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July 20, 1999

**Ms. Sandra L. Thurman
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
The White House
736 Jackson Place
Washington, D.C. 20503**

Dear Ms. Thurman,

I have worked hard on Sunday, July 18, to assemble a number of senior Ambassadors representing the various sub-regions of Africa. We all came there yesterday, and participated in the event. Indeed, it was a timely initiative and a praiseworthy undertaking. We are very grateful for the continuing commitment of the United States government.

Let me point out though we left there somewhat uncomfortable at the utter lack of recognition of our presence and also not being assigned any seats. Here were the official representatives of Africa to grace an initiative so dear to their hearts and everyone else in the room would be recognized, and not THEM! I leave that for your own judgement.

We commend you, however, for the wonderful work you are doing; and please don't hesitate to seek our inputs or help anytime.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roble Olhaye', written over the typed name and title.

**ROBLE OLHAYE
Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps**