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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 27, 1994

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: HIS EXCELLENCY SADAKO OGATA

SUBJECT: EXPRESSES CONCERN REGARDING THE FUNDAMENTAL  
CHANGE IN THE POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES  
TOWARDS HAITIAN ASYLUM SEEKERS

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Mr. President,

It was a great honour and privilege to be able to meet you during my official visit to Washington. I would like to express, once again, my sincere appreciation for the fundamental change in the policy of the United States towards Haitian asylum seekers that you announced on 8 May 1994. Upholding the basic principles of international refugee protection is the prime objective of my Office and I am confident that I can count on the continued leadership of the United States in this regard.

Being fully aware of the dilemma the United States faces with regard to the outflow of Haitian boat people and of the very complex nature of the Haitian refugee issue, I would like to assure you that my Office will be cooperating to the fullest extent possible with your Administration to ensure the successful implementation of the new policy.

I have appointed a special envoy for Haiti, Mr. Kofi Asomani, who will be closely coordinating our policy with your Administration. We have held useful and encouraging discussions with your Special Envoy, Mr. William Gray, and we believe we are off to a very good start. For my part, I will personally see to it that all efforts will be made to encourage other countries to participate in and provide support for the new United States policy.

May I also take this opportunity to register my gratitude for the excellent logistical and technical support provided to UNHCR by the United States Department of Defense, particularly in our humanitarian assistance operations in the former Yugoslavia and now on behalf of refugees from Rwanda. The Department of Defense's efforts have eased the suffering of hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons. In addition, I should like to express my deepest appreciation for the substantial political and financial support which you and your Government have provided for refugee situations around the world. Your continued support and leadership make a substantial difference for millions of refugees and people at risk.

Accept, Mr. President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

*With best wishes.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sadako Ogata".

Sadako Ogata

The Honorable William J. Clinton  
President  
The White House  
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