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Battenfield, Pat A.

From: Sanders, Robin R.
Sent: Monday, April 13, 1998 9:50 AM
To: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: JJ/trade bill ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

I understand that JJ is still speaking out against the trade bill and is continuing to express his views and supports Ron Walters' position who is of like mind - pass this on fyi - rrs

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FAX MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 10, 1998
TO: Ambassador Joe Wilson
FAX: 202-456-9260
VOICE:
SUBJECT: Nigerian invitation...
FROM: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson
CONTACT: Lorraine Westbrook
TELEPHONE: (202) 333-5270 X18
RETURN FAX: (202) 785-2391
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09-04-98

Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.
Special Representative to the President of the United States
and the Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa
Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Inc.
1002 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Reverend Jackson Sr.

**LETTER OF INVITATION FOR A MEETING WITH HIS EXCELLENCY,
GENERAL SANI ABACHA GOON- HEAD OF STATE AND
COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE NIGERIA ARMED FORCES.**

I have been instructed to invite you to come to Nigeria at your earliest convenience for a meeting with the Head of State His Excellency, Gen. Sani Abacha. (GOON-Commander in

For your guidance, there is a public holiday in Nigeria from Friday (10th April) until the 13th being Easter Monday. Meetings could be arranged as from Sunday the 12th of April 1998.

I shall remain in Nigeria to receive you and facilitate the meetings. You can always reach me through my Lagos telephone contacts—01-2618403/ 01-2613635.
Please, inform us of your date of arrival as soon as possible. Our Embassy in Washington D.C. has been instructed to issue you with the appropriate visa.

Happy Easter in advance

Yours Sincerely


Amb. H. O. Oluwalanle
Nigerian Ambassador to U.S.A.

Fax: (202) 785-2391 Attention: Ms. Lorraine Westbrook

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MEETING WITH
REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

DATE: March 13, 1998

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 1:30-2:00 p.m.

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER 

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Reverend Jackson following his second trip to Africa as your Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. Jackson will also want to discuss your upcoming trip to Africa.

II. BACKGROUND

Jackson traveled to Africa in early February to Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DROC) and Liberia in his role as the Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. In Kenya, Jackson gave a strong message to President Moi on his responsibility to engage with the opposition and to end the political violence that has plagued the country. Jackson also met with opposition and civil society leaders and successfully prodded Moi to visit clash areas. In DROC, Jackson succeeded in reaching out to civil society and the opposition, but President Kabila and Foreign Minister Karaha cancelled their appointments with Jackson, following a trend by Kabila to make major political gaffes. Nonetheless, Jackson supports inviting Kabila to the regional roundtable in Uganda - which we are in the process of doing. Following Jackson's visit, but not necessarily connected to it, opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi was exiled to his home province for violating a ban on political activity. Jackson's visit to Liberia was well received as was his message about our commitment to helping Liberia rebuild.

Jackson will also wish to discuss your trip to Africa. I went over it in detail with him Wednesday night and he was supportive. He will be pushing several issues: Nigeria

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policy, an invitation to Ghana for Liberian President Taylor, logistics for his staff and spouse, and possibly the Africa trade bill.

Jackson has long advocated a more pro-active engagement with Nigeria, and will push to have you address this during your trip. You should explain that our current policy results from Nigeria's past poor human rights and democracy record and was designed to pressure them into better performance. You will want to note that we are open to increased engagement, but not just for the sake of engagement; we expect results. You should encourage Jackson to discuss with me or Joe Wilson specifics of how this might be addressed on the trip.

Jackson may request that you move quickly to give Liberia more assistance, and urge you to invite President Taylor to meet with you in Ghana. On assistance, you should tell Jackson that we recognize Liberia's need for substantial assistance, but will continue to take a measured approach with the government and provide the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society. Assistance to the government will be calibrated on their performance on human rights and governance. On a meeting with Taylor, you should note the already very tight schedule in Ghana, and ask Jackson to further discuss this with me and Joe.

Jackson may ask to bring both his wife and his staffer with him on your trip. I told him (as has Sylvia) that "plus one" is more than any CODEL members are getting, and he is being treated on par with Cabinet members. Room and seat limitations preclude making an exception. I hope you will back this up or we will have serious problems with the rest of the sizeable delegation.

Jackson may also raise the Africa trade bill that passed in the House on Wednesday by a vote of 233 to 186. Jesse Jackson Jr. came out on Wednesday as a scathing opponent. I discussed the bill with Jesse (Sr.) Wednesday and he is supportive.

III. PARTICIPANTS

The President
Chief of Staff to the President Erskine Bowles
Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
Sandy Berger

Deputy Chief of Staff to the President Sylvia Mathews
Assistant to the Vice President for National Security
Affairs Leon Fuerth
Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for
African Affairs Joe Wilson

Reverend Jackson
Others TBD

IV. PRESS PLAN

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Attachments

Tab A Talking Points
Tab B Draft Trip Schedule

Tab A

SUMMARY POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

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- Understand stops in Kenya and Liberia went very well.
- Seems you had good effect on both Moi and Taylor - Moi visiting the site of clashes after you left and Taylor taking to heart his responsibilities by hiring three new competent ministers.

Your Trip to Africa

- Wanted to give you a brief overview of my trip. (Tab B)
- We announced on Wednesday that we will add a short stop in Rwanda to the trip itinerary.
- On the regional summit in Entebbe, discussed Kabila's participation with regional leaders. We have decided to invite him, but have not yet received a reply.

Nigeria

- Our policy has come about due to Nigeria's past poor human rights and democracy record - including the killing of Ken Saro-Wiwa (Sarah-WE-wa) in November 1995.
- We are open to increased engagement, but not just for the sake of engagement; we expect results. We've told the government this on a number of occasions.

Liberia

- Will continue to take a measured approach with the government and provide the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance.
- As for meeting with Taylor in Ghana, schedule there is already very tight; don't see where we could fit this in.

Jackson Staff/Wife (IF RAISED)

- Sure you can appreciate that space is extremely tight. The capability of these countries to handle large delegations is very limited.
- None of the CODEL participants will be bringing any staff, and Cabinet members are being limited to one staff person as well.

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- Glad you went to Congo (DROC). Unfortunate that President Kabila seems to be adept at making the wrong moves at the wrong time.

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- Think it important to address the issue of genocide in the region and to pay our respect to the victims of the 1994 genocide.
- On the regional summit in Entebbe, discussed Kabila's participation with regional leaders. We have decided to invite him, but have not yet received a reply.
- We are all very excited about this trip. Trying to pack a lot in, so we have had to make hard decisions on a few issues and on the country itinerary.

