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009	Briefing	Visit to Korle-Bu Treatment Center [Pages 2-4, 6-8]	6	01/17/2006	P6/b6;
010	Briefing	Visit to Korle-Bu Treatment Center [Pages 2-4, 6-8]	6	01/17/2006	P6/b6;
011	Briefing	Visit to Model Secondary School [Pages 2-3, 8-10]	5	01/18/2006	P6/b6;
012	Briefing	Roundtable and Remarks at National Center for Women's Development	8	01/18/2006	P5; P6/b6;
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014	Report	[Report]	4	10/05/2005	P1/b1;
015	Schedule	The Schedule of Mrs. Bush in Sal Island, Cape Verde and Accra, Ghana [Pages 3, 5]	2	01/15/2006	P6/b6; b7c; b7e; b7f;
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SCHEDULE OF MRS. BUSH
IN
SAL ISLAND, CAPE VERDE,
ACCRA, GHANA,
MONROVIA, LIBERIA,
ABUJA, NIGERIA,
&
WASHINGTON, DC

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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THE CONTACT SHEET OF MRS. BUSH

IN

SAL ISLAND, CAPE VERDE,

ACCRA, GHANA,

MONROVIA, LIBERIA,

&

ABUJA, NIGERIA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006

EVENTS

Saturday, January 14, 2006

Travel to Sal Island, Cape Verde – Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport, Cape Verde

Sunday, January 15, 2006

Refuel Stop Sal Island, Cape Verde – Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport, Cape Verde

Travel to Accra, Ghana – Kotoka International Airport

Arrival Ceremony – Kotoka International Airport

RON: Ambassador's Residence – Accra, Ghana

Monday, January 16, 2006:

Travel to Monrovia, Liberia – Monrovia-Roberts International Airport

Interview with Bill Sammon of the Washington Times – US Embassy

Interview with Scott Stearns of Voice of America – US Embassy

Attend Inaugural Ceremony of President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf – Capitol Building

Inaugural Reception – Executive Mansion

Travel to Accra, Ghana – Kotoka International Airport

RON: Ambassador's Residence – Accra, Ghana

Tuesday, January 17, 2006:

Remarks and Launch of the Africa Education Initiative Textbooks Program – Accra Teacher Training College

Visit to Korle-Bu Treatment Center

US Embassy Greeting – US Embassy
Lunch Hosted by President Kufuor – The Castle/Presidential Palace
Travel to Abuja, Nigeria - Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport

RON: Nicon Hilton – Abuja, Nigeria

Wednesday, January 18, 2006:

Bi-Lateral Meeting with President Olusegun Obasanjo – Presidential Villa
Visit to St. Mary's Hospital
Visit to Model Secondary School

(b)(6)

Roundtable and Remarks at National Center for Women's Development
US Embassy Greeting – Ambassador's Residence
Refuel in Sal Island, Cape Verde - Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport, Cape Verde
Travel to Washington, DC – Andrews Air Force Base

RON: White House

WEATHER

Sunday, January 15, 2006:

Sal Island, Cape Verde:

Partly Cloudy
High 76
Low 61

Accra, Ghana:

Scattered Thunderstorms
High 89
Low 74

Monday, January 16, 2006:

Accra, Ghana:

Scattered Thunderstorms
High 88
Low 76

Monrovia, Liberia

Sunny

High 93
Low 72

Tuesday, January 17, 2006:

Accra, Ghana:

Isolated T-Storms
High 88
Low 74

Abuja, Nigeria:

Sunny
High 96
Low 57

Wednesday, January 18, 2006:

Abuja, Nigeria:

Sunny
High 97
Low 62

Sal Island, Cape Verde

Sunny
High 74
Low 61

Washington, DC:

Showers
High 56
Low 37

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(b)(3) (10 USC 130b)

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c), (b)(7)(e), (b)(7)(f)

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Korle-Bu
Accra, Ghana
Tel: +233 21 665 401/481
Accra Teacher Training College
PO Box 221
Accra, Ghana
Tel: (233) 21-5000961

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

US Embassy Monrovia
111 United Nations Drive
Monrovia, Liberia
Tel: 226 370

Capitol Building
Camp Johnson Road
Monrovia, Liberia

ABUJA, NIGERIA

Nicon Hilton Abuja
1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama
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Abuja, F.C.T., Nigeria
Tel: 234(0)9 4131811, 4613000, +234 (0)803 9013000
Fax: 234 (0)9 4132417

St. Mary's Hospital
Tel: 09-882-1173, 882-1632

Model Secondary School
Lake Chad Crescent, IBB Way
Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria

National Centre for Women in Development
Better Life Street, Central Area, P.M.B. 185
Garki-Abuja, Nigeria
Tel: (234)-09-2340-962

Schedules



THE SCHEDULE OF MRS. BUSH

IN

ACCRA, GHANA

AND

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006

OFFICIAL DOCUMENT

THE SCHEDULE OF MRS. BUSH

IN

ACCRA, GHANA

AND

MONROVIA, LIBERIA

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Complimentary Breakfast is available in the Pool Level Lobby from 5:00 am – 10:00 am.

Staff participating in days events and staying at Hotel, please proceed to Lobby to board Vehicles **no later than 6:00 am** for transport to Ambassador's Residence.

Please board Staff Vans at Ambassador's Residence **no later than 6:30 am**.

(b)(7)e

(b)(6)

6:35 am MRS. BUSH departs Suite and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Marine Photos (3 CLICKS) en route Vehicle.

6:40 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Ambassador's Residence en route Kotoka International Airport.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

6:55 am MRS. BUSH arrives Kotoka International Airport and proceeds to Aircraft.

7:00 am MRS. BUSH departs Accra, Ghana en route Monrovia, Liberia.

Note: A 15 Minute Press Background Briefing conducted by Ambassador Jendayi Frazer will occur upon takeoff.

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(10 USC 1305)

(Flight Time: 2 Hours)
(Time Change: None)
(Food Service: Breakfast)

9:00 am MRS. BUSH arrives Monrovia-Roberts International Airport and proceeds to Vehicle.

Advance:

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

Stephanie Whelpley - Site

Katherine Hildebrand - Press

Met by: Ambassador Don Booth, *U.S. Ambassador to Liberia*

9:05 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Monrovia-Roberts International Airport en route Ambassador's Residence.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes)

10:20 am MRS. BUSH arrives at Ambassador's Residence and proceeds to Living Room.

Note: Secretary Rice and Cindy Courville will arrive Liberia at 7:00 am and the Ambassador's Residence at approximately 8:15 am.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff participating in media interviews, please proceed to interview area located at the Ambassador's residence. Staff not participating in media interviews will be led to staff hold located in a nearby embassy building.

Staff participating in Inauguration Events, please board the motorcade no later than 10:40 am.

EVENT: INTERVIEW WITH BILL SAMMON OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES

** For more information, please refer to briefing paper provided by Press Office.*

10:25 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Interview.

10:35 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Interview.

EVENT: INTERVIEW WITH SCOTT STEARNS OF VOICE OF AMERICA

** For more information, please refer to briefing paper provided by Press Office.*

10:35 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Interview.

10:45 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Interview and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: Secretary Rice and MRS. BUSH will remain at Ambassador's Residence until advised that Inauguration Ceremony is set to begin.

(b)(6)

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Police Photos (6 CLICKS) and Marine Photos (3 CLICKS) en route Vehicle.

10:50 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Ambassador's Residence en route Capitol Building.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

11:00 am MRS. BUSH arrives Capitol Building and proceeds to Seat.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Official Delegation members seated on the stage will proceed down the red carpet walkway to their seats.

Staff not part of the Official Delegation will proceed down an adjacent walkway to reserved seats.

EVENT: INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF

** For more information, please refer to briefing paper provided by Advance Office.*

OPEN PRESS

PARTICIPATION: ATTEND

ATTENDEES: 2500

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

- 11:05 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Inauguration.
- 1:00 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Inauguration and proceeds via foot to Executive Mansion for Reception.
- 1:15 pm MRS. BUSH arrives at Executive Mansion and proceeds to Main Gate.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff not in the Official Delegation should proceed to Vehicles.

EVENT: CLASS PHOTO WITH PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF

** For more information, please refer to briefing paper provided by Advance Office.*

OPEN PRESS

PARTICIPATION: PHOTO

ATTENDEES: 30

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

- 1:20 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Reception.
- 1:25 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Reception and proceeds to Vehicle.
- 1:30 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Executive Mansion en route Monrovia-Roberts International Airport.

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(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 1 Hour)

2:30 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Monrovia-Roberts International Airport and proceeds to Aircraft.

2:35 pm MRS. BUSH boards Aircraft and departs Monrovia, Liberia en route Accra, Ghana.

Note: A 15 Minute Press Briefing conducted by MRS. BUSH will occur upon takeoff.

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(10 USC 1305)

(Flight Time: 2 Hours)
(Time Change: None)
(Food Service: Snack)

4:35 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Accra, Ghana - Kotoka International Airport and proceeds to Vehicle.

Met by: Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, *U.S. Ambassador to Ghana*

4:40 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Kotoka International Airport en route Ambassador's Residence.

Note: Staff Van will split off from motorcade at the Ambassador's Residence for direct transport to Hotel.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

(b)(6)

*** No activities scheduled balance of day.**

RON: Ambassador's Residence - Accra, Ghana

(b)(7)e

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

(b)(7)e

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Complimentary Breakfast is available in the Pool Level Lobby from 5:30 am – 10:00 am.

Baggage Call: Please bring bags to 4th Floor Board Room no later than 7:45 am.

Staff participating in days events and staying at Hotel, please proceed to Lobby to board Vehicles no later than 7:30 am for transport to Ambassador's Residence.

Please board Vehicles at Ambassador's Residence no later than 7:55 am for transport to Accra Teacher Training College.



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IN

ACCRA, GHANA

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006

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Staff participating in day's events, please proceed to Lobby to board Vehicles no later than 7:30 am for transport to Ambassador's Residence.

Please board Vehicles at Ambassador's Residence no later than 7:55 am for transport to Accra Teacher Training College.

NOTE: Due to credit card fraud, it is strongly advised that all travelers use cash for all purchases and incidentals at hotel.

(b)(7)e

(b)(6)

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Marine Photos (3 CLICKS) en route Vehicle.

8:05 am

MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Ambassador's Residence en route Accra Teacher Teaching College.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 20 Minutes)

8:25 am

MRS. BUSH arrives Accra Teacher Teaching College and proceeds inside.

Met by: The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, *Minister of Education and Sports*

Nii Afutu Brempong III, *Nii of Damfa* ("Nii" translates as "chief")

Dr. Mary Spor, *Program Coordinator for Reading and Literacy, Alabama A&M University, Professor of Literacy – Ph.D*

Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*

Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, *President, Elizabeth City State University*

Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, *President Tougaloo College, Mississippi Consortium for International Development*

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., *President, South Carolina State University*

Dr. Ricardo Romo, *President, University of Texas at San Antonio*

Mrs. Christina Bampo, *Principal, Accra Teacher Training College*

Ms. Jerrah Mahumu, *Vice President, Accra Teacher Training College Student Council*

Elizabeth Akua Ohene (Ohennay), *Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education (T)*

Hajia Alima Mahama (Hajeea Aleema Mahaama), *Minister of Women and Children's Affairs (T)*

Note: President John Agyekum Kufuor will arrive immediately following MRS. BUSH and will accompany MRS. BUSH during the program.

Note: Pamela Bridgewater, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, and Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (Akofo Aaddo), Minister of Foreign Affairs, will greet following the President, MRS. BUSH and Barbara Bush.

Note: Ms. Jerrah Mahumu, Vice President of Accra Teacher Training College Student Council, will present MRS. BUSH with flowers.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, Lindsey Lineweaver and Sonya Medina will accompany MRS. BUSH and Barbara Bush through back entrance.

All other staff, please proceed through front doors to Staff Viewing Area.

**EVENT: REMARKS AND LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA EDUCATION
INITIATIVE TEXTBOOKS PROGRAM**

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by
Projects Office.*

OPEN PRESS

PARTICIPATION: DELIVER REMARKS

INDOORS

ATTENDEES: 650

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

- 8:30 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.
- 8:40 am MRS. BUSH delivers Remarks.***
- 9:15 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.
- 9:20 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Accra Teacher Training College
en route Korle-Bu Treatment Center.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 45 Minutes)

10:05 am MRS. BUSH arrives Korle-Bu Treatment Center and proceeds inside.

Met by: Major (Rtd.) Courage Emmanuel Kobla Quashigah [Kwa-she-ga] *Minister of Health*
Hon. Alima Mahama, *Minister of Women's and Children's Affairs*
Irene Kpodo, *Executive Committee Member, National People Living With HIV/AIDS Association (PLWHA)*
Professor Frimpong Boateng, *CEO, Korle-Bu Teaching Hospital*
Dr. Nii Addo, *Program Director, National AIDS Control*

Dr. Margaret Lartey, *Physician Specialist, Fever Unit,
Korle-Bu Treatment Center*

Note: Pamela Bridgewater, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, and Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (Akoofo Aaddo), Minister of Foreign Affairs, will greet following the President, MRS. BUSH and Barbara Bush.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Due to space and privacy concerns, please be aware of your surroundings while in the hospital. Non essential staff, please remain in your motorcade vehicle during this visit. Staff participating as backbenchers, please proceed to seats in Nurse's Break Room.

EVENT: VISIT TO KORLE-BU TREATMENT CENTER

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Projects Office.*

CLOSED PRESS – TOUR
POOL PRESS – DISCUSSION
PARTICIPATION: TOUR & DISCUSSION
INDOORS/OUTDOORS
ATTENDEES: 20
ATTIRE: PANT SUIT

10:10 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.

10:45 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Police Photos (6 CLICKS) and Treatment Center Staff Photo (1 CLICK) en route Vehicle.

10:50 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Korle-Bu Center en route Ambassador's Residence.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

11:05 am MRS. BUSH arrives Ambassador's Residence and proceeds to Patio Area.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Please proceed to Staff Viewing Area.

EVENT: U.S. EMBASSY GREETING

CLOSED PRESS

PARTICIPATION: DELIVER REMARKS & ROPELINE

OUTDOORS

ATTENDEES: 250

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

11:10 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.

Note: Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater will introduce MRS. BUSH.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Group photo with approximately 60 Embassy Children (1 CLICK) and 25 Peace Corps members (1 CLICK).

(b)(6)

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Photo with Residence Staff (1 CLICK) en route Vehicle.

11:50 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Ambassador's Residence en route The Castle (Presidential Palace).

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

12:05 pm MRS. BUSH arrives The Castle (Presidential Palace) and walks past Cultural Display.

Met by: President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*
Oboshie (Obi) Cofie, *Deputy Chief of Staff*

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Upon arrival, please view ceremonial welcome and proceed on Castle tour behind Mrs. Bush. Upon arrival on third floor, proceed to staff area. Lunch will not be provided, so it is suggested to bring snacks.

EVENT: LUNCH HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF GHANA

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Advance Office.*

POOL PRESS – ARRIVAL/VERANDA PHOTO OP

CLOSED PRESS – LUNCH

PARTICIPATION: TOUR & LUNCH

INDOORS/OUTDOORS

ATTENDEES: 40

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

- 12:10 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.
- 1:35 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.
- 1:40 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs The Castle (Presidential Palace) en route Kotoka International Airport.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

1:55 pm

MRS. BUSH arrives Kotoka International Airport and proceeds to Aircraft.

2:00 pm
Local

MRS. BUSH boards Aircraft and departs Accra, Ghana en route Abuja, Nigeria.

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f
(10 USC 1306)

(Flight Time: 1 Hour, 40 Minutes)
(Time Change: +1)
(Food Service: Snacks)

4:40 pm
Local

MRS. BUSH arrives Abuja, Nigeria - Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport and proceeds to Vehicle.

Advance:	Jim Richardson	Lead
	BJ Frank	Site
	Rich Ward	Site
	Christina Estrada	Press Lead
	Jessica Hammonds	Hotel/Site

Met by: Ambassador John Campbell, *U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria*
Mr. Thomas Furey, *Deputy Chief of Mission, US Embassy*
Mrs. Chinwe Obaji, *Minister of Education, Nigeria*

4:45 pm

MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport en route Nicon Hilton Hotel.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

(b)(6)

Met by: Andre Herrenschmidt, *General Manager, Nicon Hilton*
Obiageri Iregbu, *Guest Relation Manager, Nicon Hilton*

***No scheduled events balance of day.**

(b)(7)e

RON: Nicon Hilton Abuja – Abuja, Nigeria

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

NOTE: Due to credit card fraud, it is strongly advised that all travelers use cash for all purchases and incidentals at hotel.

Room Key Pick-Up: Please pick up keys in Staff Office - Room 680.

(b)(7)e

Baggage Call: Please bring bags to Room 657. Baggage Call time will be determined once you arrive in country.

Wednesday, January 18, 2006:

Complimentary Breakfast is available to Hilton Honors members on the 10th Floor. Dining Room opens at 7:00 am.

Please board Staff Vans no later than 7:30 am for transport to Presidential Villa.



THE SCHEDULE OF MRS. BUSH

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Please board Staff Vans no later than 7:30 am for transport to Presidential Villa.

Staff not participating in days events, please board Vans at Lobby no later than 2:15 pm for transport to U.S. Embassy to rejoin traveling party.

NOTE: Due to credit card fraud, it is strongly advised that all travelers use cash for all purchases and incidentals at hotel.

(b)(7)e

(b)(6)

7:45 am

MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Nicon Hilton Abuja en route Presidential Villa.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 10 Minutes)

7:55 am

MRS. BUSH arrives Presidential Villa and proceeds inside.

Met by: President Olusegun Obasanjo, *President of Nigeria*

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff not participating in Bi-lateral Meeting, please remain in Vehicles.

