auction sale. Their value in local markets is extremely low, and on some occasions cities have had a net loss on such vehicles after consideration of the costs of administration, advertising, and auctions.

Praised as a method of providing important support for the development of democracy in Haiti and vitally needed local services to the Haitian population, the concept has proven worthwhile on both an international and local level.

"This is important support that we will put to good use for the benefit of our people," said Haitian Prime Minister Smarck Michel. "We appreciate the support and concern of local governments in

Dade County," he said.

The effort has already drawn notable attention. "This project serves the interests of both the United States and Haiti, and I truly commend it," said U.S. Senator Joseph Biden.

The project was proposed by Surfside Mayor Paul Novack. Novack visited Haiti earlier this year with Surfside Commissioner Alan Rubin, at their own expense, to survey conditions and develop means of supporting democratic institutions and local services.

"We have an effective and efficient means of providing meaningful support, and we hope that it will be used to its maximum potential," said Novack.

Novack and Rubin intend to return to Haiti to witness delivery of the vehicles. Joining them will be Metro-Dade Commissioner James Burke and El Portal Councilman Philip Derosé.

Participating local governments include Surfside, El Portal, North Miami, Miami Shores, North Miami Beach, Miami, and Metro-Dade County. A total of fifteen vehicles will comprise the first shipment.

"This has been a wonderful effort, one that the people of our cities can be very proud of," said Councilman Derosé. "In this project, everyone wins, with no cost to the taxpayers," he said.

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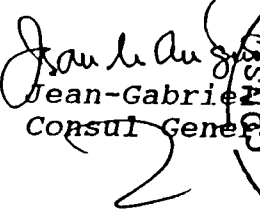
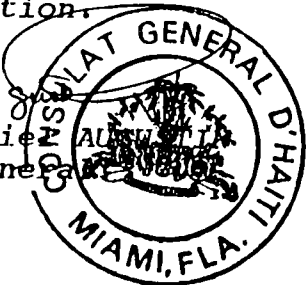
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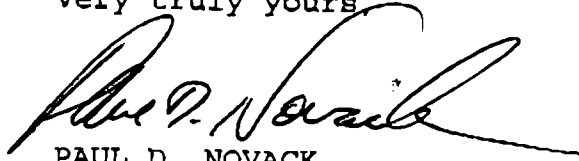
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659 NE 138th Street
Miami-Florida-33161



Florida, June, 21, 1996

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Our organization is currently operating in the departments of south and southeast of Haiti since its inception in 1989. To date, we have assisted a number of people in those two regions who had solicited our help. However, today we are unable to respond to the multifaceted needs of our peasant population more specifically, the poor children to whom we have, in the past, provided school materials (pens, pencils, notepads, etc...)

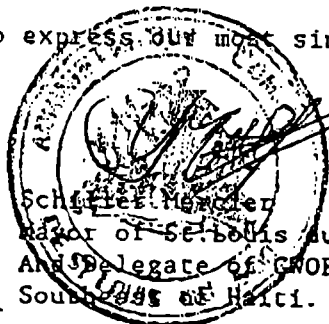
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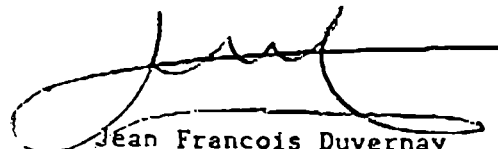
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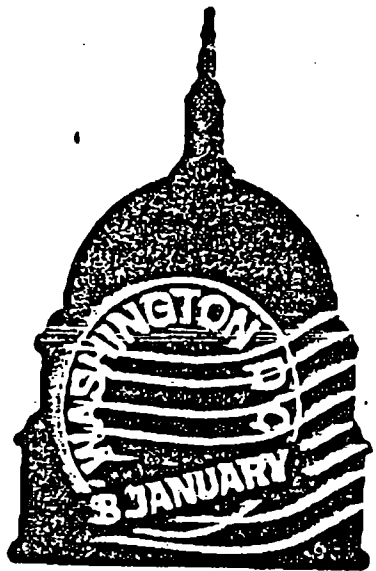
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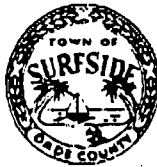
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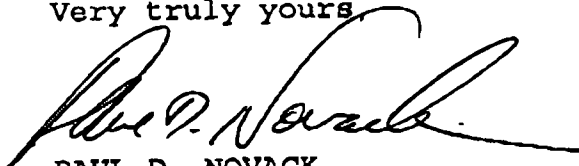
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