Nigeria

- Understand your concerns that we have not been actively engaged with the government of Nigeria.
- Our policy has come about due to Nigeria's past poor human rights and democracy record - including the killing of Ken Saro-Wiwa (Sarah-WE-wa) in November 1995.

- We are open to increased engagement, but not just for the sake of engagement; we expect results. We've told the government this on a number of occasions.
- I will speak to this issue in some of my private discussions with leaders during the trip.
- Encourage you to discuss this further with Sandy or Joe.

Liberia

- Understand you had good meetings with Taylor and that interagency team now in Monrovia following up.
- As we move forward with Liberia, need to balance Liberia's great need for assistance with a measured approach towards our engagement.
- Will continue to take a measured approach with the government and provide the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance.
- As for meeting with Taylor in Ghana, schedule there is already very tight; don't see where we could fit this in.
- Think that it best to wait on meeting with Taylor for a while. Again, Joe and Sandy can provide you more detail.

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Tab B

CURRENT THINKING ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN AFRICA

as of 3/12/98

Sunday, March 22

- Fly to Accra, Ghana (red-eye)

Monday, March 23 - Accra

- Arrive Ghana
- Bilateral Meeting with President Rawlings
- Address to the People of Ghana
- Lunch with President Rawlings
- Event at TechnoServe/Peace Corps
- Embassy Meet & Greet
- Fly to Kampala, Uganda

Tuesday, March 24 – Kampala

- Bilateral Meeting with President Museveni
- Visit School in Jinja – speech on education initiative
- Visit Foundation for International Community Assistance (FINCA) Project in Jinja
- RON Kampala

Wednesday, March 25 – Kigali & Kampala

- Fly to Kigali, Rwanda
- Discussion with Refugees
- Tarmac Statement
- Fly to Kampala
- Regional Leaders Meeting in Entebbe (3 hours)
- Regional Leaders Reception
- Fly to Cape Town
- RON Cape Town

Thursday, March 26 –Cape Town

- Down for the morning
- Courtesy Call by Deputy President Mbeki
- Arrival Ceremony
- Speech to Parliament
- Speaker's Meeting
- RON Cape Town

Friday, March 27 – Cape Town

- Bilateral Meeting with President Mandela
- Joint Press Conference with President Mandela
- Visit Robben Island
- State Dinner
- RON Cape Town

Saturday, March 28 – Johannesburg

- Trade and Investment Event (Johannesburg or Cape Town)
- Discussion on the Future in Tocoza (with Mbeki)
- Lay wreath at Hector Peterson Memorial in Soweto
- RON Johannesburg

Sunday, March 29 – Gaborone / Chobe

- Fly to Gaborone
- Bilateral Meeting with President Masire at State House
- Reception hosted by President Masire at State House
- Fly to Chobe
- Visit Village of Lesona – participate in local town hall meeting
- RON Chobe (Staff RON in Gaborone)

Monday, March 30 – Chobe

- Game drive
- Afternoon down
- RON Chobe

Tuesday, March 31 – Chobe

- Environment Event
- Fly to Gaborone
- Departure Meeting with President Masire
- Embassy Meet & Greet
- Fly to Senegal
- RON Dakar

Wednesday, April 1 – Dakar

- Bilateral Meeting with President Diouf
- Reception with President Diouf
- Visit ACRI training site in Theis
- Civil Society Event in Dal Diam Village
- RON Dakar

Thursday, April 2 – Dakar

- Meeting with Civil Society Leaders
- Visit Goree Island - tour Slave House and Remarks to Residents of Goree Island
- Fly Home

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

March 12, 1998

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JOSEPH C. WILSON

FROM: ERICA BARKS-RUGGLES

SUBJECT: The President's meeting with Rev. Jesse Jackson

Following your phone call of March 11, the President will meet on March 13 with Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jackson will likely wish to discuss the President's upcoming trip to Africa and his own second trip to Africa in February as the Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa.

Attached at Tab I is a briefing memorandum from you to the President for the meeting. During the pre-brief it will be important to remind the President of the logistic constraints on extra personnel and that he will need to resist Jackson's efforts to have both his wife and his staffer come on the trip.

You can also reassure Jackson that Kenyan President Moi has already been invited to the regional summit in Uganda.

Concurrence by: Nicole Elkon

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached memorandum to the President.

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Tab I Memorandum to the President
Tab A Talking Points
Tab B Draft Trip Schedule

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Others TBD

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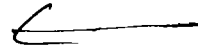
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Attachments

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Tab C Draft Trip Schedule

POINTS TO BE MADE FOR MEETING WITH
REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

✓✓ Jackson's Trip to Africa

- ✓ • Understand stops in Kenya and Liberia went very well.
- ✓ • Seems you had good effect on both Moi and Taylor - Moi visiting the site of clashes after you left and Taylor taking to heart his responsibilities by hiring three new competent ministers.
- Glad you went to Congo (DROC). Unfortunate that President Kabila seems to be adept at making the wrong moves at the wrong time.

✓ Your Trip to Africa

- ✓ • Wanted to give you a brief overview of my trip. (Tab B)
- ✓ • We announced on Wednesday that we will ~~be adding~~ a short stop in Rwanda to the trip itinerary.
- Think it important to address the ~~continuing activity of~~ ^{issue of genocide} ~~genocidaires~~ in the region and to ~~emphasize the importance that the genocide never be repeated,~~ and to pay our respect to the victims of the 1994 genocide.
- ✓ • On the regional summit in Entebbe, discussed ^{Kabila's participation} with regional leaders. ~~regarding Kabila's participation in the Summit.~~ We have decided to invite him, but have not yet received a reply.
- We are all very excited about this trip. Trying to pack a lot in, so we have had to make hard decisions on a few issues and on the country itinerary.

✓ Nigeria

- Understand your concerns that we have not been actively engaged with the government of Nigeria.
- ✓ • Our policy has come about due to Nigeria's past poor human rights and democracy record - including the killing of Ken Saro-Wiwa (Sarah-WE-wa) in November 1995.

✓ We are open to increased engagement, but not just for the sake of engagement; we expect results. We've told the government this on a number of occasions.

- ~~I know~~ I will ~~want to~~ speak to this issue in some of my private discussions with ~~some~~ leaders during the trip.
- Encourage you to discuss this further with Sandy or Joe.