EVENT: BI-LATERAL MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OLUSEGUN OBASANJO

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Advance Office.*

POOL AT TOP

PARTICIPATION: MEETING

INDOORS

ATTENDEES: 10

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

UNITED STATES	NIGERIA
MRS. BUSH Barbara Bush Ambassador John Campbell Cindy Courville Sonya Medina	President Olusegun Obasanjo Other Names will be provided in country

8:00 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Meeting.

8:30 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Meeting and proceeds to Vehicle.

8:35 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Presidential Villa en route St. Mary's Hospital.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 50 Minutes)

9:25 am MRS. BUSH arrives St. Mary's Hospital and proceeds inside.

Met by: Sister Elizabeth Obasi, *Hospital Administrator, St. Mary's Hospital*
Mr. Calistus Onwuasor, *HIV/AIDS Coordinator, St. Mary's Hospital*
Barrister Patrick Kwakfut, *Secretary General, Christian Health Association of Nigeria (CHAN)*
Father Dominic Sunday Ajayi, *Pastor, Sacred Heart Parish*
Dr. James Ross, *Chief of Party, Family Health International Program in Nigeria (GHAIN)*
Mrs. Faith Uche, *Patient, PMTCT Program, St. Mary's Hospital*

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff will be escorted through St. Mary's Hospital in a secondary tour.

Following the tour, there will be seats for staff to observe Roundtable.

Note: These seats will likely be in partial or full sunlight. There will also be a tented area in the back where staff can stay. The Roundtable will be visible from this location, but probably not audible.

Staff and Guests will be escorted to motorcade at conclusion of the event.

EVENT: VISIT TO ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Projects Office.*

CLOSED PRESS – TOUR

POOL PRESS – CEREMONY

POOL PRESS – ROUNDTABLE

PARTICIPATION: TOUR, DELIVERY, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

INDOORS/OUTDOORS

ATTENDEES: 30

ATTIRE: PANT SUIT

9:30 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.

Note: During Visit, MRS. BUSH will participate in a brief tour led by Sister Elizabeth Obasi, Hospital Administrator, St. Mary's Hospital and Mr. Calistus Onwuasor, HIV/AIDS Coordinator, St. Mary's Hospital. During Tour, MRS. BUSH will visit the Pharmacy/Outpatient Area where there will be a briefing on how and who the ARVs will benefit.

Note: Following Tour, MRS. BUSH will proceed outside to make a Statement to Press and participate in a ceremonial delivery of the ARV drugs and dedication plaque for new wing to St. Mary's Hospital.

Note: Following ceremonial delivery, MRS. BUSH will proceed to Shaded Area for Roundtable Discussion.

9:40 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Roundtable Discussion.

Note: Ms. Sophia Mukasa-Monico, Advisor, USAID Care and Support will moderate Discussion.

10:05 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Roundtable Discussion and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in Photo with Embassy Site Representative en route Vehicle (1 CLICK).

10:10 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs St. Mary's Hospital en route Model Secondary School.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 50 Minutes)

11:00 am MRS. BUSH arrives Model Secondary School and proceeds to Mrs. Elizabeth Chang's 9th grade Biology Class.

Met by: Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni [Fa-tee-ma Baa-Baa Go-ee], *Principal, Model Secondary School*
Mrs. Amy Uzoewulu [Ooh-zo-woo-lu], *Principal, American International School, Abuja*
Professor Gidado Tahir [Gee-da-Do, Ta-here], *Executive Director, Universal Basic Education Commission*
Mrs. Mariam Othman [Uth-mon], *National Vice-president, Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN)*
Jumoke Seun Olabode [Ju-moe-kay, Oh-la-bo-day], *4th grade, 7 years old, Student and AGSP recipient, Model Secondary School*
Mr. Lamin Sow [La-meen So], *Regional Coordinator, World Education*

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

MRS. BUSH and Miss Barbara Bush will be escorted by the Head Mistress of the school throughout the visit.

All Staff and Guests will follow (approx 20-30 feet) behind as we walk to the biology lab. Staff can view the event from the hallway (through open windows) or from the back of the room in the press area.

Staff and Guests will be led to the Roundtable where there will be a VIP/Staff Viewing Area in the back of the room.

EVENT: VISIT TO MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

**** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Projects Office.***

POOL AT TOP – CLASSROOM VISIT

POOL PRESS – DISCUSSION

PARTICIPATION: CLASSROOM VISIT & DISCUSSION

INDOORS

ATTENDEES: 20 in Classroom; 20 in Discussion

ATTIRE: PANT SUIT

11:05 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Classroom Visit.

Note: Mrs. Elizabeth Chang [Chay-ang] will greet MRS. BUSH upon arrival in Classroom. MRS. BUSH will be seated next to an AGSP scholar.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in group photo (1 CLICK) with students prior to departure from classroom.

11:15 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Classroom Visit and proceeds to JSS1B Room for Discussion.

11:20 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Discussion.

Note: Mariam Othman [Uth-mon], *National Vice-President, Federation of Muslim Women* will moderate discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, the students will perform a song.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in group photo (1 CLICK) with students prior to departure.

11:50 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: Approximately 50-75 Students from Model Secondary School and the American International School will line the departure area, waving Nigerian and American flags.

11:55 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Model Secondary School en route Nicon Hilton Abuja.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

(b)(6)

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Please board Vehicles no later than 12:50 pm for transport to National Center for Women Development.

1:00 pm MRS. BUSH departs Suite and proceeds to Vehicle.

1:05 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Nicon Hilton Abuja en route National Center for Women Development.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

1:10 pm MRS. BUSH arrives National Center for Women Development and proceeds to Women's Hall of Fame – 2nd Floor.

Met by: Hajia Maryam Ciroma [Haa-geea Chee-row-mah], *Nigerian Minister of Women's Affairs*
Esther Mangzha [Mang – zah], *Director-General, National Center of Women Development*

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

UNESCO Photo Opportunity

Please remain downstairs during Photo Opportunity.

Women's Roundtable Discussion

Staff and Guests will be escorted to assigned seats on both sides of the room.

Remarks Site

Staff and Guests will be escorted from the Roundtable to the Staff Viewing Area in the back of the Auditorium. Note: Staff and Guest will walk about 3-4 minutes to the Auditorium.

**EVENT: ROUNDTABLE AND REMARKS AT NATIONAL CENTER FOR
WOMEN DEVELOPMENT**

** For more information, please refer to Briefing Papers provided by Projects Office.*

POOL PRESS – ROUNDTABLE

OPEN PRESS – REMARKS

***PARTICIPATION: PHOTO OP, ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION &
DELIVERS REMARKS***

INDOORS

ATTENDEES

 ROUNDTABLE – 15

 REMARKS – 850

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

- 1:15 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Photo Opportunity with UNESCO.
- 1:25 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Photo Opportunity and proceeds to Women's Hall of Fame – 1st Floor.
- 1:30 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Roundtable.

Note: Ms. Saudatu Sani [Sa-nee], Chair, House of Representatives Committee on Women's Affairs will moderate Roundtable.

2:00 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Roundtable and proceeds to Auditorium.

Note: MRS. BUSH will drive (2 minutes) to Auditorium.

2:05 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Auditorium and proceeds inside.

Met by: Professor Eyitayo Lambo, *Minister of Health*
Senator Joy Emodi, *Chair of Senate Committee on Education*
TBD, *Head of National Action Committee for AIDS (NACA)*

2:15 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Program.

2:21 pm MRS. BUSH delivers Remarks.

2:45 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.

2:50 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs National Center for Women Development en route U.S. Embassy.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Motorcade will restage and split. Guests, Staff, and Press will depart via front door to Staff and Press Vans.

Barbara Bush and Lindsey Lineweaver will proceed with MRS. BUSH out the backstage door.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 5 Minutes)

2:55 pm MRS. BUSH arrives U.S. Embassy and proceeds to Outdoor Tent.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

All staff and guests will be escorted to the staff viewing area.

EVENT: U.S. EMBASSY GREETING

CLOSED PRESS

PARTICIPATION: DELIVER REMARKS & ROPELINE

OUTDOOR

ATTENDEES: 150

ATTIRE: SKIRT OR PANT SUIT

3:00 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in U.S. Embassy Greeting.

Note: Ambassador John Campbell will introduce MRS. BUSH.

Note: Following Remarks, MRS. BUSH will proceed off Stage and will participate in a photo with Embassy children (1 CLICK).

3:25 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in U.S. Embassy Greeting and proceeds to Vehicle.

3:30 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs U.S. Embassy en route Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

3:55 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport and proceeds to Aircraft.

Note: Hajia Maryam Ciroma [Haa-geea Chee-row-mah], *Nigerian Minister of Women's Affairs* and Thomas Furey, *Deputy Chief of Mission* will be at Airport for departure.

4:00 pm MRS. BUSH boards Aircraft and departs Abuja, Nigeria en route Sal Island, Cape Verde.

Note: A 15 Minute Press Briefing conducted by MRS. BUSH will occur upon takeoff.

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f
(10 USC 1306)

(Flight Time: 5 Hours, 20 Minutes)
(Time Change: - 2 hours)
(Food Service: Dinner)

7:20 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Sal Island, Cape Verde - Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport.

Refuel: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

8:50 pm MRS. BUSH departs Sal Island, Cape Verde en route Washington, DC.

(b)(3), (b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f
(10 USC 1306)

(Flight Time: 8 Hours, 20 Minutes)
(Time Change: - 4 Hours)
(Food Service: Snacks)

1:10 am MRS. BUSH arrives Washington, DC and proceeds to Vehicle.

1:15 am MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Andrews Air Force Base en route White House.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c, (b)(7)e, (b)(7)f

(Drive Time: 25 Minutes)

(b)(6)

***No scheduled events balance of day.**

Private Residence Schedule

ONG: None

FYI: TBD

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

Staff Vans will be available upon arrival at Andrews Air Force Base for transport to White House.

VISIT TO MONROVIA, LIBERIA
INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT ELLEN JOHNSON-SIRLEAF
Monday, January 16, 2006
Monrovia, Liberia
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

PURPOSE

To participate in the Inauguration ceremony and festivities of President-Elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

MESSAGE

To highlight the importance of America's role in fostering a democratic culture and women's participation in the democratic process.

PRESS PLAN

OPEN PRESS – INAUGURAL CEREMONY
OPEN PRESS – CLASS PHOTO

REMARKS

None

ATTIRE

Skirt or Pant Suit

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

11:00 am MRS. BUSH arrives Capitol Building and proceeds to Delegation Seating on Main Stage.

Note: U.S. Delegation will proceed down red carpet to main stage delegation seating section.

11:05 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Inaugural Ceremony.

Note: Following the Prayer for Peace, MRS. BUSH will be recognized.

1:00 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Inaugural Ceremony and proceeds to Executive Mansion.

Note: MRS. BUSH and American delegation will join President Johnson-Sirleaf and other delegations on the walk across the street (approximately

350 yards) to the Executive Mansion for the Reception. Just prior to entering the main gate of the Executive Mansion, there will be a Review of the Troops and playing of the National Anthem. MRS. BUSH will join President Johnson-Sirleaf on a platform for this presentation. Following the presentation, President Johnson-Sirleaf and Heads of Delegation will proceed to Main Gate for a Class Photo.

1:15 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Executive Mansion and proceeds to Main Gate.
1:20 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Class Photo.
1:25 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Class Photo and proceeds to Vehicle.
1:30 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Executive Mansion en route Monrovia-Roberts International Airport.

EVENT CONTACTS

Lou Mazel
Deputy Chief of Mission
US Embassy Monrovia
mazellx@state.gov

PARTICIPANTS

U.S. Delegation

MRS. BUSH
Miss Barbara Bush
Secretary Condoleezza Rice
Ambassador Jendayi Frazer, *Special Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, U.S. Department of State*
Cindy Courville, *Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director of African Affairs, National Security Council*

Other Heads of Delegations

Please refer to list and biographies provided by NSC.

Attendees

The audience will be comprised of approximately 200 seated guests and 2500 guests in the general audience.

NOTES

U.S. Representative Corinne Brown (D-FL) will attend the Inauguration as a Congressional Delegation.

U.S. Ambassador to Liberia, Don Booth, will attend Inauguration Ceremony.

ATTACHMENTS

- Copy of the Inaugural Program
- Diagrams
- NSC Briefing Materials

Calendar of Events

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006

7 o'clock p.m.

Cultural and Musical Extravaganza
Antoinette Tubman Stadium (ATS)
(opened to public)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006

11 o'clock a.m.

(b)(6)

2 o'clock p.m.

Honoring program by
Women's Organizations
At Antoinette Tubman Stadium
(opened to public)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006

11 o'clock a.m.

Inauguration Ceremony on
the grounds of the Capitol
(Capitol Hill)
(by invitation only)

Afternoon/Immediately
Following the Inauguration
ceremony

Reception at the Executive Mansion
Gardens (South Lawn)
(by invitation only)

Simultaneous community receptions
throughout the country

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 o'clock a.m.

The President will receive the Ad
Hoc Missions accredited to the
Inauguration in the Executive
Mansion Parlors

10:30 o'clock a.m.

The President will receive the
delegations from the 15 counties
including traditional leaders in the

Executive Mansion Parlors

2 o'clock p.m.

The Children's Inaugural Party
on the Executive Mansion Grounds

Special Protocol

All persons attending the Inauguration Ceremony on the grounds of the Capitol will observe the following:

1. No cars will be allowed to enter the grounds of the Capitol.
2. All guests, with the exception of those listed in this Special Protocol, will enter the premises through the University of Liberia entrance.
3. The ushering of guests to the Ceremony will commence at 8:00 ante meridian and end at 10: 00 ante meridian. (No one will be permitted to enter after this hour)
4. At 10: 15 ante meridian, the Acting Speaker and members of the National Transitional Legislative Assembly will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance and be escorted to the seats reserved for them.
5. At 10: 20 ante meridian the Doyen and heads of diplomatic missions and international organizations, including the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General and Special mission (delegations) accredited to the Inauguration will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance and be escorted to the seats reserved for them.
6. At 10: 25 ante meridian, the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Liberia will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance and be escorted to the seats reserved for them
7. At 10:30 ante meridian, the Dean and members of the cabinet will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance and be escorted to the seats reserved for them.
8. At 10:45 ante meridian, the President – elect and the Vice President – elect will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance and be escorted to the seats reserved for them.
9. At 10:55 ante meridian, the Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia accompanied by distinguished Heads of State will enter the grounds through the VIP entrance.
10. The Inaugural Ceremonies will commence at 11 o'clock ante meridian.
11. At the close of the Ceremonies, the Chief of Protocol will announce the Order of Precedence for the departing procession. Guests will remain standing.

12. The Procession when formed (after the Inaugural Ceremonies) will proceed through the main (VIP) entrance on to the Executive Mansion grounds opposite the Capitol.

Program

Selection

The University of Liberia Chorus
Directed by Prince A. Decker

Invocation

Rev. Dr. Darlington Johnson
Bishop, Bethel World Outreach Ministries

Prayer for Peace

Sheikh Kafumba Konneh
Acting President, Inter-religious Council
of Liberia

Recognition of visiting Heads of State
and other dignitaries & goodwill
messages

His Excellency Thomas Yaya Nimely
Minister of Foreign Affairs, R.L.

*2 min remarks
by EC, Taky
EC, Mrs. Bush*

Selection:

The Lone Star Forever
(Kru Dialect)

The Georgia Patten United Methodist
Church Choir

Ceremonies For:

- a. The convening of an
Extraordinary Session of the
National Transitional Legislative
Assembly (NTLA) for the purpose
of dissolution
- b. The convening of a Joint Session
of the 52nd Legislative for the purpose
of administering the Oath of Affirmation
to members

Administering of the Oath of
Office to the President-elect

His Honor Henry Reed Cooper
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, R.L.

Administering of the Oath of
Office to the Vice President-elect

His Honor Henry Reed Cooper
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court

Presentation of National Insignia to the
the Grand Matron of the Orders of
Distinction of Liberia

Ambassador George W. Wallace, Jr.
Senior Ambassador-at-Large and Acting
Chancellor of the Orders of Distinction of
Liberia

Selection

The University of Liberia Chorus

Inaugural Address

Her Excellency Ellen Johnson Sirleaf
President of the Republic of Liberia

Adjournment of Special Session

The National Anthem

The Audience

Benediction

Rt. Rev. Edward Neufville
Bishop, The Episcopal Diocese of Liberia

Announcements

The Chief of State Protocol, R.L.
Ambassador Vivienne T. Wreh

National Anthem

All Hail, Liberia, Hail!

Lyrics by Daniel Bashiel Warner (1815-1880)

Music by Olmstead Luca (1836-1869)

All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)
All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)
This glorious land of liberty
Shall long be ours.
Though new her name,
Great be her fame,
And mighty be her powers,
And mighty be her powers.
In joy and gladness
With our hearts united,
We'll shout the freedom
Of a race benighted,
Long live Liberia, happy land!
A home of glorious liberty,
By God's command!
A home of glorious liberty,
By God's command!

All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)
All hail, Liberia, hail! (All hail!)
In union strong success is sure.
We cannot fail!
With God above
Our rights to prove,
We will o'er all prevail,
We will o'er all prevail!
With heart and hand our country's cause defending,
We'll meet the foe with valor unpretending.
Long live Liberia, happy land!
A home of glorious liberty,
By God's command!
A home of glorious liberty,
By God's command!

The Lone Star Forever

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Edwin Barclay

When Freedom raised her glowing form
On Montserrado's verdant height
She set within the dome of night
Midst lowering skies and thunder storms
The Star of Liberty.

