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Mr. Bill Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Greetings Mr. President,

My name is Kemi Southey-Cole, and I'm a reporter with the Voice of America radio, VOA. The VOA is the United States International Broadcast Bureau. The VOA provides news to a global audience of over 75 million on international events, including news about the United States. We broadcast daily in 53 languages, 9 of which are African. The VOA is regarded as a credible source of news worldwide because of the respect we command as broadcasters. That healthy respect comes from an audience that relies on us for factual news.

I am inviting you to visit the Voice of America before you commence your Africa trip, for an interview. By talking with the VOA you will be able to set the tone for your trip, particularly the Nigeria segment where VOA has its largest audience. Nigeria's President Olusegun Obasanjo, your first host-to-be, was VOA's special Guest of Honor this past May at a symposium on 'Democracy in Nigeria' held in Washington, D.C. He joined us by telephone from Abuja, the Nigerian capital. Each time we have invited President Obasanjo, and other eminent persons of his stature, they have always found a way to share their time with our audience. The ripple effect such broadcasts have has been phenomenal.

I trust that, as President of the United States, you will accept my invitation to speak to the people of Africa, in preparation for your trip Thursday. My telephone number is (202) 619-2639, and my fax number is (202) 619-1664. I am also providing you Sir with the number of Sanford Ungar, VOA Director. It is (202) 619-3375. Director Ungar's fax number is (202) 260-2228.

Respectfully yours,

Kemi Southey-Cole.
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