✓ Liberia

- Understand you had good meetings with Taylor and that interagency team now in Monrovia following up.
- As we move forward with Liberia, need to balance Liberia's great need for assistance with a measured approach towards our engagement.
- ✓ Will continue to take a measured approach with the government and provide the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance.
- ✓ As for meeting with Taylor in Ghana, schedule there is already very tight; don't see where we could fit this in.
- Think that it best to wait on meeting with Taylor for a while. Again, Joe and Sandy ~~might be able to give you more detail on this once done here.~~ *can provide*

Jackson Staff/Wife (IF RAISED)

- ~~Understand you are concerned about bringing only one person with you.~~
- Sure you can appreciate that space is extremely tight. The capability of these countries to handle large delegations is very limited.
- None of the CODEL participants will be bringing any staff, and Cabinet members are being limited to one staff person as well.
- ~~Sorry, but just no give. We have to keep everyone to just plus one.~~

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEETING WITH
REVEREND JESSE JACKSON

DATE: March 13, 1998

LOCATION: The Oval Office

TIME: 1:30-2:00 p.m.

FROM: SAMUEL BERGER

I. PURPOSE

To meet with Reverend Jackson following his second trip to Africa as your Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. Jackson will also want to discuss your upcoming trip to Africa.

II. BACKGROUND

Jackson traveled to Africa in early February to Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DROC) and Liberia in his role as the Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. In Kenya, Jackson gave a strong message to President Moi on his responsibility to engage with the opposition and to end the political violence that has plagued the country. Jackson also met with opposition and civil society leaders and successfully prodded Moi to visit clash areas. In DROC, Jackson succeeded in reaching out to civil society and the opposition, but President Kabila and Foreign Minister Karaha cancelled their appointments with Jackson, following a trend by Kabila to make major political gaffes. Nonetheless, Jackson supports inviting Kabila to the regional roundtable in Uganda - which we are in the process of doing. Following Jackson's visit, but not necessarily connected to it, opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi was exiled to his home province for violating a ban on political activity. Jackson's visit to Liberia was well received as was his message about our commitment to helping Liberia rebuild.

Jackson will also wish to discuss your trip to Africa. ~~You might share the outline schedule attached at Tab B.~~ He will be pushing several issues: Nigeria policy, an

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Jackson may request that you move quickly to give Liberia more assistance, and urge you to invite President Taylor to meet with you in Ghana. On assistance, you should tell Jackson that we recognize Liberia's need for substantial assistance, but will continue to take a measured approach with the government and provide the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society. Assistance to the government will be calibrated on their performance on human rights and governance. On a meeting with Taylor, you should note the already very tight schedule in Ghana, and ask Jackson to further discuss this with me and Joe.

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Jackson may ask to bring both his wife and his staffer with him on your trip. ~~He has been firmly told~~ "plus one" is more than any CODEL members are getting, and he is being treated on par with Cabinet members. Room and seat limitations preclude making an exception. *I hope you will back this up or*

we will have serious problems with the rest of the sizeable delegation.

Jackson may also raise the Africa trade bill that passed in the House on Wednesday by a vote of 233 to 186. Jesse Jackson Jr. came out on Wednesday as a scathing opponent. ~~of the bill in juxtaposition to Rev. Jackson's support for it.~~

I discussed the bill with Jesse (Sr.) Wednesday and he is supportive.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JOSEPH C. WILSON *JCW*

FROM: ERICA BARKS-RUGGLES *ER*

SUBJECT: Your phone call to Rev. Jesse Jackson, Wednesday,
March 11, 1998,

You will be calling Reverend Jackson in advance of his Friday meeting with the President. Jackson will want to talk to the President primarily about the upcoming trip to Africa, but will also discuss briefly his second trip to Africa - to Kenya, DROC and Liberia - in February, and his role as the Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. Attached at Tab A are talking points for the call. Tab B is a summary of Jackson's trip.

President's Trip

Jackson will be pushing several issues: a SADC summit, Nigeria policy, Liberia policy, logistics for his staff and spouse, and possibly the Africa trade bill.

SADC Summit: You will need to explain to Jackson that a SADC summit was considered for the trip, but that from a policy perspective it is more critical to hold a regional summit concentrating on the issues of conflict prevention, management and resolution in the Great Lakes region. The trade and investment issues that would have been the primary focus of a SADC summit will still receive wide coverage in South Africa and in Uganda and Ghana, and a second regional summit was logistically impossible. Secretary Daley is attempting to host a regional business meeting in Ghana and a East Africa Community Trade Ministers meeting in Uganda to discuss regional trade issues. In South Africa the President will devote a significant portion of his time to trade and investment and recognition of the growing American business presence in Africa.

Nigeria: Jackson is also concerned that our policy toward Nigeria continues to stagnate. He has long advocated a more pro-active engagement with Nigeria, including high-level

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contacts to try and move them towards a more democratic and open government, and will push to have the President address this during the trip. Our policy community remains somewhat divided on this issue and we have a request in to your office to meet with Secretary Albright and Brian Atwood to make decisions before the President's trip. You should let Jackson know that the President will discuss our policy with regional leaders, but only in private. Nigeria policy will not be a large public issue on this trip, and you should request that he not push this with the President.

Liberia: Jackson will push for us to move quickly to give Liberia more assistance. However, we and State agree that we must continue to take a measured approach with the GOL, providing the bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance and calibrating assistance to the government based on their performance on human rights and governance issues. An interagency team is in Liberia assessing possible assistance programs and discussing these issues with the GOL in the wake of Jackson's trip.

Jackson Staff/Wife: Jackson may ask to bring both his wife and his staffer (an Ethiopian citizen) on the plane with him. He has been firmly told plus one is more than any CODEL members are getting, and he has the same deal as Cabinet members. The plus one only is firm. He will have to choose whom he wants to bring with him. You will need to fireproof the President on this issue before Jackson sees him.

Africa Trade Bill: Jackson may also raise concerns about the Africa trade bill that have been voiced by Randall Robinson and others. Attached at Tab D is a separate memo that was prepared for the President on this topic, including South African sensitivities.

You may wish to share with Jackson the outline schedule attached at Tab C.

Attachments:

- Tab A Talking Points
- Tab B Summary of Jackson's Second Trip
- Tab C Outline Schedule
- Tab D Memorandum to the President on Africa Trade Bill

- Daley doing regional business meeting in Ghana and an East Africa Community Trade Ministers meeting in Uganda. President will address trade and investment in South Africa.

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- President will discuss our Nigeria policy with regional leaders, but only in private.
- Nigeria policy will not be a large public issue on this trip - need to work with allies, Africans and Nigerians in private on this first.
- Ask that you not push this with the President.