And seizing from the waking morn
Its burnished shield of golden flame
She lifted it in her proud name,
And roused a people long forlorn
To nobler destiny

Refrain

The Lone Star Forever
The Lone Star Forever
O Long may it float o'er land and o'er sea
Desert it, no never!
Uphold it! Forever!
O! Shout for the Lone Starr'd banner
All Hail

Then speeding in her course along
The broad Atlantic's golden strand
She woke reverb' rant through the land
A nation's loud triumphant song,
The song of Liberty.
And o'er Liberia's alter fires
She wide the Lone Starr'd flag unfurled
Proclaimed to an expectant world,
The birth of Afric's sons and sires
The birth of Liberty. **(Refrain)**

Then forward sons of freedom march;
Defend the sacred heritage
The nation's call from age to age
Where'er it sounds 'neath heaven's arch
Where ever foes assail
Be ever ready to obey
'Gainst treason and rebellious front.
'Gainst foul aggression. In the brunt
Of battle lay the heroes way.
All hail! Lone Star, all hail! **(Refrain)**

Presidents of the Republic of Liberia

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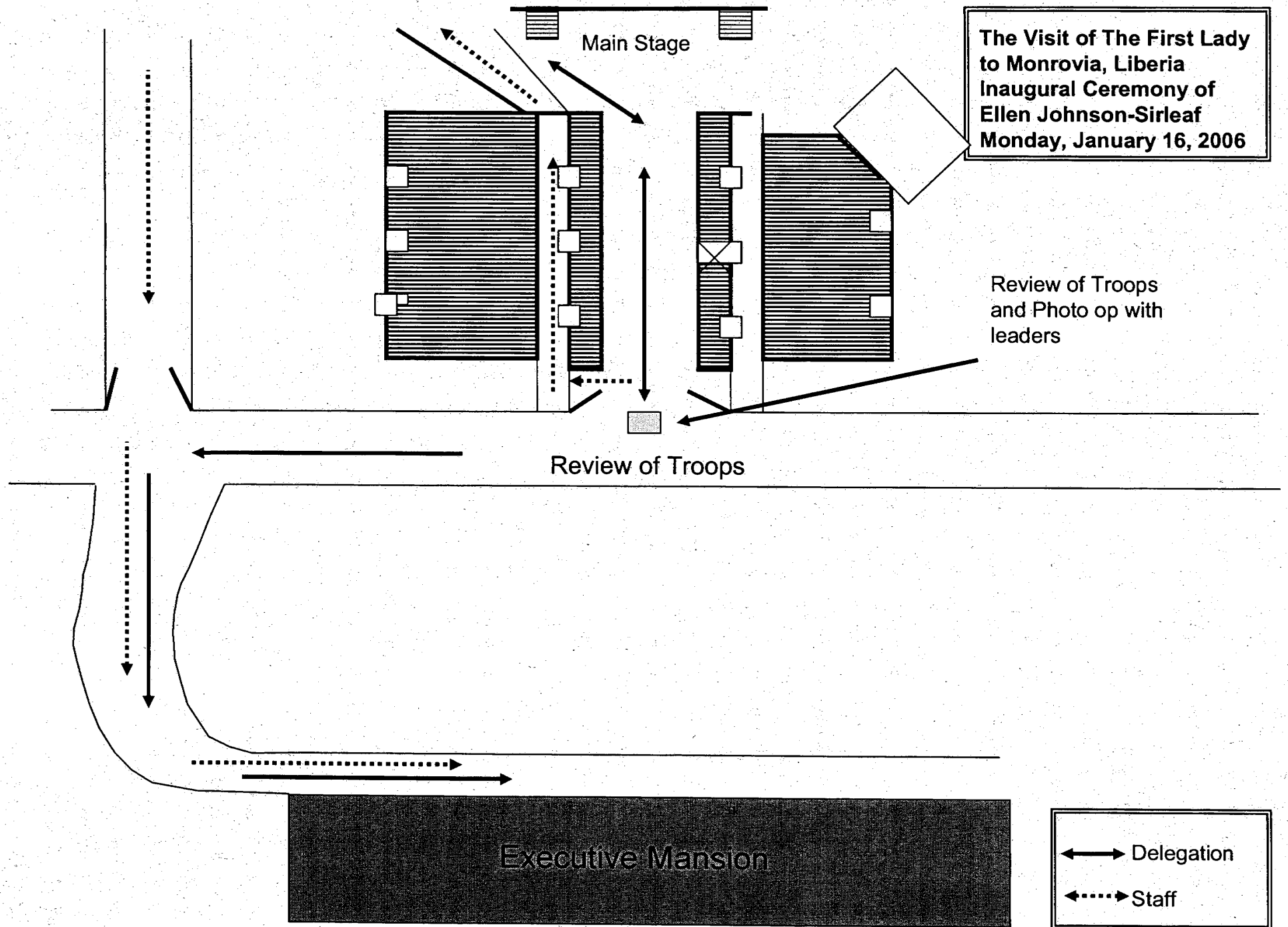
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**The Visit of The First Lady
to Monrovia, Liberia
Inaugural Ceremony of
Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
Monday, January 16, 2006**



REMARKS AND LAUNCH OF THE AFRICA EDUCATION INITIATIVE TEXTBOOKS PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 17, 2006
Accra Teacher Training College
Accra, Ghana
8:25 am – 9:15 am

PURPOSE

To highlight the Administration's support for education in Africa and its longstanding commitment to reading and literacy by launching President Bush's Africa Education Initiative (AEI) Textbook Materials Program in Ghana.

MESSAGE

- Education is the foundation of a happy and healthy life. An educated child learns the skills to find work, even as the world becomes more complex. An educated child learns how to stay healthy in the face of HIV/AIDS. An educated child will have the opportunity to make a lasting contribution to his or her country. Education for all must not just be an ideal – it must be a reality. We must educate all boys and girls of different faiths, races and cultures, whether their families are wealthy or poor.
- Unfortunately, too many children around the world have no access to education or schooling. The problem is particularly acute in sub-Saharan Africa. More than one-third of primary school age children are not enrolled in school at all. Of those who do enter the first grade, fewer than half will complete primary school.
- The people of the United States believe in Africa's future. We are working with you to make education a reality for more of Africa's children. President Bush's Africa Education Initiative is a 600 million dollar commitment to provide books, scholarships, school uniforms, and teacher training so that more children can attend school.
- Through the Textbooks and Learning Materials Program, six United States universities will partner with African nations to produce and distribute 15 million primary-school textbooks. The books will be created here in Africa and will cover reading, mathematics, science, and language arts. They will help millions of African boys and girls be educated to thrive in the future.
- Education produces many social benefits, perhaps none greater than better health. The United States is working with governments and private organizations throughout Africa to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and provide treatment and care to those who are affected by the disease.
- We have a responsibility to ensure that every child has access to an education that can lead to a happy and healthy life. Girls and boys will look to the teachers in this room as role models. They will see your passion for education and they will become passionate about education themselves. This is a great gift you are giving to Ghana's next generation. As you educate Ghana's children, the people of the United States will work with you to help more students fulfill their dreams, and to build a future of peace and prosperity for both our countries.

PRESS PLAN

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REMARKS

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

8:25 am MRS. BUSH arrives Accra Teacher Training Center and proceeds to Off-Stage Announce.

Met by: The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, *Minister of Education and Sports*
Nii Afutu Brempong III, *Nii of Damfa ("Nii" translates as "chief")*
Dr. Mary Spor, *Program Coordinator for Reading and Literacy, Alabama A&M University, Professor of Literacy - Ph.D*
Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*
Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, *President, Elizabeth City State University*
Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, *President Tougaloo College, Mississippi Consortium for International Development*
Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., *President, South Carolina State University*
Dr. Ricardo Romo, *President, University of Texas at San Antonio*
Mrs. Christina Bampo, *Principal, Accra Teacher Training College*
Ms. Jerrah Mahumu, *Vice President, Accra Teacher Training College Student Council*

Note: President John Agyekum Kufuor will arrive immediately following MRS. BUSH and will accompany MRS. BUSH during the program.

Note: Pamela Bridgewater, U.S. Ambassador to Ghana, and Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo (Akofo Aaddo), Minister of Foreign Affairs, will greet following the President, MRS. BUSH and Barbara Bush.

Note: Ms. Jerrah Mahumu, Vice President of Accra Teacher Training College Student Council, will present MRS. BUSH with flowers.

8:30 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Event.

Program Timeline:

8:30 am The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, *Minister of Education and Sports* asks audience to stand for Opening Blessing.

8:31 am Opening Blessing from Reverend Sister Ethel Ganaa, *Accra Teacher Training Center religious figure and Tutor at Accra TTC.*

8:32 am The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, *Minister of Education and Sports* delivers brief remarks and introduces President John Kufuor.

8:38 am President Kufuor delivers remarks and introduces MRS. BUSH.

8:40 am ***MRS. BUSH delivers Remarks.***

8:55 am MRS. BUSH concludes Remarks.

Note: MRS. BUSH will return to seat on stage following remarks.

8:56 am The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Maafo, *Minister of Education and Sports* introduces Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*.

8:59 am Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University* delivers remarks.

9:05 am Accra Teacher Training College Choir Performs.

Note: During performance, MOU signing participants and observers will move to table.

9:09 am MOU Signing.

Note: MRS. BUSH and President Kufuor will stand behind Table to observe Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, the Honorable Yaw Osafo-Maafo, *Minister of Education and Sports*, and Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*, sign the MOU.

9:13 am The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Maafo, *Minister of Education and Sports* delivers closing remarks.

9:15 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.

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Program Participants

MRS. BUSH

President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*
The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, *Minister of Education and Sports*
Reverend Sister Ethel Ganaa, *Accra Teacher Training Center*
Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*

Audience

Approximately 650 guests including government officials, faculty and students.

BACKGROUND

Presidential African Education Initiative: The Textbooks and Learning Materials Program

USAID announced the implementers for the Africa Education Initiative's Textbooks and Learning Material Program (TLMP), a component of AEI specifically focused on challenges relating to lack of textbooks and learning materials in sub-Saharan Africa. The objective of the program is to develop and produce textbooks and educational materials for grades K through 8 in the subject areas of mathematics, science, language arts, and reading.

The Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP) will begin writing and producing new textbooks and other learning materials in Africa. The program will be implemented through collaborative partnership between USAID, U.S. minority-serving universities and African education institutions. The Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP) goal is to enhance access of girls and boys to learning opportunities by providing 15 million copies of quality, cost-effective textbooks and learning materials for use in African primary schools. By 2010 these appropriate, quality, gender-sensitive and culturally relevant materials will be put into classrooms and into the hands of learners.

The six US TLMP implementing partners are:

The University of Texas at San Antonio (Texas) partnering with South Africa
Elizabeth City State University (North Carolina) partnering with Senegal
Alabama A&M University (Alabama) partnering with Ethiopia
South Carolina State University (South Carolina) partnering with Tanzania
Chicago State University (Illinois) partnering with Ghana
Mississippi Consortium for International Development partnering with Zambia

Accra Teachers Training College

Accra Teacher Training College is a three-year certificate, granting teacher training college located in East Legon, just outside of Accra. It currently has approximately 547 students on campus (Year 1 and Year 2 students) and another 265 students in training placements at primary school. The student body make up is approximately 60% men and 40% women. All "on campus" students live at the College.

The College has approximately 90 staff of whom 48 are teaching faculty. Classes average 40 students each. Subjects include Math, English, Science, Agricultural Science, Physical Education, Education Studies and Professional Development, Religion and Morals, Sociology and the Environment, and Pre-vocational Studies (which includes art, cooking sewing).

Education in Ghana

During the past ten years there have been modest improvements in overall rates of achievement in basic education in Ghana. Enrollment increased significantly over the past few years from 72.8 in 1998 to 86.3 in 2004. Education participation rates, however, continue to be especially low for girls in northern Ghana (20% lower than the national average) and for the poor. Another critical development challenge in Ghana is the low quality of education. Out of every 100 Ghanaian school-age children, 90 enter Grade One (P1), 67 complete Grade Six (P6), and only seven school-age children are able to read with understanding at the P6 level.

Issues of education quality arise from inadequate resources for basic education, coupled with curriculum deficiencies, weak management and a lack of performance accountability and commitment to decentralize. The spread of HIV infection further threatens to exacerbate these challenges and further deepens the low level of educational quality if efforts are not made to curtail HIV/AIDS in the sector.

FUNDING

The Africa Education Initiative (AEI) has committed \$18 million over 3 years for the textbook program starting in 2003.

The 25,000 books are being donated primarily by the MacMillan Company (\$33/per book) = \$825,000 @ 25,000 books. The shipment of the books to Africa is made possible by AEI.

NOTES

- Only one of the six presidents from the U.S. Universities is unable to attend the event. Because of the vacancy of the presidency at Alabama A&M University, USAID invited Dr. Mary Spor, *Professor of*

Literacy, Ph.D. Program Coordinator-Reading/Literacy and program manager for the Textbooks and Learning Materials Program, to attend this event. Alabama A&M University is teamed with Ethiopia.

ATTACHMENTS

- Biographies of Greeters and Program Participants
- Partners of the Textbooks and Learning Materials Program

BIOGRAPHIES OF GREETERS AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

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Mrs. Christiana Bampo, *Principal, Accra Teacher Training College*

Ms. Jerrah Mahumu, *Vice President, Accra Teacher Training College Student Council*

The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, Minister of Education and Sports

The Honorable Yaw Osafo-Mafo, now Minister for Education and Sports had his secondary education at Achimota School in Accra, where he was awarded the prize for being the best Sixth Form Student by the Ghana Science Teachers Association. He gained admission into the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, where he obtained a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1967. In 1968, Honourable Yaw Osafo-Mafo obtained a diploma from the Metal Engineering Institute in the United States of America. He then joined the defunct Bank for Housing and Construction and rose through the ranks to become its Managing Director in 1982. In 1992, he was elected by the Ghana Institution of Engineers to represent it at the Consultative Assembly, which prepared the 1992 Constitution.

The Minister, thereafter, engaged in consulting assignments and organised International Seminars in Management Techniques and Financial Resource Utilisation. His contribution to the Banking Industry was recognised in the West African Sub-Region and was honoured as an outstanding contributor to Banking in the Sub-Region by the West African Bankers Association in 1989. He is a founding member of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) and has represented the Akyem Oda Constituency on the ticket of the party in Parliament since 1996.

Mrs. Christiana Bampo, Principal, Accra Teacher Training College

Mrs. Christina Bampo, [REDACTED] (b)(6) and first appointed into the Ghana Education Service on 1st September, 1979 after successfully completing her 'A' 3-Year Post Secondary education in 1979. She was first posted to Adukrom Junior Secondary School where she taught for three (3) years. In 1982 and 1989, she entered the University of Ghana, Legon where she read a Diploma and Bachelor of Science in Home Science respectively. She read Masters in Public Administration at the same University in 1997.

In 1993, she was posted to Accra Training College where she has since remained. She is the Head of Life Skills Department. Her teaching strategies, discipline and sound departmental management have ensured continuous excellent passes in Life Skills over the years. In addition, her welfare activities as the manager of the staff credit union have contributed to a sound social and economic adjustment of the staff. She is a

devoted member of the Presbyterian Women's Fellowship and her activities at the executive level have contributed to the success story of the church at Adenta.

Alabama A&M University teamed with Ethiopia

Dr. Mary Spor, Professor of Literacy, Ph.D Program Coordinator-Reading/Literacy

Mary W. Spor, TLMP Program Director, is a professor of reading and literacy and coordinator of the Ph.D. program in Reading/Literacy in the School of Education at Alabama A&M University (AAMU) in Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Spor has a bachelor's degree in English from the Pennsylvania State University and masters and Ph.D. degrees in reading and English from the University of Pittsburgh. Her professional career has included teaching and administration at the K-12 levels in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Alabama; service as a member and president of a board of education in Ohio; and participation in national and international reading conferences. Dr. Spor is editor of the Journal of Content Area Reading and serves on several editorial boards. She and her husband Robert have two children and three grandchildren.

Chicago State University teamed with Ghana

Dr. Elnora Daniel, President Chicago State University

Dr. Elnora D. Daniel was appointed president of Chicago State University [CSU] on August 1, 1998. Prior to her appointment at CSU, she served as executive vice president and provost at Hampton University. Dr. Daniel's international reputation is reflected in her appointment by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to serve as a consultant in the area of regulatory health care reform to Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. Additionally, she served as a consultant for Operation Smile International in Liberia, Kenya and Ghana. She has published extensively and holds numerous academic and civic awards. Dr. Daniel earned an M.Ed. and the Ed.D. from Teachers College, Columbia University and holds the rank of Colonel [retired] in the United States Army Reserve.

Elizabeth City State University teamed with Senegal

Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, Chancellor, Elizabeth City State University

Dr. Mickey L. Burnim has been Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University, a constituent institution of The University of North Carolina, since September 1, 1995. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from The University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a distinguished economist and has written papers and published several scholarly articles in this area. Previously, he served on the faculty of Florida State University, as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for the University of North Carolina system, and Provost at North Carolina Central University. He serves on the Boards of Directors for NAFEO and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and on the Commission on Advancement of Racial and Ethnic Equity for the American Council on Education.

Mississippi Consortium for International Development teamed with Zambia

Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, President, Tougaloo College

Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan is the 13th president of Tougaloo College and the first female to head the institution. Prior to becoming president, Hogan served the College as interim president, vice president for

institutional advancement, executive assistant to the president and founding director of the Owens Health and Wellness Center. Hogan served as the executive director of the mental health association in Mississippi for nine years; the executive director of the Governor's Office of Federal State Programs for four years and Commissioner for the Mississippi Workers' Compensation System for ten years. She has been an adjunct instructor in Public Policy and Administration at Jackson State University and a frequent lecturer at the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University. She has participated in employment and job training programs in West Germany, Denmark and Sweden. She has been a presenter and participant in the Oxford Roundtable in Oxford, England. She received a bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College; a master's in public policy and administration from Jackson State University and doctoral work at Fielding Graduate University. She is the recipient of a number of honorary doctorates.

