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FROM Hurwitz, Marc I.
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SUBJECT RE: Package 2615 - Congressional Letter [UNCLASSIFIED]
TO Bartlett, L. June
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Joshi, M. Kay
Millison, Cathy L.

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TEXT_BODY June - Here are the letters. Printing hard copies and labels now.

-----Original Message-----

From: Barks-Ruggles, Erica
Sent: Monday,
April 26, 1999 9:05 AM
To: Hurwitz, Marc I.
Subject: FW: Pckg 2615
- Congressional Letter [UNCLASSIFIED]

Marc - here's the package.

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Message-----

From: Bartlett, L. June
Sent: Friday, April 23, 1999
9:40 PM
To: @AFRICA - African Affairs
Cc: @CROSS - Cross Hatches
Subject: Pckg
2615 - Congressional Letter [UNCLASSIFIED]

Re: 2615 - Congressional

Black Caucus -- Special Envoy for Sierra Leone

SRB/Stein/Staff

Secretary have approved the text of the letter. The additional letters and labels need to be prepared. The approved version is below for your use. The letters should be dated April 26, 1999.

Please

return the letters and labels to Executive Secretary by Tuesday morning, April 27.

Please e-mail a copy of the letters to @CROSS, and I will update the diskette.

Thank you.

June

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Again, thank you for writing, and for your support for our efforts to bring peace to Sierra Leone and to the region.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1002

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Dear Corrine:

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The Honorable Corrine Brown
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0903

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The Honorable Julia M. Carson
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1410

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The Honorable Donna Christian-Christensen
House of Representatives
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The Honorable William "Bill" Clay
House of Representatives
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The Honorable James E. Clyburn
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2214

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The Honorable Elijah Cummings
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Chaka Fattah
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3802

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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-1004

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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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House of Representatives
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Again, thank you for writing, and for your support for our efforts to bring peace to Sierra Leone and to the region.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Maxine Waters
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-0535

April 26, 1999

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The Honorable Melvin L. Watt
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3312

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Sincerely,

The Honorable Albert Russell Wynn
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-2004

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