Liberia

- Understand you had good meetings with Taylor and that interagency team now in Monrovia following up.
- As we move forward with Liberia, need to balance Liberia's great need for assistance with a measured approach towards our engagement.
- Will continue to provide bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance and calibrate assistance to the government based on their performance on human rights and governance issues.
- On this, Taylor's recent appointment of three new technocrats to the Cabinet is good move in right direction. We will seek to ensure that we support that move in real way.

Jackson Staff/Wife (IF RAISED)

- Understand you are concerned about bringing only one person with you.
- Sure you can appreciate that this is delicate and space is extremely tight. The capability of these countries to handle large delegations is very limited. Sorry, but just no give.
- Plus one is already more than CODEL members are getting, and it is also what our Cabinet members have been allowed.

DROC/Kabila/Regional Summit (IF RAISED)

- Discussed with regional leaders regarding Kabila's participation in the Summit. Regional leaders support, but we have not made a decision.
- I know you did not get a chance to meet with Kabila because of his erratic behavior that has now become very typical of his leadership style. However, your meetings with civil society and opposition leaders went well.

Summary of Jackson's Second Trip

Kenya: Jackson's visit to Kenya hit on all cylinders, including moving visits to hospitalized victims of clashes in the Rift Valley, a strong message to President Moi on his responsibility to end the violence, and a constructive, energetic meeting in Nakuru with opposition, government, and grassroots community and religious leaders. Jackson asked President Moi to visit clash areas in the Valley, which the President did within a week. Even though a ruling party paper criticized Jackson's visit, Moi adopted more statesmanlike tones on his stops, talking about community reconciliation efforts and rejecting violence.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DROC): Jackson's visit to DROC succeeded in reaching out to civil society and the opposition, but President Kabila and Foreign Minister Karaha cancelled their appointments with Jackson. Their perception that a Jackson statement called for formation of a "new government" was incorrect, and followed a trend by Kabila to make major political gaffes. Although the State Department and the Embassy have provided reasonable explanations regarding the cancellation of the meeting, it is not clear to us whether more could have been done to avoid misunderstandings. Following Jackson's visit, but not necessarily connected to it, opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi was exiled to his home province. DROC officials claim Tshisekedi's exile was because he violated the ban on political activity, in effect since May 1997.

Liberia: Liberians across the political spectrum welcomed Reverend Jackson's February 11-12 visit to Monrovia and his message that he was visiting "not to scold" but to "revive the warm partnership" between our countries. Jackson's message about our commitment to helping Liberia rebuild and Taylor's responsibility to build democratic institutions, ensure freedom of the press, respect for human rights, and rule of law were well received. Since the visit Taylor has replaced three incompetent ministers with non-partisan technocrats, a move we welcomed. We will need to continue to press Taylor to follow through on rebuilding relations with civil society and ECOMOG.

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Talking Points for Call to Reverend Jesse Jackson

- Know you will be talking to President on Friday.
- Wanted to give you a brief overview of trip. We are announcing later today that we will be adding a short stop in Rwanda to the trip itinerary.
- Think it important to address the continuing activity of genocidaires in the region and to emphasize the importance that the genocide never be repeated, and to pay our respect to the victims of the 1994 genocide.
- Brief outline:
 - Ghana: scene setter for the trip will discuss historical ties, trade and investment, and Peace Corps.
 - Uganda: First day will discuss bilateral issues and investment in Africa's future - education and food security. Second day will be regional summit on conflict prevention, management and resolution.
 - Rwanda: We will be there only a few hours - will recognize the tragedies of 1994, pay our respect to those who suffered during the genocide and highlight our assistance to management and prevention efforts.
 - South Africa: Will be full State visit, recognition of fantastic progress South Africa has made in last seven years, including reconciliation and building for future. Will also highlight our close relationship and trade and investment.
 - Botswana: We will highlight Botswana's remarkable democratic tradition, honor Masire's retirement and discuss environmental issues.

SADC Summit

- A SADC summit was considered for the trip, but it is more critical to hold a regional summit concentrating on the issues of conflict prevention, management and resolution in the Great Lakes region.
- Issue that would have been focus of SADC summit - trade and investment - already receiving wide exposure in South Africa, Ghana and Uganda.
- Second regional summit was logistically impossible.

- 1.0. We value highly the fact that President Clinton is visiting the African Continent, including South Africa.
- 2.0. We believe that this historic first by a US President presents a unique opportunity for the United States to place itself among those who stand in the forefront as supporters of the peoples of Africa in their struggle to bring about an African Renaissance.
- 3.0. The African Continent poses the greatest development challenge among all regions of the world. The President's African visit would present the appropriate setting for the US Government and people both to state this fact and to indicate that Africa will therefore be an area of special focus for the United States.
- 4.0. The point would then be made that what that special focus would seek is not selfish benefit for the United States or a promotion of its interests to the detriment of both the African countries and third parties, but a contribution to the efforts of the peoples of Africa to secure a better life for themselves.
- 4.1. The point could also be made that the benefit that would accrue to the United States would be to see Africa prosperous, stable and democratic.
- 5.0. Further, the presentation could seek to recall the value system which inspired the birth of the 1920's "New Deal" in the US and the Marshall Plan at the end of World War II, pointing to the immediate relevance of that value system to the President's approach towards Africa.
- 6.0. Equally, the presentation could project the reality of a bipartisan US approach of this kind towards the Continent, as well as the sensitivity of ordinary Americans to the need for them to express solidarity with the peoples of Africa. In other words, the President could speak for the entirety of US society, including the corporate sector.
- 7.0. The President could also speak out strongly in support of the necessity for the sovereign peoples of the Continent to determine their destiny, freely to advance their legitimate interests in an increasingly interdependent world and to play their due role in the decision making

- 7.1. In this context, the President could make reference to the positions the US took during the 1956 "Suez Crisis" (or other relevant examples, Mark Twain on the colonisation of the "Belgian Congo") to indicate that because the US itself was born out of an anti-colonial struggle, it has always been sensitive to the African aspirations for independence and the possibility for the peoples of the Continent to determine their destiny.
- 7.2. Perhaps as a constant theme of his "African Pilgrimage", the President could recall the words of another great American, W.E.B. du Bois who spoke in London, England at the first Pan-African Congress as the last century ended in 1900 and said :
- 7.3. " In the metropolis of the modern world, in this closing year of the nineteenth century, there has assembled a Congress of men and women of African blood, to deliberate solemnly upon the present situation and outlook of the darker races of mankind... The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the colour line..."
- 8.0. The President could also make reference to his own concern and actions to address the challenge of racism and racial division in the US. In this context, he could make the point that as yet the US has not overcome the legacy of slavery in the US.
- 8.1. Whereas he has been concerned to deal with this issue as it impacts on US society, his visit to Africa has enabled him to reflect on the abiding impact of the export of slaves on African societies, which, inter alia, meant the removal from African societies, which depended on labour-intensive methods of production, of the most productive members of these societies.
- 8.2. (Visits to Goree Island in Senegal and Robben Island in South Africa and interaction with the poor and downtrodden in some of the countries the President will visit would make the point about the desire of the US to contribute to the restoration of the human dignity of the peoples of Africa.)
- 8.3. The point could also be made that the fact of the existence of an African population in the US is the unbreakable umbilical cord which

simultaneously, being concerned about the interests of the peoples of Africa.