South Carolina State University teamed with Tanzania

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President, South Carolina State University

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., is the ninth President of South Carolina State University. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Higher Education/Institutional Research from Michigan State University, a Master of Education degree and Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from South Carolina State University. Former positions at South Carolina State University include Assistant Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Self-Study, Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Self-Study, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Interim Executive Vice President, President of the Faculty Senate. He has published five mathematics and pre-calculus collegiate textbooks. He is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; Edisto Masonic Lodge (PHA); and former member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five. A native of Green Pond, South Carolina he is married to the Abbiegail Hamilton Hugine, and they have two children; Andrew, III and Akilah.

University of Texas at San Antonio teamed with South Africa

Dr. Ricardo Romo, President, University of Texas at San Antonio

Dr. Ricardo Romo is the fifth president of The University of Texas at San Antonio. During President Romo's tenure, UTSA's enrollment has increased 40% and the University has added numerous programs and facilities to enhance student life, including a \$20 million Recreation/Wellness Building, and a 1,000-bed Olympic village-style housing complex. The number of advisers has tripled, and UTSA is recognized as a leader in "Closing the Gaps," a statewide initiative by the Legislature to enroll more Texans in higher education. Dr. Romo graduated from Fox Tech High School and is a native of San Antonio's West Side. He attended The University of Texas at Austin on a track scholarship. He holds a master's degree in history from Loyola Marymount University and a Ph.D. in history from UCLA.

Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP)

U.S. Collaborating Partners

1. Alabama A&M University
 - a. Dr. Mary Spor, Professor of Literacy-Ph.D Program Coordinator for Reading and Literacy
2. Chicago State University
 - a. Dr. Elnora Daniel, President
 - b. Dr. Adama Conteh, Executive Director/International Programs
 - c. Mr. Imara Dawson, Assistant Program Director, TLMP
3. Elizabeth City State University
 - a. Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, President
 - b. Dr. Johnny L. Houston, Program Director, TLMP
4. Mississippi Consortium for International Development
 - a. Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, President Tougaloo College
 - b. Dr. Ally C. Mack, Dean/Executive Director
5. South Carolina State University
 - a. Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., President
 - b. Dr. Leonard A. McIntyre, Dean- College of Education, Humanities & Social Science
6. University of Texas at San Antonio
 - a. Dr. Ricardo Romo, President
 - b. Dr. Misty Sailors, Assistant Professor
7. USAID
 - a. Dr. Sarah E. Moten, Chief- Education Division, Africa Bureau
 - b. Mr. Freeman Daniels, CTO/TLMP- Education Division, Africa Bureau
8. Science Application International Cooperation
 - a. Mr. Michael Matthews, International Education Program

African Collaborating Partners

1. Ghana *
 - a. Dr. Lawrence Dolan, Education Officer, USAID/Ghana
 - b. Mr. Ato Essuman, Chief Director- Ministry of Education and Sports
 - c. Mrs. Sarah Agyeman-Duah, Director of the Teacher Education of the Ghana Education Service
 - d. Mr. Michael Nsowah, Director General- Ghana Education Service
 - e. Mr. Quaye, Minister of Accra (Mayor)
2. Senegal
 - a. Mr. Pape Sow, Education Team Leader- USAID/Senegal
 - b. Mr. Cheikh Diakhate, Director of Curriculum Department- Ministry of Education

3. Ethiopia

- a. Mr. Befekadu Gebretsadik, Project Management Specialist- USAID/Ethiopia
- b. Mr. Tizazu Asare, Director of Curriculum- Ministry of Education, Institute for Curriculum Development & Research

4. Tanzania

- a. (Mrs.) Bi Mwanaidi S. Abdalla, Deputy Principal Secretary- Ministry of Education and Vocational Training
- b. (Mrs.) Bi Madina M. Mkaka, Director of Higher Education- Ministry of Education and Vocational Training

FACT SHEET

Africa Education Initiative

Primary school enrollment in African countries are among the lowest in the world, with 36% of children in Africa not in school. Education in most of Africa is adversely affected by limited funds and lack of adequate numbers of teachers, classrooms, and learning materials. In June 2002, President Bush announced the Africa Education Initiative (AEI), which focuses on increasing access to quality basic education opportunities in Africa through scholarships, textbooks, and teacher training programs. It is implemented by USAID.

In June 2005, President Bush announced increased funding under AEI and an expansion of efforts to improve access to education and training for marginalized students and teachers; out-of-school youth, orphans, and other vulnerable children; and access to productivity-increasing job skills training and development for youth and their families. The total initiative is \$600 million during the period Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2010.

Ambassadors Girls' Scholarship Program. In Africa, girls account for 60 percent of the approximately 42 million children who are not enrolled in school. AEI is working to bridge this gender gap by providing 550,000 scholarships by 2010, mostly to African girls at the primary and secondary levels, so that they can grow up to assume positive roles in the education, political, and economic sectors of their countries. Support may include tuition, books, uniforms, and other essentials needed to ensure continued access to education opportunities. Scholarship recipients also benefit from mentoring activities that promote self-development and provide positive role models for the girls.

Textbooks and Other Learning Materials. The AEI, in partnership with African institutions and American minority serving institutions, will develop 15 million textbooks and related learning and teaching materials and distribute them in Africa. This partnership emphasizes relevant content, institutional capacity building, and the long-term sustainability of the partnerships between the African institutions and their American counterparts.

Teacher Training. The pursuit of universal access to education places enormous stress on already burdened education systems in Africa. Recruiting, training, and supporting enough teachers to provide quality learning can be particularly challenging. To meet this challenge, AEI is developing, promoting and expanding innovative methods for training more than 920,000 teachers and administrators to improve the quality of learning for millions of African children.

AEI provides support to strengthen the focus on HIV/AIDS mitigation and prevention. AEI increases the capacity of African education systems to manage the impacts of HIV/AIDS on teachers, students, and the quality of education. Many of the scholarship and teacher training programs include HIV/AIDS prevention and Life Skills curricula.

The initiative also increases parent and community involvement in children's education through such activities as sponsoring reading programs and strengthening parent associations. This will help schools and school systems become more transparent and responsive to the needs of civil society.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, new components of AEI will begin including outreach to marginalized

populations such as orphans and vulnerable children, out-of-school youth, and Muslims; rehabilitation of schools; and the use of technologies.

Recognizing that the education of African children is vital to Africa's future economic growth and lasting democracy, AEI is designed to improve education opportunities for Africa's children so that they and their families can enjoy the benefits of literacy and learning.

As of December 2005:

- AEI has provided 120,000 scholarships in 40 countries.
- Over 2.1 million textbooks and other learning materials have been distributed.
- Nearly 60,000 new and over 250,000 current teachers in 15 countries have been trained.

The President's Africa Education Initiative Textbooks and Learning Materials Program

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Among

**THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT**

And

THE GHANAIAN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SPORTS

And

**CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

JANUARY xx, 2006

I. BACKGROUND

In June 2002, U.S. President George W. Bush announced his commitment to improve Africa's education through the Africa Education Initiative (AEI). President Bush pledged \$200 million over five years to address the needs of sub-Saharan Africa. The Africa Education Initiative focuses on three primary activities: (1) girls' scholarships,

(2) teacher training, and (3) textbook and learning materials development.

Resources for AEI are managed by the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Africa Bureau located in Washington DC. USAID Missions located in African countries collaborate with USAID Washington to implement the AEI, integrating its resources to the extent possible into basic education programs that USAID supports on the ground in Africa.

Recognizing that African children are the future of the continent, the President espoused the idea that education is the key to future economic growth and lasting democracy and will ultimately lead to greater stability and improved standards of living. Currently, much of sub-Saharan Africa is challenged by limited funds and a shortage of teachers, textbooks and other educational resource materials. The "Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP)" is one component of AEI, specifically focused on challenges relating to lack of textbooks and other learning materials. Its objective is to develop and produce textbooks and educational materials for grades K - 8 in mathematics, science, language arts and reading for selected sub-Saharan African countries.

In an effort to foster collaboration and consultation while meeting a vital element of need, President Bush announced that the TLMP activity would work through Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) in the United States, partnering with African countries, to develop 4.5 million textbooks and educational resource materials. The intent of TLMP is to develop and produce these textbooks and learning materials in collaborative partnerships between an MSI in the United States and selected institutions in sub-Saharan countries in Africa. Each of these collaborative partnerships is being called a TLMP Partnership. The current focus is on six sub-Saharan nations for three years, from 2005-2008. The total amount of the grant to date, beginning on January 20, 2003, covering the six countries and including all costs related to book production as well as technical assistance and administration of the activity, is \$30,000,000.00. There are currently six TLMP implementing partners:

The University of Texas at San Antonio (Texas)	and	South Africa
Elizabeth City State University (North Carolina)	and	Senegal
Alabama A&M University (Alabama)	and	Ethiopia
South Carolina State University (South Carolina)	and	Tanzania
Chicago State University (Illinois)	and	Ghana
Mississippi Consortium for International Development (MS)	and	Zambia

II. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of the overall Textbooks and Learning Materials Program (TLMP) activity is twofold:

1. MSIs will work closely with USAID for technical direction and with African partner country curriculum developers and educationalists to write, publish, and distribute a minimum of 3.6 million high quality and low-cost textbooks (based on partner country national curricula) to students in target schools.
2. Each MSI will establish collaborative partnerships with relevant educational institutions in the partner country through technical assistance that will result in the design of

textbooks and other learning materials in keeping with the national curriculum of the partner country.

Chicago State University (CSU) was selected as the MSI to work with Ghana under the TLMP activity. Terms of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) thus apply to the activity as it is implemented in Ghana. This MOU does not constitute a formal obligation of funds by the United States Government nor does it constitute a legally binding commitment by any Party.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

To achieve the purpose of this MOU, the Parties, individually and subject to the availability of funds and a stable environment, will jointly cooperate to produce learning materials that are based on the priorities and curricula of Ghana and are culturally and socially acceptable. Collaboration, the process of Ghanaian and American partners working jointly to make more learning materials available to learners, is integral to the success of this program.

Subject joint efforts of the Parties will include:

- Mutual exchange of information and data on specific sectoral activities;
- Support for the adoption of materials to improve school quality;
- Coordination of technical assistance and other activities to ensure that the Ghana TLMP activity compliments and adds value to the USAID/Ghana bilateral education program wherever possible;
- Meeting periodically at the request of the Parties to share experiences and lessons learned, and facilitate the transmission of best practices;
- Testing and implementation of verification and certification systems to monitor and measure the impact, effectiveness and sustainability of activities;
- Sharing information on opportunities that may arise for collaboration with other organizations that may leverage resources invested by the Parties.

The end result of these joint efforts will be the creation of a Textbooks and Learning Materials Program in Ghana that is acceptable to all of the Parties.

IV. LIST OF TEAM MEMBERS OF EACH SIGNATORY

A. Government of Ghana

- Xxx

B. Government of the United States

- Xxx

C. Chicago State University

- Xxx

V. SIGNATURES APPROVING THIS AGREEMENT

Government of Ghana

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Title

Date

Government of the United States

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Title

Date

Chicago State University

Dr. Elnora D. Daniel
President Chicago State University

Date

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REMARKS

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VISIT TO MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Model Secondary School

Abuja, Nigeria

11:00 am – 11:50 am

PURPOSE

To highlight the Administration's support for education in Africa by visiting with recipients of the African Education Initiative's Ambassador Girls Scholarship Program (AGSP).

MESSAGE

- Educating girls is one of the best things a country can do to ensure its development. Educated women tend to have healthier families, and are more likely to assert themselves in positive ways to contribute to the betterment of their communities.
- President Bush and I believe strongly in the power of education to transform lives, which is why, with the support of the American people, the Administration invests heavily in education in Africa – more than 600 million dollars, which will touch the lives of over 80 million African children.
- President and Mrs. Bush are delighted that through the Africa Education Initiative, 300,000 girls and even some boys will benefit from the Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program (AGSP).
- As a former teacher, I know how important it is for children everywhere to have the opportunity to study and learn as much as they can and to be bold in pursuing their dreams.
- I'm delighted to provide each AGSP recipient with her own personal dictionary to use in her studies.

PRESS PLAN

POOL AT TOP – CLASSROOM

POOL AT TOP/WRITER REMAIN – DISCUSSION

REMARKS/TALKING POINTS

No formal remarks

Discussion with recipients of the Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program (AGSP)

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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Met by: Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni [Fa-tee-ma Baa-Baa Go-ee], *Principal, Model Secondary School*

Mrs. Amy Uzoewulu [Ooh-zo-woo-lu], *Principal, American International School, Abuja*
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11:05 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Classroom Visit.

Note: Mrs. Elizabeth Chang [Chay-ang] will greet MRS. BUSH upon arrival in Classroom. MRS. BUSH will be seated next to an AGSP scholar.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in group photo (1 CLICK) with students prior to departure from classroom.

11:15 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Classroom Visit and proceeds to Room JSS1B for Discussion.

11:20 am MRS. BUSH begins participation in Discussion.

Note: Mariam Othman [Uth-mon], National Vice-President, Federation of Muslim Women will moderate discussion. At the conclusion of the discussion, the students will perform a song.

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11:50 am MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Event and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: Approximately 50-75 Students from Model Secondary School and the American International School will line the departure area, waving Nigerian and American flags.

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Note: The below AGSP recipients will be in the room for the discussion but will not have a speaking role.

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Keziah Solomon (Kay-zee-ah), *3rd grade, Model Primary School, Maitama, Abuja*
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BACKGROUND

Model Secondary School

The Model Secondary School, established in 1993, is located on Lake Chad Crescent Street (adjacent to American International School) in Maitama, Abuja. The school is a co-educational, public school serving a diverse student population from the Junior Secondary 2 (JRS2) to Senior Secondary (SS3) levels (8th and 12th grades in U.S. standards). The school has 22 classrooms, laboratories, sports facilities, and staff quarters. Nine of the 1,064 students are Ambassador Girls Scholarship (AGSP) recipients. Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni serves as the principal, with the support of 84 teachers. The classroom size average is 50 to 60 students. There are 547 male students and 517 female students.

The Ambassador's Girls Scholarship Program (AGSP) – Nigeria

The USG Ambassador's Girls Scholarship Program, which in Nigeria is under the patronage of the Honorable John Campbell, *U.S. Ambassador to Nigeria*, is implemented by World Education International, a U.S.-based private, non-profit organization, in partnership with local institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and community organizations. The AGSP provides scholarships and mentoring activities to girls from the most disadvantaged circumstances, such as girls who are orphaned, who have physical disabilities, and who are from economically poor households. The Program focuses on the preparation of a new generation of Nigerian leaders at the early stages of their academic and social development. It provides girls with the opportunity, skills, and incentives to continue their education so that they may fully participate in civil society and national development.

The goals of the Program are to increase the number of girls who stay in school and to augment the enrollment of girls in educational institutions that provide programs for students with special physical needs. The scholarships assist girls to complete at least a four-year period within primary and/or secondary levels within the Nigerian education system. With the completion of each level of education, the girls' possibilities for personal well-being, self-sufficiency and contributions to their families and communities also increase.

Through the AGSP, over 1,250 disadvantaged girls in Nigeria are able to attend primary and/or secondary or special needs schools through the provision of four-year scholarship awards. In addition to tuition costs and school fees, the scholarship may also cover the costs of uniforms, transportation to school, books, and even boarding fees where applicable. This Program reaches all six geo-political zones of Nigeria.

The Program also encourages girls to stay in school during the scholarship period and beyond through complementary mentoring programs, which are developed with local NGOs, community-based groups, and religious organizations. Through small grants provided to groups in each state, regular visits will be made to the scholarship recipients to encourage the development of good study habits, teach life skills, and present positive role models to the girls.

World Education International

World Education International is well known for its work around the globe in environmental education, community development, maternal and child health, school governance, integrated literacy, small enterprise development, HIV/AIDS education and prevention and care, and refugee training. World Education International also works to strengthen literacy and adult basic education programs in the United States. Projects are designed to contribute to individual growth, as well as to community and national development.

Federation of Muslim Women's Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN)

Note: There are ten implementing partners of the AGSP in Nigeria. The FOMWAN manages the Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program (AGSP) for Abuja, Nigeria.

The Federation of Muslim Women's Associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN) is a federation of over 150 Muslim associations that are spread across Nigeria. It was founded in 1985 with the aim of improving the lives of Muslim women and children in particular and Muslims in general. It has grown in status, having sister federations in Ghana, Sierra-Leone, Liberia (FOMWAL) and the Gambia, and was accorded observer status at the Fourth World Conference on Women in 1995.

FOMWAN is strategically placed to reach out to the estimated 20 million women in Nigeria, most of whom are unemployed, poor and reside predominantly in the rural areas. Its member associations undertake relevant assignments and projects that promote spiritual and physical welfare of the faithful, and hold regular meetings at local government and state levels each month. Meanwhile, the National Executive Council (NEC), comprising elected officers, state chairpersons or Amirahs and board chairpersons with portfolios that include health, meets quarterly. The NEC co-ordinates international relations, develops policies and monitors their implementation.

USG Ambassador's Girls Scholarship Program

The Government of Nigeria has not provided nationwide access to quality basic education. The poor quality of education generates low demand and therefore low levels of student enrollment. As a result, levels of adult literacy are low, having actually declined in the 1990s, and academic performance is poor. Of the 30 million primary-school-aged children in Nigeria, 10 million are not enrolled in school. Of those currently in primary school, fewer than one third will enroll in junior secondary and even fewer into secondary school. 72.1 percent of children between the ages of 4 and 12 cannot read at all; 54.7 percent lack basic numeric skills. Only 60 percent of the primary-age children (age 6 to 11) attend primary school, with males more likely than females to attend primary school (64 percent versus 57 percent, respectively). Urban-rural differences are striking: 70 percent of children in urban areas attend primary school, compared with 56 percent in rural areas.

FUNDING

US Funding: Starting in 2003, the Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program (AGSP) in Nigeria receives \$600,000 for the 3 years under the President's African Education Initiative. The Model Secondary School receives \$1,440 total for 3 years (\$160.00 per recipient).