9.0. The visit could also be used to indicate that, while it seeks to see the African Continent as a zone of democracy, respect for human rights and individual initiative in the economy, the US respects the indigenous impulses that emanate from African societies.

9.1. Consequently, the US does not seek to impose on African societies development paradigms that might have worked in the US, but which may be seen as a counter-productive and alien imposition if mechanically exported to Africa.

9.1.1. Rather, what the US would like to see is the use of Africa's own history, culture and psychology by the Africans themselves to promote the process of Africa's rebirth.

9.1.2. In the African context, it is important that the US President should make the point firmly that the US, the preeminent power in world politics and the economy, while holding to its basic positions in politics and the economy, is nevertheless sensitive to the "personality" of each region of the world.

9.1.3. Clearly, this would have to be argued with an understanding of the fact of the difficulties that have to be overcome to sustain such a position in the context of US public perceptions about an international agenda that must fit perfectly into what the US electorate considers right or wrong as well as the impact of these positions on Africa relative to policy towards other areas of the world.

10.0. In the context of the foregoing, it would be useful if the President could:

10.1. Support the determination (with which the World Bank agrees), that Africa constitutes the world's preeminent development challenge;

10.2. Announce additional measures to expedite debt relief especially to the poorest African countries;

- 10.3.1. One of our concerns is that the imposition of these requirements will defeat the very purpose of the Act, which is to expedite African development.
- 10.3.2. Another is that this approach communicates the unfortunate message that the US is prepared to exploit the hunger and poverty of the peoples of Africa to impose its own agenda on the Continent.
- 10.3.3. Further, it demonstrates a lack of understanding of the interconnection between socio-economic underdevelopment and political instability and could lead to the worsening of the conditions leading to such instability.
- 10.3.4. It assumes the availability of institutional capacity in many countries which, in fact, does not exist, thus making it impossible to meet the requirements set, even if the will to meet these exists. Part of the problem in this regard, emanates from the fact that, as far as we are aware, the Act does not emanate from a comprehensive analysis of the African development challenge which would have informed the US legislators on the issues to be tackled in order to achieve sustained African development.
- 10.3.5. (We raise these matters not because they affect our own country directly. Our own domestic policies, expressive of the sovereign will of our people, are consistent with these "requirements". However, we are concerned about their impact on other sister African countries.)
- 10.4. Express support for an approach which says that the post-Lome EU-APC arrangements should not put African countries in worse conditions than they were under the Lome Convention, as well as an approach by the WTO which discriminates in favour of the least developed countries;
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CURRENT THINKING ON THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN AFRICA

as of 3/10/98

Sunday, March 22

- Fly to Accra, Ghana (red-eye)

Monday, March 23 - Accra

- Arrive Ghana
- Bilateral Meeting with President Rawlings
- Crowd Speech
- Lunch with President Rawlings
- Event at TechnoServe/Peace Corps
- Embassy Meet & Greet
- Fly to Kampala, Uganda

Tuesday, March 24 – Kampala

- Bilateral Meeting with President Museveni
- Visit School in Jinja – speech on education initiative
- Visit FINCA Village in Jinja
- RON Kampala

Wednesday, March 25 – Kigali & Kampala

- Fly to Kigali, Rwanda
- Discussion with Refugees
- Tarmac Statement
- Fly to Kampala
- Regional Leaders Meeting in Entebbe (3 hours)
- Regional Leaders Reception
- Fly to Cape Town
- RON Cape Town

Thursday, March 26 – Cape Town

- Down for the morning
- Courtesy Call by Mbeki
- Arrival Ceremony
- Speech to Parliament
- Speaker's Meeting
- RON Cape Town

Friday, March 27 – Cape Town

- Bilateral Meeting with President Mandela
- Joint Press Conference
- Visit Robben Island
- State Dinner
- RON Cape Town

Talking Points for Call to Reverend Jesse Jackson

- Know you will be talking to President on Friday. ~~Glad to have a chance to talk with you in advance.~~
- Wanted to give you a brief overview of trip.
- We are announcing later today that we will be adding a short stop in Rwanda to the trip itinerary.
- Think it important to address the continuing activity of genocidaires in the region and to emphasize the importance that the genocide never be repeated, and to pay our respect to the victims of the 1994 genocide.
- ~~We are all very excited about this trip. Trying to pack a lot in, so we have had to make hard decisions on a few issues and on the country itinerary.~~
- Brief outline:
 - Ghana: scene setter for the trip will discuss historical ties, trade and investment, and Peace Corps.
 - Uganda: First day will discuss bilateral issues and investment in Africa's future - education and food security. Second day will be regional summit on conflict prevention, management and resolution.
 - Rwanda: We will be there only a few hours - will recognize the tragedies of 1994, pay our respect to those who suffered during the genocide and highlight our assistance to management and prevention efforts.
 - South Africa: Will be full State visit, recognition of fantastic progress South Africa has made in last seven years, including reconciliation and building for future. Will also highlight our close relationship and trade and investment.
 - Botswana: We will highlight Botswana's remarkable democratic tradition, honor Masire's retirement and discuss environmental issues.

SADC Summit

- A SADC summit was considered for the trip, but it is more critical to hold a regional summit concentrating on the issues of conflict prevention, management and resolution in the Great Lakes region.

- Issue that would have been focus of SADC summit - trade and investment - already receiving wide exposure in South Africa, Ghana and Uganda.
- Second regional summit was logistically impossible.
- Daley doing regional business meeting in Ghana and an East Africa Community Trade Ministers meeting in Uganda. President will address trade and investment in South Africa.