NOTES

- MRS. BUSH will present 20 dictionaries to the recipients of the Ambassador's Girls' Scholarship Program (AGSP).

ATTACHMENTS

- Biographies of Greeters and Program Participants
- AEI Fact Sheet

BIOGRAPHIES OF GREETER AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

GREETERS

Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni, [Fa-tee-ma, Baa-Baa, Go-ee], *Principal, Model Secondary School*
Mrs. Amy Uzoewulu, [Ooh-zo-woo-lu], *Principal, American International School, Abuja*
Professor Gidado Tahir, [Gee-da-Do, Ta-here], *Executive Director, Universal Basic Education Commission*
Mrs. Mariam Othman, [Uth-mon], *National Vice-President, Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN)*
Jumoke Seun Olabode [Ju-moe-kay, Oh-la-bo-day], *4th grade, 7 years old, Student and AGSP recipient, Model Secondary School*
Mr. Lamin Sow (La-meen So), *Regional Coordinator, World Education*

Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni (Fa-tee-ma, Baa-Baa, Go-nee), Principal, Model Secondary School

Mrs. Baba Goni has been the principal at the Model Secondary School for 1 year. Prior to this position she spent many years as a classroom teacher and most recently as the headmistress at a primary school for 4 years. She studied Education and English at the University of Maiduguri in Nigeria. Mrs. Baba Goni She has been a classroom teacher. When asked why she went into education, Mrs. Baba Goni stated, "I love children and have always wanted to be a teacher".

Mrs. Amy Uzoewulu (Ooh-zo-woo-lu), Principal, American International School, Abuja

Was one of the founding faculty members of the American International School. She began as a teacher and taught in the classrooms for nearly 10 years before becoming the acting and eventually principal.

The American International school of Abuja was founded in 1993 when a group of concerned parents and U.S. Embassy officials recognized the need for a school that would adequately prepare students who reside Nigeria to continue their education in America after living overseas. The school is currently located on the Model Secondary School compound, a site authorized by the Federal Capital Development Authority. Architects are designing a new permanent campus on nearly 20 acres recently allocated to AISA. AISA has a principal, an assistant principal, a finance officer, 16 full-time teachers, 2 part-time teachers, 1 full time librarian and 8 full-time assistants.

Professor Gidado Tahir (Gee-Da-Doe Ta-here), Executive Director, Universal Basic Education Commission

Professor Gidado Tahir is the Executive Chairman of Nigeria's Universal Basic Education Commission, tasked with guiding the implementation of basic education for Nigeria's 25 million pupils in primary and junior secondary schools. He is a former Executive Director of the National Nomadic Education Commission, where he developed a keen interest facilitating girls education. Earlier in his career, he was a Professor of Education at Amadu Bello University, Zaria/Kano, Nigeria.

Mrs. Maryam Othman (Mare-ee-am Uth-mon), National Vice-president, Federation of Muslim Women Association of Nigeria (FOMWAN)

Maryam Idris Othman, a Muslim since birth, is the National Secretary of the Federation of Muslim Women's Associations in Nigeria (FOMWAN). FOMWAN has 32 state branches in the 36 states of Nigeria and over 500 affiliate groups. Othman plays a leadership role in her community as the National Secretary of FOMWAN which serves as a unifying factor and voice for the Muslim women in Nigeria.

She has also served as the president of Kaduna state FOMWAN, and has participated in and implemented various activities and programs in her community. Othman has organized conferences, lectures, workshops, and seminars and participated in those organized by other groups on various topics. She participated for example in the recent interfaith forum on HIV/AIDS in Nigeria organized by the federal government - the National Action Committee on AIDS. Othman supported and coordinated the setting up of an annual madrasa (Islamic school) for children aged between two to twenty years during the months of fasting (Ramadan). In addition, she has participated in election monitoring in the recently concluded federal elections of Nigeria.

Also engaged in monitoring elections for her country, Othman noted 'that women's voter turnout and participation in politics was outstanding and this is fulfilling. Things are beginning to change now, thank God'. The advice that Othman can give to women in her community and in other parts of the world is that they should always remember that seeking knowledge is the most important aspect of women's lives. 'With education', Othman believes, 'the sky is the limit for women'. To religious male leaders, Mrs. Othman makes a plea that they should accept the fact that the roles of women in the community are very important, women and men can complement each other, and that women are not challenging men. Only women know how to tackle feminine problems and have different experiences and therefore perspectives on other issues. Othman is keen to stress that 'women are not a threat to men'. An important lesson Othman has learned as a woman of faith is that 'what patience and perseverance cannot give you, the lack thereof can never give you'.

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Mr. Lamin Sow (La-meen So), Regional Coordinator, World Education

Lamine Sow is a Guinea national. He earned a Master's in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA in 1995. Mr. Sow worked for the Guinea Ministry of Education before joining USAID/Guinea as an Education Officer (1998-2003). Since March, 2003 as an employee of World Education, Inc., he has served as World Education's Country Representative in Nigeria and AGSP Regional Coordinator for West Africa.

DISCUSSION PARTICIPANTS

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FACT SHEET

Africa Education Initiative (AEI)

Primary school enrollment in African countries are among the lowest in the world, with 36% of children in Africa not in school. Education in most of Africa is adversely affected by limited funds and lack of adequate numbers of teachers, classrooms, and learning materials. In June 2002, President Bush announced the Africa Education Initiative (AEI), which focuses on increasing access to quality basic education opportunities in Africa through scholarships, textbooks, and teacher training programs. It is implemented by USAID.

In June 2005, President Bush announced increased funding under AEI and an expansion of efforts to improve access to education and training for marginalized students and teachers; out-of-school youth, orphans, and other vulnerable children; and access to productivity-increasing job skills training and development for youth and their families. The total initiative is \$600 million during the period Fiscal Year 2002 through Fiscal Year 2010.

Ambassadors Girls' Scholarship Program. In Africa, girls account for 60 percent of the approximately 42 million children who are not enrolled in school. AEI is working to bridge this gender gap by providing 550,000 scholarships by 2010, mostly to African girls at the primary and secondary levels, so that they can grow up to assume positive roles in the education, political, and economic sectors of their countries. Support may include tuition, books, uniforms, and other essentials needed to ensure continued access to education opportunities. Scholarship recipients also benefit from mentoring activities that promote self-development and provide positive role models for the girls.

Textbooks and Other Learning Materials. The AEI, in partnership with African institutions and American minority serving institutions, will develop 15 million textbooks and related learning and teaching materials, and distribute them in Africa. This partnership emphasizes relevant content, institutional capacity building, and the long-term sustainability of the partnerships between the African institutions and their American counterparts.

Teacher Training. The pursuit of universal access to education places enormous stress on already burdened education systems in Africa. Recruiting, training, and supporting enough teachers to provide quality learning can be particularly challenging. To meet this challenge, AEI is developing, promoting and expanding innovative methods for training more than 920,000 teachers and administrators to improve the quality of learning for millions of African children.

AEI provides support to strengthen the focus on HIV/AIDS mitigation and prevention. AEI increases the capacity of African education systems to manage the impacts of HIV/AIDS on teachers, students, and the quality of education. Many of the scholarship and teacher training programs include HIV/AIDS prevention and Life Skills curricula.

The initiative also increases parent and community involvement in children's education through such activities as sponsoring reading programs and strengthening parent associations. This will help schools and school systems become more transparent and responsive to the needs of civil society.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 2007, new components of AEI will begin including outreach to marginalized populations such as orphans and vulnerable children, out-of-school youth, and Muslims; rehabilitation of

schools; and the use of technologies.

Recognizing that the education of African children is vital to Africa's future economic growth and lasting democracy, AEI is designed to improve education opportunities for Africa's children so that they and their families can enjoy the benefits of literacy and learning.

As of December 2005:

- AEI has provided 120,000 scholarships in 40 countries.
- Over 2.1 million textbooks and other learning materials have been distributed.
- Nearly 60,000 new and over 250,000 current teachers in 15 countries have been trained.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

TELEVISION INTERVIEW WITH BILL SAMMON OF THE WASHINGTON TIMES AND SCOTT STEARNS OF VOICE OF AMERICA

Monday, January 16, 2006

Ambassador's Residence

Monrovia, Liberia

10:25 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

I. PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

You will participate in a one-on-one print interview with Bill Sammon of The Washington Times and a one-on-one radio interview with Scott Stearns of Voice of America to discuss your trip to Liberia, Ghana and Nigeria.

Both reporters will ask you about the reason you are going to Africa, the events you will attend, and what you hope to accomplish. They will ask you about the trip to Liberia and the significance of the first woman President elected in Africa. They will also ask about what your daughters are doing; what it is like to have Barbara travel with you; and what Barbara had been doing in Africa during her stay there.

II. PRESS PLAN

One-on-One Print Interview
One-on-One Radio Interview

III. PARTICIPANTS

Bill Sammon, The Washington Times
Scott Stearns, Voice of America
Susan Whitson, Press Secretary to the First Lady

IV. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

10:25 a.m.	MRS. BUSH arrives in the Living Room of the Ambassador's Residence and begins participation in One-on-One Print Interview with Bill Sammon of The Washington Times.
10:35 a.m.	MRS. BUSH concludes participation in interview and Bill Sammon departs and Scott Stearns of Voice of America arrives.
10:35 a.m.	MRS. BUSH begins participation in One-on-One Radio Interview with Scott Stearns of Voice of America.
10:45 a.m.	MRS. BUSH concludes Interview and departs.

V. ATTACHMENTS

- Biography of Bill Sammon
- Biography of Scott Stearns
- Talking Points
- Possible Q&A

Bio of Bill Sammon

Bill Sammon is the White House correspondent for the *Washington Times*.

While at the *Plain Dealer* in Cleveland, Bill spent two years uncovering widespread corruption at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, prompting investigations into voter fraud that resulted in the ouster of top election officials from both political parties.

Bill was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for his investigative reporting for the *Washington Times* on illegal fundraising by the Teamsters and the Democratic Party. Bill spent much of the last two years covering the closest presidential race in history and was one of the first reporters to arrive in Tallahassee for the post-election standoff, never leaving until it was over.

Bio of Scott Stearns

Scott Stearns moved to the White House beat in 2001 from Kenya where for five years he headed up VOA's East Africa Bureau. Before his tour in Nairobi, Scott worked in the English to Africa service where his reporting for VOA began as a Nigeria stringer in 1992. During his time in west Africa, Scott also covered the Liberian civil war for the BBC, the Associated Press, The Economist and The Christian Science Monitor. He has a B.S. and M.S. in Journalism from Northwestern University. Scott lives with his wife, Jodi and their two children.

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LUNCH HOSTED BY PRESIDENT KUFUOR

**Tuesday, January 17, 2006
The Castle (Presidential Palace)
Accra, Ghana
12:05 pm – 1:35 pm**

PURPOSE

To participate in a lunch hosted by President John Agyekum Kufuor of Ghana.

PRESS PLAN

PRESS POOL – ARRIVAL/VERANDA PHOTO OP
CLOSED PRESS – LUNCH

REMARKS

Toast during Lunch

ATTIRE

Skirt or Pant Suit

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

12:05 pm MRS. BUSH arrives The Castle and proceeds to Courtyard for Cultural Display.

Met by: President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*
Oboshie (Obi) Cofie, *Deputy Chief of Staff*

12:10 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Cultural Display and Tour.

Note: The following will occur upon arrival (Pool Coverage):

- MRS. BUSH will be presented with a bouquet of flowers
- MRS. BUSH and President Kufuor will observe the Honor Guard
- Welcoming ceremony by drummers and dancers

Note: Prior to beginning Tour, MRS. BUSH should nod or smile in acknowledgement of the cultural display.

Note: President Kufuor will lead MRS. BUSH on a Tour of the following:

- Historical Tour of Castle Dungeons
- Veranda for overlook of the ocean (Pool Coverage)

12:25 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Tour and proceeds to Credential Hall.

12:30 pm MRS. BUSH begins participation in Lunch.

Note: President Kufuor and MRS. BUSH will deliver toasts at Lunch.

1:35 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Lunch and proceeds to Vehicle.

Note: Cultural performers will assemble outside to wave goodbye to MRS. BUSH. (Pool Coverage)

PARTICIPANTS

MRS. BUSH

Barbara Bush

President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*

Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, *U.S. Ambassador to Ghana*

Cindy Courville, *Special Assistant to the President and Director of African Affairs, National Security Council*

Sonya Medina, *Special Assistant to the President and Director of Projects for the First Lady*

Mr. Jerry Lanier, *Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Accra*

Ms. Judy Francis, *Management Counselor, U.S. Embassy Accra*

Ms. Sharon Cromer, *Director of USAID, U.S. Embassy Accra*

Dr. Sarah E. Moten, *USAID Chief of the Education Division, Africa Bureau*

Ms. Mary Johnson, *Chief of Public Diplomacy Section*

Ms. Madeleine Mader, *Peace Corps Director, U.S. Embassy Accra*

From the U.S. Collaborating Partners for the Textbook and Learning Materials Program:

Dr. Mary Spor, *Program Coordinator for Reading and Literacy, Alabama A&M University, Professor of Literacy – Ph.D*

Dr. Elnora Daniel, *President, Chicago State University*

Dr. Mickey L. Burnim, *President, Elizabeth City State University*

Dr. Beverly W. Hogan, *President Tougaloo College, Mississippi Consortium for International Development*

Dr. Ally C. Mack, *Dean/Executive Director, Mississippi Consortium for International Development*

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr., *President, South Carolina State University*

Dr. Ricardo Romo, *President, University of Texas at San Antonio*

12 Ghanaians – List and biographies provided upon arrival

ATTACHMENTS

- Biographies of Lunch Participants – provided upon arrival

Press

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

January 11, 2006

HEADLINE: Liberian 'Iron Lady' tied to Cobb; President-elect is teenagers' grandmother

BYLINE: SHELIA M. POOLE

In a few days, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf will make history as the first female president of Liberia and the first woman ever elected head of an African nation. Traveling to Liberia to celebrate her Monday inauguration will be two Acworth teens.

Jenelle and Berylene Sirleaf, students at North Cobb High School, plan to leave Georgia tomorrow to join their paternal grandmother --- known as the Iron Lady --- as she is sworn in as the West African nation's next head of state. This will be their first trip to Liberia, where both their parents were born.

Until recently, few people knew of Johnson-Sirleaf's familial connection to Georgia. That changed once local media began running the story.

"It's exciting," said Jenelle, 17, who is considering a career with the United Nations or in business. "The whole election was really a big deal in Liberia. It was important to me, but I didn't know it would be this huge [in Georgia]."

For her part, younger sister Berylene, 16, is trying to stay grounded. "It's been a weird experience," said Berylene, who may one day pursue fashion design but loves sports and hopes to make the tennis team at school. "I think, 'Wow, my grandmother is going to be president. It's the most amazing thing ever.' I'm trying not to expect too much or too little."

Jenelle and Berylene are the daughters of one of Johnson-Sirleaf's four sons, Charles, a banker who lives in Liberia. The girls live with their mother, Joan, an accountant. Joan Sirleaf moved to the United States in the 1980s to escape what was to become a 14-year civil war, which took more than a quarter-million lives and devastated the nation. She met her husband in Georgia and their two daughters were born in the United States.

Jenelle and Berylene describe Johnson-Sirleaf, whom they simply call Grandma, as very nice and hard-working. They recalled the holidays she would come to Georgia to visit, and they proudly show a photograph of the president-to-be sitting at the family's dining room table. When she's not too busy, she tries to call them at least once a week. Jenelle also recalls the times the family would visit Sirleaf when she lived in New York and worked at the United Nations.

Joan Sirleaf said the excitement meter at her Cobb County home has shot off the scale since the election. The day of the vote, the Sirleafs followed the news, mainly on the Internet. When she won, they got a call from Charles and later spoke with the president-elect.

Although Joan Sirleaf and her mother-in-law don't talk about politics too much, "This is something she really believes in," said Joan. "I look at it as a step forward for women. It shows what we can accomplish if we're willing to work hard."

Johnson-Sirleaf's inauguration is expected to be attended by first lady **Laura Bush** and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

The election of the Unity Party candidate was watched closely throughout the continent. She defeated soccer millionaire George Weah in a November presidential runoff.

Former South African President Nelson Mandela said in a congratulatory message that her victory opened a new chapter in the history of the continent and in the women's movement in Africa, according to AllAfrica.com.

Political change in works

Women often play secondary roles in African society and rarely ascend to the upper echelons of political power. They are often the most affected by war, poverty and poor education and health care. But experts say perhaps that is changing --- albeit slowly.

About the same time the 67-year-old Johnson-Sirleaf won the Liberian election, Tanzania's new president, Jakaya Kikwete, named several women to his Cabinet, including the posts of minister for finance and minister of foreign affairs and international cooperation, according to AllAfrica.com.

Johnson-Sirleaf is "rewriting history for African women," said Sam Cherribi, acting director of the Center for the Study of Public Scholarship at Emory University and a former member of the Dutch parliament.

"African women have never had a strong voice. It is totally a male-dominated culture, and here she comes, the Iron Lady. This means Liberia is ready for a mind-set change."

Cherribi said he recently saw Johnson-Sirleaf at an event in Washington. He said she talked about her grandchildren and said she had strong relations with the United States.

Impressive resume

Johnson-Sirleaf is the former director of the U.N. Development Programme Regional Bureau for Africa, vice president and member of the executive board of Equator Bank, a founding member of the International Institute for Women in Political Leadership and a senior loan officer at the World Bank.

She has twice been imprisoned for her politics, and she was elected president on her second attempt at the country's highest office,

Cherribi said Johnson-Sirleaf faces a formidable task in rebuilding the country after decades of violence in Liberia, which is roughly the size of Tennessee and has a population of 3.5 million, according to the CIA World Factbook. She must work to end corruption, spur investment and

economic development and focus on health and education. At the same time, she must work hard to build a consensus among rival parties.

The NEWS (Monrovia)

January 12, 2006

HEADLINE: Six Presidents for Inauguration --NTGL Releases Calendar of Events

BYLINE: T. Michael Johnny

At least six African Presidents have confirmed their respective presence in Monrovia for the historic inauguration of Liberia and Africa's first female elected President, Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, slated for January 16, 2006 at the Capitol Building, Information Minister, C. William Allen has disclosed.

Briefing Executive Mansion reporters following an-hour long Cabinet Meeting Wednesday, Minister Allen named Nigeria's President and Chairman of the African Union (AU), Olusegun Obasanjo, South African President, Tambo Mbeki, and Ghanaian President John Kuffor. Others include Sierra Leonean President, Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, and Ivorian President, Laurent Gbagbo, all of whom have communicated to the Foreign Ministry confirming their participation in the inauguration of Liberia's 23rd President- elect.

Reports also have it that the Burkina Fasso President, Blaise Campore will also attend.

Also included in the list of dignitaries expected to grace the inauguration are Guinea's Prime Minister Saydou Diallo, and several other proxied from heads of States and governments in Africa and elsewhere.

From across the Atlantic Ocean, Mrs. **Laura Bush**, wife of United States President George Bush, United States Secretary of State, Condoleeza Rice, the Chinese Foreign Minister, and the Development Minister of France are all expected in Monrovia, Minister Allen told the Press.

"Although the list of expected guests are still confirming their presence with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the names given are those that have formally confirmed their willingness to attend the inauguration," the Information Minister said Wednesday.

"I think the presence of powerful African and influential leaders and business executives from developed countries is a sign of relief that at long last, Liberia will become stable, embrace development and be on par with other emerging democracies in Africa and the world at large," an incoming lawmaker asserted.

In a related development, the National Transitional Government of Liberia (NTGL) has released the calendar of events leading to the inauguration of the President- elect. In its protocol, the NTGL said the inauguration ceremonies start on Saturday, January 14, 2006 with a cultural and musical extravaganza at the Antoinette Tubman Stadium, (ATS) which will be opened to the public at 7:00 p.m.

On Sunday, January 15, 2006 at 11 o'clock a.m., an Intercessory and Thanksgiving Service will be held at the First United Methodist Church on Ashmun Street by invitation only, while at 2 o'clock p.m., an honoring program organized by Women's Organization will be held at the ATS, which will be opened to the public.

Seemingly, the NTGL said on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 11 a.m., inauguration ceremony will take place on the grounds of the Capitol Building, which is strictly by invitation, while reception will follow at the Executive Mansion and simultaneously in communities throughout the country. Finally on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 9:30 a.m., the President will receive the ad hoc Missions accredited to the inauguration in the parlous of the Executive Mansion. At 10:30 a.m., the President will receive the delegations from the 15 counties including traditional leaders at the same venue, while at 2 p.m., national children's party will also be held at the Executive Mansion.

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HEADLINE: U.S. sends security detail to protect Liberia's president-elect

DATELINE: Monrovia

Liberia's traditional friend, the U.S., has sent security personnel from the U.S. State Department to beef up protection for president-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, reports said Friday.

A Unity Party press statement issued in Monrovia said the team from U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's security detail is already in the country and will also train and build the capacity of the president-elect's local security as well as personnel of the Special Security Service (SSS) assigned to the presidential mansion.

"The gesture on the part of Dr. Rice and the U.S. government is one of the outcomes of Madam Sirleaf's recent visit to the U.S. during which the fragile security environment in the country and the need to protect the president-elect was discussed," the statement said.

"The U.S. security team is expected to phase over full responsibility for Madam Sirleaf's security to the local security units after completion of the training and capacity building exercises and when the security climate in the country is adjudged normal," the statement added.

Meanwhile, preparations for the inauguration of Africa's first elected female president on January 16 are gearing up.

The streets of Monrovia have been cleared of litter and the capital given a face-lift by youth groups with support from the United States Agency for International Development.

The Capitol Building, the seat of the national legislature, and the presidential mansion where the inauguration is expected to be held are being repaired and painted.

The inauguration is expected to be attended by some 2,000 guests, including U.S. First Lady **Laura Bush** and Condoleezza Rice.

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Antoinette Sayeh Tipped As Finance Minister

By **Kenneth Y. Best**

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MONROVIA, January 12 -- Dr. Antoinette Sayeh, a World Bank advisor on Operations Policy and Country Services, has been tipped to be Liberia's new Minister of Finance, reliable sources have told the *Daily Observer*.

Dr. Sayeh, 47, speaks fluent French, and holds the Doctor of Philosophy degree in International and Development Economics. She is a product of the Fletcher School, Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, USA, where she took both her Master's and PhD degrees in 1981 and 1985, respectively. She obtained her B.A. degree from Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, and an Academic Diploma at College du Lemman in Versoix, Geneva, Switzerland.

If confirmed by the Liberian Senate, Dr. Sayeh will become only the second woman to head the Finance Ministry. The first woman in that position was Madam Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, who has now scored two other historic firsts: the first woman to be elected President of the Republic of Liberia, and the first African woman to be elected President of her country.

During her tête-à-tête with the Liberian press two weeks ago, the President-elect intimated that she trusted women with the country's money. The *Daily Observer* asked her whether that meant that the next Minister of Finance would be a woman. She replied in an undertone, "Yes."

But despite many speculations in the media, Madam Sirleaf has not yet released the names of her Cabinet.

Dr. Sayeh, the new Finance Minister has also served as an economist with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). In the early 1980s she moved on to the World Bank, where she has garnered extensive experience working as an economist and development expert in the developing nations of Africa and Asia.

In 2000 and 2003 she served as the Bank's country director in three West African countries, Benin, Niger and Togo.

Earlier, between 1998 and 2000, she was assistant to the Bank's Managing Director. Before then, she served in the Bank's South Asia Region, Pakistan and Afghanistan in particular, as senior economist in the Poverty Reduction, Economic Management and Country Operations Unit.

Dr. Sayeh had earlier served as assistant to the Bank's executive director; and as an economist in its Country Operations Division in Benin.

The international and development economist has local experience as well, including service in the Ministry she is now poised to head, Finance. Between 1986 and 1988 she served as Advisor to the Minister of Finance on Debt and Monetary Affairs. Before then she worked as Senior Economist in the Ministry of Planning and Economic Affairs.

Dr. Sayeh is one of the younger daughters of Mr. Anthony Sayeh, one of Liberia's early foresters, and his wife. They lived in Sinkor, Old Road.

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Laura Bush: America soon will have a woman in Oval Office

By DEB RIECHMANN

WASHINGTON (AP) Laura Bush predicted on Friday that the United States soon will have a female president a Republican, and maybe even Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"I think it will happen for sure," Mrs. Bush said about a woman in the Oval Office.

She made the comment in a CNN interview broadcast on Friday, the day before she leaves for Liberia to attend the inauguration of the first female president in Africa.

"I think it will happen probably in the next few terms of the presidency in the United States," Mrs. Bush said.

Rice has said she has no desire to be president when President Bush's second term expires, but Mrs. Bush said: "I'd love to see her run. She's terrific."

Mrs. Bush leaves Saturday night for Africa where she will visit Ghana and Nigeria to promote education and AIDS treatment after leading the U.S. delegation attending the swearing-in of Liberia's President-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf on Monday in Monrovia.

Rice is part of the delegation, as is one of the president's daughters, Barbara, who worked recently at a pediatric AIDS hospital in South Africa. "She's interested in the policy surrounding AIDS and what we can do in our country and in other countries around the world to really stop AIDS," Mrs. Bush said.

During the 13-minute interview in the Map Room of the White House, Mrs. Bush talked about how she and the president try to comfort the families of fallen U.S. troops by saying that their service in the armed forces is helping to establish a stable democracy in the Middle East.

In another gesture of consolation, Mrs. Bush said that on Thursday she called to offer encouragement to the wife of Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito, Martha-Ann Bomgardner, who left her husband's testy Senate confirmation hearing in tears, eliciting sympathy from senators of both parties.

"I think it's very important for the Senate to have a very civil and respectful hearing for anyone that has been nominated for the Supreme Court or for the other jobs that require Senate confirmation," Mrs. Bush said.

"But on the other hand, my family has been in politics for a long time and I think you do develop a thick skin. Does it ever not hurt? You know, not really."

Prescribing poetry in Nigeria

"Living in Nigeria is hell," says one of the characters in a new short story by Nigerian writer Tolu Ogunlesi.

But this 23-year-old, who also works as a pharmacist, thinks he's found a cure in writing.

"It's a way of dealing with my sanity and insanity," he told the BBC's Network Africa programme in a series about new African writers.

The living hell also provides a wonderful canvas for his writing.

"Despite the seeming chaos of Nigerian society - it keeps you going.

"It's exciting and shocking, and you can feel angry and happy. It's a blend you may not see in the West," he says.

E-mail junkie

Ogunlesi, who began writing two years ago, says he also enjoys "linking normally unlinkable things" and allowing his imagination to consider things "the mind would not consider logical".

I love the energy, wildness and madness of Lagos
Tolu Ogunlesi

In his story *The Baby Who Didn't Stop Crying*, a Nigerian policeman tries to pay for his bus fare to the consternation of conductor and passengers, used to seeing police officers insisting on travelling for free, if they are not demanding bribes.

This policeman with a conscience introduces readers to a host of characters in the noise and lawlessness of over-crowded Lagos, Ogunlesi's favourite Nigerian city.

"I love the energy, wildness and madness of Lagos. I always need to come back to Lagos to recharge myself," he says.

"In fact, I wrote a poem called *Deficiency of Lagos*, which says if you're away from the city for more than four months, you'll get sick."

This year, Ogunlesi moved to Asaba, in Nigeria's southern Delta State to begin a year's national service in a government hospital after his graduation as a pharmacist.

His career as a writer has also taken off. In his New Year poem, *The Stream*, Ogunlesi describes how his writing began as a trickle and has turned into a torrent of work.

Following the publication of his first collection of poetry, he has performed his poems at festivals

in Holland and Belgium and become a fellow on the British Council Crossing Borders Project.

With such a tight schedule, when does he manage to put pen to paper?

"Mostly when I should be working in my pharmacy - I find it easier to work when I ought I be doing something else, it flows better," he says.

He's also found time to write a blog for the BBC's Africa 05 website. He admits to being an e-mail junkie and claims the internet is the key to his publishing successes so far.

"When you find yourself pushed to the wall, the internet opens up a land that you never saw. It takes your work to an audience that is further and wider then you could imagine."

His insecurities about the future, described as "see-sickness" in *The Stream*, are balanced by "sea-sickness", an ambition to move into deeper waters of novel writing in the year ahead.

Here, he feels, his nationality puts him on a firm footing.

"Nigeria is classified by the powers-that-be as a third world country, but in our literary prowess, we inhabit a first class world. And that's no empty boast," he wrote.

"I wouldn't exchange being a Nigerian for anything."

The Stream by Tolu Ogunlesi

This dying year has been an ever-widening corridor
where the stream of my life seems to have taken on
the Blueness of More Significant Waters

I want this stream never to end, stroll
on and on like raging Steam, roll
like a never-ceasing thread

And continue its widening like the porridge from the Boy's Magic Pot
whose mama forgot the StopSesame.
I want to forget too, my Stream's StopSesame.

May this flow never cease, neither its blueness
where poems and stories have ruffled the waters, and kissed the bait
of my mind, waiting patiently to be smoked on the fireplace rack

Where Self-Discovery is a shark, nibbling
At my old unsure self, and Fulfilment is the venom
that the teeth of the waves sink into me.

See-sickness afflicts me, and I strive
to peer down the barrel of the horizon, wondering,
what can I read from the lips of the New Year's shores?

Sea-sickness too afflicts, and I strive
to exchange this stream for the Sea, wondering,
on what key does it - the Sea - with its Fangs make Music.

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HEADLINE: Chinese FM to visit Africa, energy on the agenda

DATELINE: BEIJING Jan 5

BODY:

China's Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing will pay his first overseas visit this year to Africa and energy exploration is on the agenda, the foreign ministry said Thursday.

In keeping with its self-proclaimed role as champion of developing nations, China each year chooses Africa for its first foreign visit.

Li will travel to Cape Verde, Senegal, Mali, **Liberia, Nigeria** and Libya from January 11 to 19, said foreign ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

Exact dates for each visit were not given.

Qin said Li will sign bilateral agreements on economic and technological cooperation.

"On the relationship between China and Africa and mutual cooperation between the two sides, we are quite positive with it," Qin said.

"We stand ready to work with the African nations through bilateral channels and through the China-Africa Forum...to enhance our cooperation in various fields, including the field of energy exploration."

China in recent years has increasingly looked to Africa as a source of energy as it attempts to diversify its suppliers to feed its booming economy.

Apart from Libya all the other countries Li will visit are in west Africa, where 70 percent of Africa's oil is being produced.

China is interested in Africa not only for oil and gas but a variety of natural resources needed for its economic growth, including timber.

A US study sponsored by the Council on Foreign Relations late last year claimed China was challenging US interests and values in Africa, shielding "rogue states", harming the environment, competing with the US for oil and thwarting anti-corruption drives.

Beijing is also accused of contributing to serious environmental damage by importing timber through unlicensed loggers.

Qin Thursday said China's interest in Africa benefits the continent as well. "I believe all this cooperation will be helpful for the development of Africa itself," he said.

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HEADLINE: Notorious Liberian warlord reinvents himself as elected senator

BYLINE: By TODD PITMAN, Associated Press Writer

DATeline: MONROVIA, Liberia

BODY:

One witness saw him execute a pleading relief worker accused of profiteering. In a video, he chugged beer while his men hacked off an ousted president's ears hours before his tortured death.

Once a powerful faction leader, more recently an evangelical preacher-in-exile, Prince Johnson helped drive **Liberia** into a catastrophic civil war. Today, he's a senator-elect promising to rebuild this West African nation - and he is not the only lawmaker with a notorious past.

"We're talking about a new **Liberia**, a new future. We have an enormous job to do," Johnson said during an interview in Monrovia, sitting in a faux-leather chair at one of this bombed-out city's hotels. "The country is in ruin, total ruin. I've come back to help rebuild."

Johnson's brutal past is no secret, even if he says little now about his role in a war that took the lives of an estimated 200,000 people, turned millions into refugees and left even the capital without electricity or running water.

Liberians can only hope that the rise of Johnson and others tainted by charges of brutality or corruption won't undermine their chances of recovering and building a democracy.

"It's embarrassing," said Mamadou Kromah, 24, who sells videos showing snippets of the ex-warlord overseeing the torture of just-captured President Samuel Doe. "Prince Johnson should be put on trial, not put into office."

Johnson's militia seized Doe and tortured him to death in 1990. A video shows the leader in his underwear, tied up and bloody. Doe begs to be spared, but Johnson orders the terrified leader's ears severed.

Around the same time, Johnson personally executed a Liberian relief worker he accused of profiteering from rice sales, calling him a "traitor." An Associated Press photographer who

witnessed the scene reported the crumpled victim briefly lifted his head and asked "Why, why?" before Johnson finished him off.

During the war, Johnson also reportedly killed some of his own commanders and briefly took 22 foreigners hostage in a bid to provoke international intervention.

The war ended two years ago when warlord-turned-president Charles Taylor stepped down as rebels advanced on the capital. Johnson's militia fought fierce street battles with Taylor's forces in the early 1990s, but he left in 1992 and became an evangelical preacher in Nigeria's Christ Deliverance Ministry in Lagos.

Johnson returned for the first time last year.

Despite his ruthlessness, he remains popular among many for taking a stand against Taylor and overthrowing Doe, who took power in a coup a decade earlier. Johnson's 34 percent of the vote in his native Nimba County was the highest won by any senator.

"My regret is that we fought one another for nothing. It was a senseless war," Johnson said. "Whatever reason I may give you now for getting involved in the war, it does not erase the fact that this country was destroyed and needs to be rebuilt."

In October, Liberians elected 30 senators and 64 representatives who take office in January under a government led by Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, the first African woman to be elected president. Founded by freed American slaves in 1847, Liberia's bicameral legislature is modeled on America's.

Sitting alongside Johnson in the new legislature will be Adolphus Dolo, a Taylor commander known as Gen. Peanut Butter, who campaigned on the slogan: "Let him butter your bread."

U.S.-based Human Rights Watch has gathered testimony from witnesses who accuse Dolo of recruiting child soldiers during the war and supporting rebel attacks on civilians in neighboring Ivory Coast's conflict in 2003.

Taylor, indicted for war crimes in neighboring Sierra Leone, is in exile in Nigeria. But his wife, Jewel Howard-Taylor, was elected to the senate. She and two other legislators-elect are under a U.N. travel ban and assets freeze for constituting "a threat to the peace process in Liberia."

Johnson-Sirleaf and U.N. officials say Johnson and others were free to run for office because they weren't under Liberian indictment.

"All of them have been elected ... in a free and fair democratic process, and unless there are charges that come from someone affected or aggrieved, there will be nothing I can do," Johnson-Sirleaf told The Associated Press.

Human rights violations have never been an obstacle to gaining high office here. Taylor was elected president by a landslide in 1997 in what was deemed a fair election, even though many

believe he won because of fears he would re-ignite war if he lost.

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HEADLINE: Liberia's president-elect meets challenger after November vote

BYLINE: By JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: MONROVIA, Liberia

BODY:

Liberian President-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf met her challenger George Weah Saturday for the first time since the November election Weah says was fraudulent, but the former soccer star would not say whether he would drop his protest.

International election observers have deemed the presidential elections largely clean, and regional leaders have urged Weah to concede to Johnson-Sirleaf, the first woman in Africa to be elected president.

Asked after Saturday's meeting if he was abandoning his attempt to keep Johnson-Sirleaf from taking office on Jan. 16, Weah said "I am a peaceful person. I don't want to jeopardize the peace process in **Liberia**."