Nigeria

- President will discuss our Nigeria policy with regional leaders, but only in private.
- Nigeria policy will not be a large public issue on this trip - need to work with allies, Africans and Nigerians in private on this first.
- Ask that you not push this with the President.

Liberia

- Understand you had good meetings with Taylor and that interagency team now in Monrovia following up.
- As we move forward with Liberia, need to balance Liberia's great need for assistance with a measured approach towards our engagement.
- Will continue to provide bulk of our assistance to NGOs and civil society in the first instance and calibrate assistance to the government based on their performance on human rights and governance issues.
- On this, Taylor's recent appointment of three new technocrats to the Cabinet is good move in right direction. We will seek to ensure that we support that move in real way.

Jackson Staff/Wife (IF RAISED)

- Understand you are concerned about bringing only one person with you.
- Sure you can appreciate that this is delicate and space is extremely tight. The capability of these countries to handle large delegations is very limited. Sorry, but just no give.

- Plus one is already more than CODEL members are getting, and it is also what our Cabinet members have been allowed.

DROC/Kabila/Regional Summit (IF RAISED)

- Discussed with regional leaders regarding Kabila's participation in the Summit. Regional leaders support, but we have not made a decision.
- I know you did not get a chance to meet with Kabila because of his erratic behavior that has now become very typical of his leadership style. However, your meetings with civil society and opposition leaders went well.

Battenfield, Pat A.

From: Barks-Ruggles, Erica
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 1998 5:50 PM
To: Jordan, Donald L.
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: FW: jj and vp [CONFIDENTIAL]

Pete - Looks good. Delete last para on upcoming trips. - Erica SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~.

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From: Jordan, Donald L.
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To: Barks-Ruggles, Erica
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[Pete – I do not know if this is still true following JJ meetings over at State, so best to leave it out. The rest of the memo is fine.]

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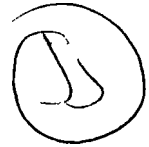
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Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 1998 10:44 PM
To: @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs; @PRESS - Public Affairs; @EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: Latest on Jackson-DROC flap ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Rob Pls Pass to Sandy and Jim

- Foreign Minister Karaha spoke with A/S Rice and said that does not appear likely that Kabila will meet Jackson
- Kabila was not available for Secretary Albright's call. His office proposed another time for a call (2:00 am EST)
- Jackson spoke with Representative McKinney to discuss situation
- McKinney plans to call back early morning 2/11 to engage Karaha again on this issue, and also talk to Jackson
- GDROC officials believe that primary purpose of Jackson visit was not to meet with government officials, but only with opposition.
- Diplomatic efforts continue to try to resolve situation before Jackson departs noon local time 2/11

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From: Sanders, Robin R.
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 1998 6:52 PM
To: Crowley, Philip J.; @NSA - Natl Security Advisor
Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs; @LEGISLAT - Legislative Affairs; @AFRICA - African Affairs;
@EXECSEC - Executive Secretary
Subject: RE: Call from April Ryan [UNCLASSIFIED]

Rob pls pass to SRB and JS

The following is the latest on DROC-Jackson issue:

Background: There is a flap in the DROC that is now trying to be worked to get the meeting back on track. There appears to have been a misunderstanding on the part of DROC that JJ's visit focused more on meeting with opposition leaders as his first goal than meeting with the government. We may have this back on track by nights end. We have engaged Rep McKinney who has spoke with the Congolese and Jackson on the ground and the Congolese have now said that they are "willing" to meet with him tomorrow before his 12 noon departure. We still need to nail down the time and ensure that the meeting happens. State is also preparing the Secretary to call Kabila (which she was planning to do soon anyway)

For @Press PJ - publicly we are saying: Congolese Presidency contacted the Jackson Party in Kinshasa to say that there had been a scheduling conflict and efforts are underway to resolving the schedule conflict prior to Jackson's departure tomorrow.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 1998 5:02 PM
To: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Cc: @PRESS - Public Affairs
Subject: Call from April Ryan [UNCLASSIFIED]

April says Kabila cancelled meeting with Jesse. Do we know this? Do we have a reaction?

PJ

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DROC - JACKSON VISIT

Q: Did Reverend Jackson meet with Kabila? If not, why not?

A: No.

The formal reason given by the Congolese Government is that there was a scheduling conflict. However, government officials also expressed irritation with Rev. Jackson's schedule of meetings with opposition political figures during his visit. We cannot confirm these reports.

Obviously, we are disappointed that Reverend Jackson was unable to meet with President Kabila. Reverend Jackson intended to use the meeting to underscore the U.S. commitment to engagement in the Congo to ensure a successful post-Mobutu transition. He also intended to discuss issues of democratic reform and human rights - noting both areas of progress and continuing concerns.

Q: Why did Jackson meet with the opposition before Kabila? Did this violate protocol? Explain the scheduling situation.

A: Before scheduling other appointments, our Embassy approached the government first to find out when it would be most convenient for Foreign Minister Karaha and President Kabila to receive Reverend Jackson. At that time, our Embassy advised the government of Jackson's plans to meet with the full spectrum of Congolese society, including not only the government but also a variety of political leaders and the civil society.

The government agreed to our request for appointments with Foreign Minister Karaha and President Kabila. These meetings were originally set for first thing Tuesday morning. Other meetings were arranged around the President's schedule. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the meetings with both Foreign Minister Karaha and President Kabila were postponed by the government and not later rescheduled.

(IF ASKED) There was no breach of protocol. Quite the contrary, we informed the government before anyone else of Rev. Jackson's visit. We gave government officials first

choice of appointment times. Presidency and Foreign Ministry officials greeted Jackson on arrival in Kinshasa.

Q: Was Jackson's trip a failure?

A: Although Rev. Jackson did not meet with government officials, we nonetheless believe this to have been a useful trip for him. He met with a range of leaders from the political opposition (including UDPS leader Etienne Tshisekedi) and representatives of churches, non-governmental organizations and the civil society.

Rev. Jackson will return to the U.S. more convinced than ever of U.S. interests in the Congo, of the imperative of political and economic transition, and of the need for continued U.S. efforts to support that transition.

Battenfield, Pat A.

From: Barks-Ruggles, Erica
Sent: Tuesday, February 10, 1998 9:24 AM
To: Prendergast, John P.; Sanders, Robin R.
Cc: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Subject: JJ memo for 2nd trip ~~[CONFIDENTIAL]~~

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John/Robin -

Please fill in the bits for Kenya and DROC on the attached JJ memo. Please do changes in the g: drive. Thanks


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- Erica

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAMUEL R. BERGER

THROUGH: JOSEPH C. WILSON

FROM: ERICA BARKS-RUGGLES
JOHN PRENDERGAST
ROBIN SANDERS

SUBJECT: Jesse Jackson's Second Mission to Africa

Jesse Jackson traveled to Kenya, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DROC) and Liberia February 6-13 on his second mission as the Special Envoy for the President and the Secretary of State for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. Following is a summary of his trip and issues for his next planned trip of which you should be aware.

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Subject: Urgent - Jessie Jackson - Flap in DROC ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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Rob - Pls Pass to Sandy and Jim

Kabila and Foreign Minister Karaha have refused to meet with Jackson in Kinshasa. Apparently they are angry that he met with opposition figures first. Our Embassy is trying to resolve the situation asap. Jackson leaves tomorrow. Ambassador Simpson is pressing on them now to resolve this issues and how this further damages them in the eyes of the international community.

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STATEMENT BY JAMES P. RUBIN, SPOKESMAN

REVEREND JESSE JACKSON'S SECOND TRIP TO AFRICA

On February 7, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson will be making his second trip to Africa as the President's and Secretary of State's Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. He will visit three countries: Kenya, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Liberia. He will meet with various representatives of civil society, opposition figures, as well as government leaders to reinforce the message of democratic governance, rule of law, and respect for human rights.

He will be in Nairobi February 7-9, Kinshasa February 9-11, and Monrovia February 11-12.

Drawing from his own experience as a political and civil rights leader, Reverend Jackson will promote policies of inclusion, openness, dialogue, and non-violence.

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REVEREND JACKSON'S TRIP TO LIBERIA

(Context for briefer: After seven years of civil war, Charles Taylor was elected President of Liberia on July 19, 1997. The U.S. recognized the Taylor Government and, due to its historic ties to Liberia and active involvement in the peace process, seeks to build a productive bilateral relationship. However, the depth of our relationship will ultimately depend on Taylor's performance on human rights, economic reform, and good governance.)

Taylor's Administration got off to a good start, but recent events are worrisome. The investigation of the brutal murders of opposition leader Sam Dokie and family members last November is the Government's first major human rights test. We issued a press statement condemning the incident and calling for a thorough investigation. Incidents of media harassment have increased in recent weeks. Although the Finance Ministry's work on debt arrears and rationalizing government budgetary practices has been a bright spot, the overall economy is stagnant and unemployment remains pervasive.)

Q: Why is Rev. Jackson traveling to Liberia now?

A: EMERGING FROM A SEVEN-YEAR CIVIL WAR AND SIX MONTHS AFTER THE INAUGURATION OF AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT, LIBERIA IS FACING CHALLENGES OF PEACE CONSOLIDATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN A POST-CONFLICT SITUATION. REVEREND JACKSON, AS A PRE-EMINENT LEADER IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND A LEADING POLITICAL FIGURE, IS WELL RESPECTED IN LIBERIA. WE BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO ENGAGE CIVIL SOCIETY AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION LEADERS IN A DIALOGUE WHICH WILL HELP FURTHER LIBERIA'S PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRATIZATION, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

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Q: With whom will Reverend Jesse Jackson meet?

A: REVEREND JACKSON WILL MEET WITH LEADERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY, MAJOR OPPOSITION GROUPS, JOURNALISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS, PROMINENT RELIGIOUS LEADERS, AND PRESIDENT CHARLES TAYLOR AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DURING HIS MEETINGS, REVEREND JACKSON WILL UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE RULE OF LAW.

Q: What does he hope to accomplish?

A: REVEREND JACKSON HOPES TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACING LIBERIA ON ITS ROAD TO DEMOCRACY AND TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCES AS A POLITICAL REFORMER. HE HOPES TO PROMOTE AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT WHICH WILL ADVANCE LIBERIA'S TRANSITION TOWARD A TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. HE ALSO HOPES TO ENCOURAGE ALL LIBERIANS TO EMBRACE A COMMON VISION AND PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION OF THEIR COUNTRY.

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REVEREND JACKSON'S TRIP TO KENYA

Q: Why is Special Envoy Jesse Jackson going to Kenya now?

A: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THE RECENT OUTBREAK OF ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN KENYA'S RIFT VALLEY PROVINCE. THE CLASHES, WHICH HAVE TAKEN OVER 100 LIVES AND DISPLACED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, ARE OCCURRING IN AN AREA THAT SAW LARGE SCALE ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN THE EARLY 1990'S. SPECIAL ENVOY JACKSON IS TRAVELING AT THIS TIME TO EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY FOR THE VICTIMS OF THIS VIOLENCE AND TO PRESS FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER BLOODSHED.

REVEREND JACKSON WILL ALSO URGE THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA TO IMPLEMENT ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL REFORMS THAT ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO REVERSE THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DECLINE AND CALM POLITICAL TENSIONS.

Q: With whom will he meet?

A: REVEREND JACKSON WILL TRAVEL TO THE TOWN OF NJORO IN THE RIFT VALLEY TO MEET WITH VICTIMS OF THE ETHNIC VIOLENCE. IN NEARBY NAKURU, HE PLANS TO MEET WITH GRASS-ROOTS CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISTS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO DISCUSS AVENUES FOR RECONCILIATION.

HE WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT MOI IN NAIROBI AND WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH PROMINENT WOMEN LEADERS INVOLVED IN BUSINESS, LAW REFORM, AND POLITICS. HE SHOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO TALK WITH PROMINENT LEADERS FROM THE POLITICAL OPPOSITION AS WELL DURING HIS SHORT STAY.

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Q: What does he hope to accomplish?

A: REVEREND JACKSON WILL CONVEY THE DEEP CONCERN OF THE UNITED STATES OVER CONTINUING ETHNIC VIOLENCE IN KENYA. HE HOPES TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION AND CONFLICT MITIGATION WITH KENYANS. HE WILL DIRECTLY CONVEY TO PRESIDENT MOI OUR CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA HAS NOT PROVIDED SUFFICIENT PROTECTION TO THE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM CAME FROM TRIBES THAT VOTED AGAINST THE PRESIDENT IN RECENT ELECTIONS.

REVEREND JACKSON WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE OUR DEEP RESPECT FOR THE CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO HAVE PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN CALLING FOR GREATER POLITICAL FREEDOM IN KENYA.