"**Liberia** is more important than anybody," he said, adding that the international community is "looking for a stable and peaceful **Liberia**. We must respect that, and I respect that."

The meeting came a day after **Liberia's** election commission said vote-tampering evidence presented by Weah "was grossly insufficient" and dismissed his challenge.

Weah's lawyers said after the ruling that they would pursue their fraud claims before **Liberia's** Supreme Court.

Saturday's meeting was arranged by the former Nigerian military leader Gen. Abdusalami Abubakar, who was appointed by the Economic Community of West African States to try to resolve the impasse.

Johnson-Sirleaf and Weah shook hands after the session, which she said went well.

Abubakar "just wants to find a way for us to move forward and bring peace and development to the Liberian people, that's all," she said. "That is my objective. That is clearly what I want."

The November elections had raised hopes that **Liberia** would move past a war that killed 200,000 people and devastated the West African country. Some 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are keeping the calm. The November vote ended a two-year transitional administration after the 1989-2003 civil war.

On Monday, supporters of Weah clashed with police and U.N. peacekeepers, prompting the U.N. mission to step up security across the capital.

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HEADLINE: Liberian election commission rejects fraud allegations by ballot loser

BYLINE: By JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: MONROVIA, **Liberia**

BODY:

Liberia's election commission on Friday rejected allegations of massive fraud made by a former soccer star who lost the nation's first postwar presidential vote.

George Weah has refused to concede defeat and vowed to block the Jan. 16 inauguration of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, who won the vote, becoming the first woman in Africa to be elected president.

But Joseph Blidi, a top electoral official, said the vote-tampering evidence presented by Weah "was grossly insufficient."

"Witnesses that were produced by George Weah didn't give enough evidence to establish that there was fraud in those elections," Blidi said in an open hearing. "The complaint is therefore

dismissed."

Weah's lawyers said they would pursue their fraud claims before **Liberia's** Supreme Court.

The November election, which ended a two-year transitional administration, had raised hopes that the West African nation would move past a devastating 1989-2003 civil war that killed 200,000 people. Some 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are patrolling the country.

On Monday, Weah supporters clashed with police and U.N. peacekeepers, prompting the U.N. mission to step up security across the capital.

International election observers deemed the presidential elections largely clean.

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HEADLINE: Supporters of **Liberia** election loser clash with peacekeepers, U.N. boosts security

BYLINE: By JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: MONROVIA, **Liberia**

BODY:

Supporters of a former soccer star who lost **Liberia's** first postwar presidential elections clashed with police and U.N. peacekeepers, prompting the U.N. mission Monday to step up security across the capital.

George Weah, who claims the November elections were fraudulent and refuses to concede defeat, fired up hundreds of supporters in a speech late Sunday, saying Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf's inauguration in January would not take place.

Weah's supporters later attacked U.N. and Liberian police in the streets of Monrovia, injuring

several security officials, the U.N. said in a statement. Police detained 40 of Weah's supporters accused of rioting, the U.N. said.

The U.N. said it had bolstered security across the capital. It blamed Weah's political party for the violence, asking party leaders "to call on their supporters to prevent any further disturbances."

The November elections had raised hopes that **Liberia** would move past a 1989-2003 civil war that killed 200,000 people and devastated the West African country. Some 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are keeping the calm.

Weah's speech recalled the fiery bombast used by warlords and factional leaders to stir up militants during the civil war.

"Fellow partisans, revolution is a noble cause. We must fight to obtain it," he told a cheering crowd. "It is our right to seek justice, and we will use all means to obtain that."

"I know one day we will be free," he added.

He vowed the Jan. 16 inauguration of Johnson-Sirleaf - the first Africa woman to be elected president - would not take place.

"There is no victor for now, and I say there will be no inauguration in the country until the world gets together and finds a means for a peaceful resolution to the problem," Weah said.

On Monday, Information Minister William Allen told Star Radio there was a plot underway to destabilize the country and "one or two" top government officials were involved. He did not specifically link the plot to Weah's speech or the violence that followed.

International election observers deemed the presidential elections largely clean, while the national elections council decided Weah's charges of ballot-box stuffing were groundless.

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HEADLINE: Nigeria Plane Crash Kills 103; Most Were Children

BYLINE: By LYDIA POLGREEN; Tony Iyare contributed reporting from Lagos, Nigeria, for this article.

DATELINE: ELMINA, Ghana, Dec. 10

BODY:

A plane carrying 110 passengers and crew members crashed Saturday in Nigeria's main oil city, Port Harcourt, killing all but 7 of them. It was the second deadly airline crash in Nigeria in less than two months.

Most of the passengers were schoolchildren on their way home for the Christmas holiday, according to family members at the airport interviewed on African Independent Television, a private television network in Nigeria.

"All of them are gone," one distraught woman waiting at the Port Harcourt airport screamed before the television cameras.

Femi Fani-Kayode, a spokesman for Nigeria's president, Olusegun Obasanjo, said, "It is a day of mourning for us."

"There are a few survivors," Mr. Fani-Kayode added.

Bereaved relatives awaiting the arrival of the flight, operated by Sosoliso Airlines and coming from the Nigerian capital, Abuja, told The Associated Press that 75 of the 110 passengers on board were students at a Jesuit school on their way home.

Mr. Fani-Kayode said he had not seen the passenger manifest and could not say who was on the flight.

The Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority spokesman, Sam Adurogboye, said the plane crashed at 2:08 p.m. while in the course of landing, hitting the ground about 1,300 yards from the runway. He said the seven survivors had been taken to the hospital for treatment, but he did not specify

their condition.

Earlier, Mr. Adurogboye had told The Associated Press that the weather in Port Harcourt at the time of the crash had been stormy, and that witnesses reported seeing lightning flashes as the plane approached the runway.

The crash on Saturday comes less than two months after the crash of a jet in October while it was headed from Lagos, the commercial capital, to Abuja. That crash involved a plane operated by Bellview Airlines and killed 117 people, including several high-ranking government officials. It caused both consternation and embarrassment as the authorities scrambled to locate the wreckage.

One state governor had told reporters that the wreckage from that crash had been far to the north, close to Abuja, and that nearly half the passengers had survived. He had also issued a frantic call for a huge rescue operation. But the wreckage was later found in a village near Lagos, and all the passengers were dead. The black boxes for the plane were never found.

The episode prompted Mr. Obasanjo to say that he would push for reform of the aviation industry and the government agencies responsible for air safety.

Mr. Fani-Kayode said that several steps had been taken in the wake of the Bellview crash, but he acknowledged that yet another crash could undermine confidence in Nigeria's aviation safety record.

"We will do everything in our power to ensure it stops happening," he said. "It is critical people feel safe."

With its long-neglected, battered roads, Nigeria's economy is highly dependent on air travel to move people between Abuja, the political capital, Lagos, the commercial capital, and Port Harcourt, the center of the oil industry that makes Nigeria the second-largest economy in sub-Saharan Africa.

The flights linking the three major cities are often packed with politicians and businessmen. Driving between any of the three cities could take a day or more. By air the journey is less than an hour.

To respond to the huge demand, half a dozen airlines have sprung up in the past decade. Most of them use second-hand planes that are two decades old or older, and runways are frequently in disrepair.

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GRAPHIC: Photo: An image from a Nigerian television broadcast yesterday captured a woman's reaction to the crash. (Photo by Nigerian TV, via Reuters)

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HEADLINE: From **Liberia** to Germany, a look at political gains for women in 2005

BYLINE: By ROBIN HINDERY, Associated Press Writer

BODY:

The world witnessed a number of major political achievements for women in 2005, from the election of Africa's first female president to the first polls in Saudi Arabia to include women.

Iraq and Afghanistan saw women come out in large numbers to vote and run for positions in their countries' first permanent postwar legislatures, while **Liberia** and Germany both voted a woman to the top political office for the first time.

In the Saudi city of Jiddah, women were given an unprecedented opportunity to run and vote in an election, and two won seats on the local chamber of commerce board.

The foundation was laid for the election of Chile's first female president in an upcoming runoff vote, while Japan will review a bill in January to allow women to assume the imperial throne.

"This has been a year in which women have taken grassroots struggles and transformed them into something bigger by developing a very considered political strategy," said Kavita Ramdas, president of the San Francisco-based Global Fund for Women, which provides grants to women's rights groups around the world.

"Ten years ago, we would say we want laws to protect women," she said. "Now we are saying we also want women in there who are the lawmakers."

Worldwide, the number of female members of parliament reached a high of 6,960 - or 16.1 percent - in 2005, according to the Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union.

A look at some of the most significant political gains for women this past year:

Liberia

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf won a runoff election in November to become **Liberia's** next leader, as well as the first elected female president in Africa.

Johnson-Sirleaf - a former finance minister and veteran of Citibank and the United Nations - said in her acceptance speech she would end the period of corrupt, male-dominated rule in war-plagued **Liberia**, and she called on women across Africa to help govern their countries.

Afghanistan

Afghan women increased their voice in national politics in September, when 68 female candidates won seats in the 249-member legislature - the country's first parliament in more than 30 years. In accordance with Afghanistan's postwar constitution, a quarter of the seats were reserved for women.

"The women in parliament will be a voice for the half of this country who have been silent for so long," said one of the winning candidates, Safia Siddiqi.

Saudi Arabia

Two businesswomen became Saudi Arabia's first female elected officials in November, a major step in a country where women cannot drive or travel abroad without permission from a male guardian.

Lama al-Sulaiman and Nashwa Taher won election to the chamber of commerce board in Jiddah, Saudi officials confirmed Nov. 30.

After the city's Trade and Industry Chamber initially rejected the nomination of 10 women for its board of governors, a flood of petitions from Saudi businesswomen prompted the trade minister to open the door to female candidates and allow women to vote.

Germany

Angela Merkel took power in November as Germany's first female chancellor, two months after a fiercely contested election ended with neither major party winning an outright majority in parliament.

The former scientist, who heads the conservative Christian Democratic Union, is also the country's first leader to grow up in the former East Germany.

Iraq

Iraqi women are guaranteed basic legal rights, such as voting and property ownership, under the country's new constitution, though there is some concern that Islam's constitutionally established role in governing divorce, marriage and inheritance may chip away at women's freedoms.

While its exact composition is still being determined, at least 25 percent of the new four-year Iraqi parliament elected Dec. 15 has been set aside for female lawmakers.

Chile

Michelle Bachelet is poised to become Chile's first female president in a runoff election on Jan. 15.

Bachelet, a former pediatrician and member of the outgoing president's center-left coalition, received 46 percent of the vote in the first round of elections, but was short of the absolute majority needed to avoid a runoff.

She faces multimillionaire conservative Sebastian Pinera, whose poll numbers have risen in recent weeks.

Japan

The Japanese government plans to submit a bill to parliament in January that would allow the female child of a monarch to ascend the throne.

Since 1947, only males who have emperors on their father's side can succeed the Chrysanthemum Throne. Japanese royals are currently facing a succession crisis due to the absence of a male heir since the 1960s.

The bill has wide public support, according to recent polls. About 71 percent of respondents favor breaking the male-line imperial tradition.

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HEADLINE: Ghana's Uneasy Embrace of Slavery's Diaspora

BYLINE: By LYDIA POLGREEN

DATELINE: CAPE COAST, Ghana

BODY:

For centuries, Africans walked through the infamous "door of no return" at Cape Coast castle directly into slave ships, never to set foot in their homelands again. These days, the portal of this massive fort so central to one of history's greatest crimes has a new name, hung on a sign leading back in from the roaring Atlantic Ocean: "The door of return."

Ghana, through whose ports millions of Africans passed on their way to plantations in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean, wants its descendants to come back.

Taking Israel as its model, **Ghana** hopes to persuade the descendants of enslaved Africans to think of Africa as their homeland -- to visit, invest, send their children to be educated and even retire here.

"We want Africans everywhere, no matter where they live or how they got there, to see **Ghana** as their gateway home," J. Otanka Obetsebi-Lampitey, the tourism minister, said on a recent day. "We hope we can help bring the African family back together again."

In many ways it is a quixotic goal. **Ghana** is doing well by West African standards -- with steady economic growth, a stable, democratic government and broad support from the West, making it a favored place for wealthy countries to give aid.

But it remains a very poor, struggling country where a third of the population lives on less than a dollar a day, life expectancy tops out at 59 and basic services like electricity and water are sometimes scarce.

Nevertheless, thousands of African-Americans already live here at least part of the year, said Valerie Papaya Mann, president of the African American Association of **Ghana**.

To encourage still more to come, or at least visit, **Ghana** plans to offer a special lifetime visa for members of the diaspora and will relax citizenship requirements so that descendants of slaves can receive Ghanaian passports. The government is also starting an advertising campaign to persuade Ghanaians to treat African-Americans more like long-lost relatives than as rich tourists. That is harder than it sounds.

Many African-Americans who visit Africa are unsettled to find that Africans treat them -- even refer to them -- the same way as white tourists. The term "obruni," or "white foreigner," is applied regardless of skin color.

To African-Americans who come here seeking their roots, the term is a sign of the chasm between Africans and African-Americans. Though they share a legacy, they experience it entirely differently.

"It is a shock for any black person to be called white," said Ms. Mann, who moved here two years ago. "But it is really tough to hear it when you come with your heart to seek your roots in Africa."

The advertising campaign urges Ghanaians to drop "obruni" in favor of "akwaaba anyemi," a slightly awkward phrase fashioned from two tribal languages meaning "welcome, sister or brother." As part of the effort to reconnect with the diaspora, **Ghana** plans to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., W. E. B. DuBois and others it calls modern-day Josephs, after the biblical figure who rose from slavery to save his people.

The government plans to hold a huge event in 2007 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the end of the trans-Atlantic trade by Britain and the 50th anniversary of **Ghana's** independence. The ceremonies will include traditional African burial rituals for the millions who died as a result of slavery.

Estimates of the trade vary widely. The most reliable suggest that between 12 million and 25 million people living in the vast lands between present-day Senegal and Angola were caught up, and as many as half died en route to the Americas.

Some perished on the long march from the inland villages where they were captured to seaports. Others died in the dungeons of slave castles and forts, where they were sometimes kept for months, until enough were gathered to pack the hold of a ship. Still others died in the middle passage, the longest leg of the triangular journey between Europe, Africa and the Americas. Of the estimated 11 million who crossed the sea, most went to South America and the Caribbean. About 500,000 are believed to have ended up in the United States.

The mass deportations and the divisions the slave trade wrought are wounds from which Africa still struggles to recover.

Ghana was the first sub-Saharan African nation to shake off its colonial rulers, winning its independence from Britain in 1957. Its founding father, Kwame Nkrumah, attended Lincoln University, a historically black college in Pennsylvania, and saw in African-Americans a key to

developing the new nation.

"Nkrumah saw the American Negro as the vanguard of the African people," said Henry Louis Gates Jr., chairman of the African and African-American studies department at Harvard, who first traveled to **Ghana** when he was 20 and fresh out of Harvard, afire with Nkrumah's spirit. "He wanted to be able to utilize the services and skills of African-Americans as **Ghana** made the transition from colonialism to independence."

Many African-Americans, from Maya Angelou to Malcolm X, visited **Ghana** in the 1950's and 60's, and a handful stayed. To Nkrumah, the struggle for civil rights in the diaspora and the struggles for independence from colonial rule in Africa were inextricably linked, both being expressions of the desire of black people everywhere to regain their freedom.

But Nkrumah was ousted in a coup in 1966, and by then Pan-Africanism had already given way to nationalism and cold war politics, sending much of the continent down a trail of autocracy, civil war and heartbreak.

Still, African-Americans are drawn to **Ghana's** rich culture, and the history of slavery.

Ghana still has dozens of slave forts, each a chilling reminder of the brutality of the trade. At Elmina Castle, built by the Portuguese in 1482 and taken over by the Dutch 150 years later, visitors are guided through a Christian chapel built adjacent to the hall where slaves were auctioned, and the balcony over the women's dungeons from which the fort's governor would choose a concubine from the chattel below.

The room through which slaves passed into waiting ships is the emotional climax of the tour, a suffocating dungeon dimly lit by sunlight pouring through a narrow portal leading to the churning sea.

"You feel our history here," said Dianne Mark, an administrator at Central Michigan University who visited Elmina Castle, six miles from Cape Coast castle, in early December, tears welling in her eyes as she gazed across the massive, buttressed walls to the ocean. "This is where our people are from. That is a deep, deep experience. I look at everyone and wonder, 'Could he have been my cousin? Could she have been my aunt?' "

Like any family reunion, this one is layered with joy and tears. For African-Americans and others in the African diaspora, there is lingering hostility and confusion about the role Africans played in the slave trade.

"The myth was our African ancestors were out on a walk one day and some bad white dude threw a net over them," Mr. Gates said. "But that wasn't the way it happened. It wouldn't have been possible without the help of Africans."

Many Africans, meanwhile, often fail to see any connection at all between them and African-Americans, or feel African-Americans are better off for having been taken to the United States. Many Africans strive to emigrate; for the past 15 years, the number of Africans moving to the

United States has surpassed estimates of the number forced there during any of the peak years of the slave trade. The number of immigrants from **Ghana** in the United States is larger than that of any other African country except Nigeria, according to the 2000 census.

"So many Africans want to go to America, so they can't understand why Americans would want to come here," said Philip Amoa-Mensah, a guide at Elmina Castle. "Maybe Ghanaians think they are lucky to be from America, even though their ancestors went through so much pain."

The relationship is clearly a work in progress. Ghanaians are still learning of their ancestors' pivotal roles in the slave trade, and slave forts on the coast, long used to thousands of foreign visitors, have in recent years become sites for school field trips.

When the United States and the United Nations gave **Ghana** money to rehabilitate and restore Cape Coast castle, the government agency responsible for the castle repainted it white. Residents of Cape Coast were thrilled to see the moisture-blackened castle spruced up, but African-Americans living in **Ghana** were horrified, feeling that the history of their ancestors was being, quite literally, whitewashed.