**Press Guidance
February 5, 1998**

**REVEREND JACKSON'S TRIP
TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO**

(Context for briefer: The new government has been in power since May, 1997 when longtime dictator Mobutu Sese Seko was ousted after a seven-month rebellion. President Kabila has formed a relatively broad-based cabinet and announced a timetable for elections but has banned political party activities and harassed political opponents and the press. In a disturbing recent development, 21 common criminals (including 14 civilians) were executed following trial by a military court. Two opposition figures were also convicted by military courts and sentenced to two years in prison for making "false statements" about the government. Despite public pledges of full cooperation with a U.N. team named to investigate alleged massacres committed during the rebellion, the government has frequently obstructed the team's work. The team deployed briefly to the field at Mbandaka in December but quickly withdrew after local protests. We understand the team has now received written authorization from the government to return to Mbandaka on February 5 (today).

Q: Why is Reverend Jackson visiting the Congo now?

**A: REVEREND JACKSON'S TRIP WILL UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON DEMOCRATIC AND ECONOMIC REFORMS AND
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.**

**THE U.S. HAS A STRONG INTEREST IN A SUCCESSFUL POLITICAL
TRANSITION IN THE CONGO.**

**AS LARGE AS THE U.S. EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI, WITH A POPULATION
OF 45 MILLION AND BORDERING ON NINE COUNTRIES, THE CONGO IS
PIVOTAL TO THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL AFRICA.**

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Q: Will he be meeting with both Kabila and opposition figures?

A: HIS SCHEDULE IS NOT YET FIRM.

WE ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENTS WITH MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY,
WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND OPPOSITION FIGURES.

WE HAVE REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT KABILA AND OPPOSITION
LEADER ETIENNE TSHISEKEDI OF THE UNION FOR DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL
PROGRESS, AMONG OTHERS.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL THREE OF THESE SECTORS -- GOVERNMENT,
POLITICAL PARTIES, AND CIVIL SOCIETY -- TO WORK TOGETHER
CONSTRUCTIVELY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CONGO.

Q: What does he hope to accomplish?

A: IN HIS MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, REVEREND JACKSON
WILL PUSH FOR IMMEDIATE AND FULL COOPERATION WITH THE U.N.
HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM, FOR AN EARLY END TO THE BAN ON POLITICAL
PARTY ACTIVITIES, AND FOR GREATER EFFORTS TO REACH OUT TO THE
OPPOSITION AND CIVIL SOCIETY -- PARTICULARLY AS PART OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROCESS.

HIS MEETINGS WITH OPPOSITION POLITICAL FIGURES AND CIVIL
LEADERS WILL UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR THEM TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND
CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE CONGO.

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Q: What is the status of the UN Investigative Team?

A: THE U.N. TEAM IS IN KINSHASA.

WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE TEAM HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO RECOMMENCE ITS FIELD INVESTIGATION IN MBANDAKA.

WE HOPE THE TEAM WILL RESUME ITS FIELD WORK IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE FULL COOPERATION WITH THE TEAM.

THIS INVESTIGATION HAS ALREADY BEEN DELAYED MUCH TOO LONG.

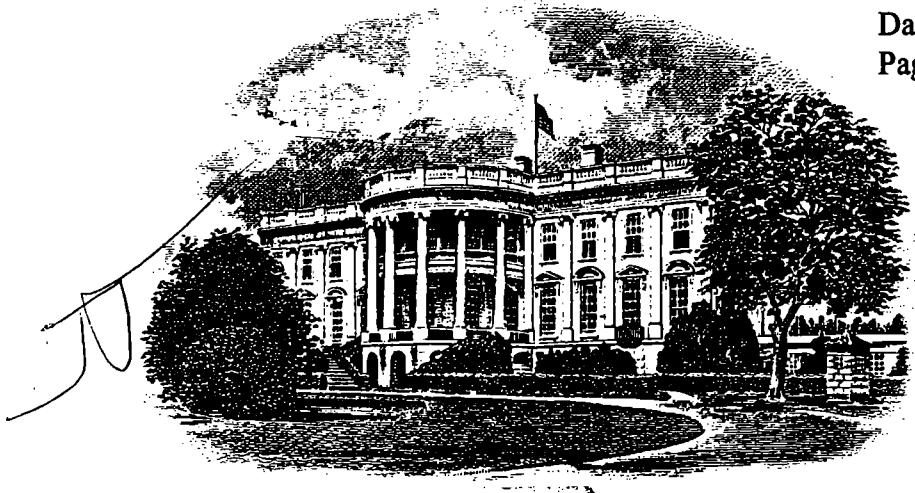
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Q. What Happened on Jesse Jackson's Trip to Liberia?

A. Special Envoy Jackson had a very productive visit to Liberia February 11-12. He met President Taylor, other senior government officials as well as religious leaders, members of the political opposition, human rights groups, and the press.

Special Envoy Jackson visited Liberia to get a deeper understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities Liberia faces on the path toward to democracy after its brutal seven year civil war. Jackson urged President Taylor to accelerate the process of national reconciliation by expanding channels of communication with the opposition and civil society. He urged the President to be a protector of the human rights of all Liberians. Jackson likewise encouraged the opposition to explore how it can work with the government to tackle the enormous task of nation building that Liberia now faces.

Special Envoy Jackson's trip underscores the importance that we attach to the bilateral relationship with Liberia, a country with which the United States shares long, historic ties. While Liberia has much work still to accomplish, Jackson's visit helped move the country a step farther along the road to democratization and reconciliation. The United States stands ready to continue to help Liberia along this hard, but necessary path.

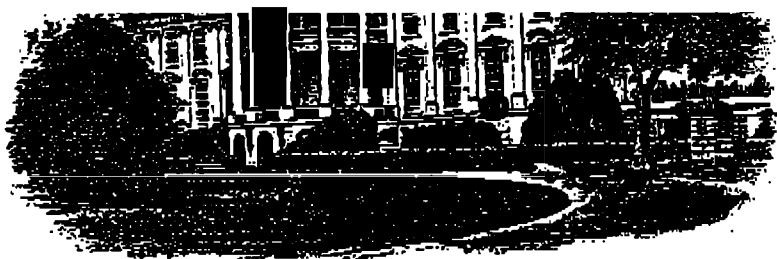
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(IF ASKED)

Q. What is happening in Monrovia with Sierra Leone junta members, President Taylor; ECOMOG? Is Jackson engaged?

A. We have reports that members of the Sierra Leone junta fled to Liberia and were arrested by ECOMOG troops after landing at Spriggs-Payne airfield.

We are engaged with the UN and regional leaders to ensure that due process is respected w/regards to the junta leaders and to resolve issues of jurisdiction between Liberia and ECOMOG.



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