"It didn't go over too well," said Kohain Nathanyah Halevi, an African-American who lives near Cape Coast.

A recent African-American visitor to Cape Coast castle took the emotionally charged step through the door of no return, only to be greeted by a pair of toddlers playing in a fishing boat on the other side, pointing and shouting, "obruni, obruni!"

William Kwaku Moses, 71, a retired security guard who sells shells to tourists on the other side of the door of no return, shushed the children.

"We are trying," he said, with a shrug.

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CORRECTION:

A front-page article on Tuesday about an effort by the government of **Ghana** to persuade black Americans to visit, invest and retire there misstated the undergraduate university attended by Henry Louis Gates Jr., chairman of the African and African American studies department at Harvard, who first visited **Ghana** when he was 20 years old. It was Yale, not Harvard.

GRAPHIC: Photos: A former slave-trade fort in Cape Coast, **Ghana**, is a popular destination for African-American tourists. (Photo by Michael Kamber for The New York Times)(pg. A1)

A tour guide, center, describing the conditions once faced by captives before they were shipped as slaves from the Elmina Castle fort in **Ghana**. (Photo by Michael Kamber for The New York Times)(pg. A8)Map of **Ghana** highlighting Cape Coast: Cape Coast, **Ghana**, was once a crucial point in the slave trade. (pg. A8)

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Nigeria retained their African women's basketball title on Wednesday with a 64-57 win over Senegal in a thrilling final.

"We have achieved what we wanted," said **Nigeria** coach Scott Nnaji.

"Even when we lost to this same team in one of the group games, I never lost faith in the girls and today they have vindicated my confidence in their ability."

The Lady Tigers, as the Nigerian team are called, began brightly and led at the end of the first quarter 22-18 but Senegal, who had beaten them 65-55 in a group match-up, rallied back to take the lead 25-24 by the second quarter as the Nigerian ladies struggled with their shooting.

Senegal were impressive for most part of the game from the free throw line and when both teams retired to the dressing room at half time, they were tied at 35-35 only after energetic **Nigeria** guard Funmilayo Ojelabi had sunk a decisive three-pointer .

Early in the third quarter Senegal led by their impressive forward Astou Traore again went in front 51-49 but captain Mfon Udoka levelled the scores at 51-51 from the free throw line before **Nigeria** raced further in front before wrapping up the game at 64-57.

In the third-place match, Mozambique fought back to beat DR Congo 59-51.

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Far From Africa's Strife, a Young Writer Struggled to Tell a Child Soldier's Story

BYLINE: Bob Thompson, Washington Post Staff Writer

The first glimmering of the writer's impulse that would become 23-year-old Uzodinma **Iweala's** novel came when he picked up a newsmagazine in the kitchen of his family's Potomac home and read an article on child soldiers in Sierra Leone.

Iweala was in high school at the time, at St. Albans. Born in Washington to Nigerian parents -- his mother had taken a job with the World Bank, and his father, a doctor, had followed -- he was a privileged teen with dual citizenship, not sure exactly where he belonged. As he read about children abducted by rebel bands and trained as killers, he thought: These kids are younger than I am.

He sat down and wrote a very short story -- not for school, just for himself -- then set it aside.

He moved on to Harvard, where, in his junior year, he helped bring in speakers to talk about conflict in Africa. One was a young woman from Uganda named China Keitetsi. She'd been just 8 years old when she was forced to fight in the civil war there and had lived to write a book about her brutalizing experience. When she finished telling her story, **Iweala** recalls, her stunned audience was completely silent.

"It almost made your heart stop," he says.

He hung around to talk with her afterward. Keitetsi asked what he was studying. English, he said, but his parents wanted him to go to medical school.

"Oh, really," she said. "Well, you know, I have no parents."

What could he say?

Looking back, he thinks perhaps "Beasts of No Nation" -- the title is from a song by Fela Kuti, one of **Iweala's** favorite musicians -- was his response.

Set in an unidentified West African country and written in an urgent, first-person voice, **Iweala's** book tells the story of Agu, a boy who's forced to become a soldier after his father is killed. He wrote it as his senior thesis, with novelist Jamaica Kincaid as his adviser. When it was done, Kincaid sent the manuscript to her agent, who found publishers for it in Britain and the United States. Like a veteran author, **Iweala** is now on his American book tour. Thursday he'll be at Vertigo Books in College Park.

All of which makes the first-novel thing sound much easier than it really was.

Across the stream, I am feeling in my body something like electricity and I am starting to think: Yes it is good to fight. I am liking how the gun is shooting and the knife is chopping. . . I am liking to kill.

-- from "Beasts of No Nation"

The Potomac house is a brick Colonial on two partially wooded acres. It's got a swimming pool and a three-car garage, though it's modest by the standards of the neighborhood. The house has been "lived in, and lived in thoroughly," **Iweala** has written in a personal essay he's working on, and he goes on to mention the international art with which his mother has filled its rooms and the good times he's had scarfing pizza with friends during basement sleepovers.

Yet his parents told him "always to think of himself as Nigerian first." And the Potomac house has never felt entirely like home.

He's in the living room now, just back from spending time in Nigeria, where he's been working with refugees and where his mother became the finance minister a couple of years ago. Soft-spoken and polite, he seems not yet used to the attention he's started getting. Last summer, in London, his agent introduced him to a bearded man sitting in the office. "Uzo, meet Salman," **Iweala** remembers her saying, "and I was like -- no."

"He's ridiculously young," Salman Rushdie later told Dave Weich of Powells.com. But reading **Iweala's** book was "one of those rare occasions when you see a first novel and you think: This guy is going to be very, very good."

This was not the impression Patricia Powell got when he first signed up for her Harvard creative writing class.

"He was awful," says Powell, a novelist now teaching at the University of Houston. "He wrote this stream-of-consciousness fiction, and no one in the class knew what to do with it." But what was great about him, she says, "is that he wanted to write so badly.

"He knew he had something to say, and the language was coming."

Home for Thanksgiving of junior year, right after his encounter with Keitetsi, he started writing furiously. "Just write, write, write, and this huge story came out of it," he says. He didn't have the voice right yet, but the story was good enough for him to submit when he applied, later that year, to write a "creative" senior thesis.

Kincaid read his submission and decided he had talent. They met every week. She gave him the key to her office so he could work there on weekends.

There were, to put it mildly, some ups and downs.

When he started out, **Iweala** says, he was trying to tell Agu's story in the third person. This turned out not to work: It was too distant, and made the violent scenes feel voyeuristic. At one point, totally frustrated, he decided to write a completely new book, from the point of view of a woman who worked with child soldiers. Kincaid steered him back to his original idea.

One day he brought her something in a first-person voice not unlike the one in the finished

book. (Though the setting is not Nigeria, Agu speaks in an invented patois derived in part from the way Nigerians speak English.) Kincaid approved. She said something like "Okay, this is good, but why don't you try to revise it and fine-tune it a little bit," **Iweala** recalls.

Excited, he went wildly overboard. He wrote for 48 hours straight, chopping up the section he'd showed Kincaid, restructuring it, changing the cadence. His bemused roommates started filming him, "so there's this tape of me standing up talking to myself, like in a high-pitched voice, just trying to get this right." When he finished, he jumped in the shower, then dashed off to see his adviser.

Who read three pages and stopped.

"When I said revise it, I didn't mean do this to it," she said. "Go back!"

He was as dejected as he'd ever been, he says, but he'd reached a turning point. Kincaid's reaction gave him confidence in the original voice he'd tried.

He kept writing.

While he'd been struggling with the voice, he'd been doing a different kind of work, as well. He read everything he could find about children at war, reports from Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, and books such as "First They Killed My Father," about a Cambodian child soldier. And he signed on to work with Theresa Betancourt, a Boston University researcher studying former child soldiers in Sierra Leone.

One late question had been whether to keep a death scene he feared might be too melodramatic. He was cheered when his father later told him, "Wow. You really got me there." He also worried about the ending: He wanted to show the horrors Agu had gone through, but also that not everything was lost.

Iweala finished his thesis two days early, then carried a copy with him everywhere, fearful that his residence would burn down.

He sent a copy of the manuscript to Powell. His old teacher was astonished. "It was incredible," she says. "I found it so profound, so mature. . . .

"It was as if it had been written by an old man."

This darkness is so full like it is my mother's hug. Heya! I am remembering my mother and how she is so good to me that each time she is hugging me that is all I am needing to see the dark skin of her arm holding me close to her and I am knowing that the life I am living is so good.

So what comes next if you're a 23-year-old writer whose first effort has already been called "an extraordinary book" (the Sunday Telegraph), "an astonishing debut" (Kirkus Reviews) and "a work of visceral urgency" that "heralds the arrival of a major talent" (novelist Amitav Ghosh)?

"He's so mild-mannered and soft-spoken," says Boston University's Betancourt, "that you wouldn't know the fierce passion and talent he carries around." He could, she says, "take his life in any direction he wants to."

Not long after graduation, **Iweala** headed for Nigeria to work with refugees displaced by

Muslim-Christian conflict in the north. He can see himself doing international development work, he says. He's also applying to medical schools.

"There are a lot of directions I guess I can go in right now," he says. "I guess that's the beauty of this situation."

And yet . . .

He was writing, writing, writing, every day he was in Nigeria, trying to capture what he saw.

"Somebody would tell me something and then: 'Oh, okay, story idea,' " he says. He'd start stories but not finish them, just getting things down so he could revisit them later, write them in some other form.

"I think he has notebooks and notebooks," Kincaid says. "He writes e-mails from Africa which will take me an hour to read."

Does she think he'll keep writing, then? Medical school or no?

"Oh, if he doesn't I'll be so heartbroken," she says.

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BYLINE: By Uzodinma **Iweala**.

Uzodinma **Iweala** is the author of "Beasts of No Nation," a novel published this month by HarperCollins.

BODY:

I return to Nigeria, after graduating from college. I have been to Abuja, the capital, a couple of times, but that was before my mother was appointed minister of finance.

Two weeks into my stay, on a rare occasion when my mother has time to chat, I tell her that I'm bored. Her response: "Here are the car keys. Go and buy some fruit." Overjoyed, I jump into the car, salute the heavily armed security at the gate and speed off in search of -- fruit.

The young boy sees me, or rather he sees the car first -- a silver BMW -- and quickly springs up from his spot under a small tree, eager to sell his bunches of bananas and bottles of roasted peanuts. His dingy shirt hangs low over too-short shorts. His sucked-in cheeks and puckered lips suggest that although he appears to be about 12, he already knows the sourness of life. By the time I stop the car, he is at the passenger door, grunting: "Banana 300 naira (roughly \$2). Groundnut 200 naira. Sah!" I look skeptically at his black-striped bananas and bargain him down to 200 total for the fruit and nuts. When he agrees, I reach for my wallet and hand him a crisp 500 naira note. He doesn't have change, so I tell him not to worry. He is grateful and smiles a row of perfect teeth.

When, two weeks later, I see this same boy, I am more aware of my position in Nigerian society. Security people at the house have told me: "You are the son of a minister! Kai! You should enjoy this country!" But it's hard to find enjoyment in a place where it's not that rare to see a little boy who should be in school standing on the corner selling fruit in the intense heat. My parents have raised me and my three siblings to be aware of the privilege we have been afforded and the responsibility it brings. "To whom much is given..." my grandfather always says. And I have been given much, from education at the best schools in the United States to this car and its 12 speakers, which have changed the way I listen to music. But I worry about what is expected of me.

I pull over and wind down my window. He wears the same shirt and shorts and has a bunch of bananas and a bottle of peanuts ready. I wave them away. "What's up?" I ask him. He answers in broken English: "I dey oh. But I no get money to buy book for school." I reach into my wallet and pull out two fresh 500 naira notes. "Will this help?" I ask. He looks around nervously before sticking his hand into the car to take the bills. One thousand naira is a lot of money to someone whose family probably makes about 50,000 naira (\$380) or

less each year. "Thank you, sah," he says. "Thank you very much, oh!"

Later, I say to my mother: "That's the way it works? He doesn't have any money so I dash him some. Trickle-down economics, right?" My mother winces when anyone speaks of the slow progress of the economic reforms. "No, I'm trying to better his situation first," she says. The next morning the Secret Service officers caution me, "Sometimes in this place, when you give a little, people think you're a fountain of opportunity."

It's true that people will take advantage of you in Nigeria, but this happens everywhere in the world. I wonder if my little friend actually used the money for schoolbooks. What if he's a fraud? And then I wonder about my own motives. Did I give to alleviate my own guilt? Am I using him? Later, I realize that I don't know his name or the least bit about him nor did I think to ask.

Over the next six months, I am busy working in a refugee camp in northern Nigeria, biking across France and Spain and writing. Sometime after I return, I go for a drive, and I see the boy standing on the road next to a man who sells exotic birds. He jumps up and down to get my attention and has a big smile ready when I roll down the window.

"Oga sah!" he says. "Long time." "Are you in school now?" I ask.

He nods.

"That's good," I say. A silence falls as we look at each other, and then I realize what he wants. "Here," I hold out a 500 naira note. "Take this."

He shakes his head vigorously and steps back as if offended. "What's wrong?" I ask. "It's a gift."

He shakes his head again and brings his hand from behind his back. His face glistens with sweat. He drops a bunch of bananas and a bottle of peanuts in the front seat before he says, "I've been waiting to give these to you."

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IN

SAL ISLAND, CAPE VERDE

AND

ACCRA, GHANA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006

8:45 am MRS. BUSH arrives Sal Island, Cape Verde - Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport for
Local Refueling.

Refuel: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

10:15 am MRS. BUSH departs Sal Island, Cape Verde en route Accra, Ghana.

**Note: A 15 Minute Press Briefing conducted by MRS. BUSH will occur upon
takeoff.**

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(Time Change: +1 Hour)
(Food Service: Lunch and Snack)

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3:30 pm MRS. BUSH arrives Accra, Ghana - Kotoka International Airport and proceeds to
Local Arrival Ceremony.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in a brief Arrival Ceremony.

Advance: Martin Paine - Lead
Yale Scott - Site
Kanon McGill - Site
Healy Baumgardner - Press
Melissa Davis - Hotel/Site

Met by: Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, *U.S. Ambassador to Ghana*
Minister John Henry (JH) Mensah, *Senior Minister, Ghana*
Jacob "Jake" Otanka Obetsebi-Lamprey (oBETSbi-Lamprey),
Minister of Tourism and Modernization of the Capital City
Hajia Alima Mahama (Hajeea Aleema Mahaama), *Minister of*
Women and Children's Affairs
Akwasi Osei- Adjei (Osay-Adjay), *Deputy Minister of Foreign*
Affairs
Shirley Ayorkor Botchway (Botchway), *Deputy Minister of*
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3:45 pm MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Arrival Ceremony and proceeds to
Vehicle.

3:50 pm MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Kotoka International Airport en route
Ambassador's Residence.

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(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

4:05 pm MRS. BUSH arrives at Ambassador's Residence and proceeds inside.

Met by: President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*

***No scheduled events balance of day.**

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Private Residence Schedule

ONG: None

FYI: THE PRESIDENT departs Camp David via Marine One at 12:30 pm, arriving the White House at 1:00 pm.

FYI: Secretary Andrew Card departs Camp David in the early morning by USSS vehicle.

RON: Ambassador's Residence, Accra, Ghana

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NOTE: Due to credit card fraud, it is strongly advised that all travelers use cash for all purchases and incidentals at hotel.

Room Key Pick-up: Keys will be available in Lobby upon arrival.

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THE SCHEDULE OF MRS. BUSH

IN

SAL ISLAND, CAPE VERDE

AND

ACCRA, GHANA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006

8:45 am MRS. BUSH arrives Sal Island, Cape Verde - Sal Amilcar Cabral Airport for
Local Refueling.

Refuel: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

10:15 am MRS. BUSH departs Sal Island, Cape Verde en route Accra, Ghana.

**Note: A 15 Minute Press Briefing conducted by MRS. BUSH will occur upon
takeoff.**

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(Flight Time: 4 Hours 15 Minutes)
(Time Change: +1 Hour)
(Food Service: Lunch and Snack)

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3:30 pm
Local

MRS. BUSH arrives Accra, Ghana - Kotoka International Airport and proceeds to Arrival Ceremony.

Note: MRS. BUSH will participate in a brief Arrival Ceremony.

Advance: Martin Paine - Lead
 Yale Scott - Site
 Kanon McGill - Site
 Healy Baumgardner - Press
 Melissa Davis - Hotel/Site

Met by: Ambassador Pamela Bridgewater, *U.S. Ambassador to Ghana*
 Minister John Henry (JH) Mensah, *Senior Minister, Ghana*
 Jacob "Jake" Otanka Obetsebi-Lamprey (oBETSbi-Lamprey),
 Minister of Tourism and Modernization of the Capital City
 Hajia Alima Mahama (Hajeea Aleema Mahaama), *Minister of*
 Women and Children's Affairs
 Akwasi Osei- Adjei (Osay-Adjay), *Deputy Minister of Foreign*
 Affairs
 Shirley Ayorkor Botchwey (Botchway), *Deputy Minister of*
 Information

3:45 pm

MRS. BUSH concludes participation in Arrival Ceremony and proceeds to Vehicle.

3:50 pm

MRS. BUSH boards Vehicle and departs Kotoka International Airport en route Ambassador's Residence.

GUEST AND STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:

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(Drive Time: 15 Minutes)

4:05 pm MRS. BUSH arrives at Ambassador's Residence and proceeds inside.

Met by: President John Agyekum Kufuor, *President of Ghana*

***No scheduled events balance of day.**

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Private Residence Schedule

ONG: None

FYI: THE PRESIDENT departs Camp David via Marine One at 12:30 pm, arriving the White House at 1:00 pm.

FYI: Secretary Andrew Card departs Camp David in the early morning by USSS vehicle.

RON: Ambassador's Residence, Accra, Ghana

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