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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

Her Excellency Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
President of the Republic of Liberia
Monrovia

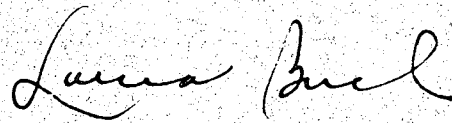
Dear Madame President,

Your inauguration was a momentous occasion, and the optimism and hope of the audience was inspiring to me and, I am sure, to all Liberians. I am delighted to have attended, and I appreciate your warm greeting.

Thank you for the beautiful quilt and wrapping cloth. I will treasure them always as reminders of my visit to Liberia and of the historic friendship between our nations.

President Bush joins me in sending best wishes.

With warm regards,

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EC-Ghana

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor
President of the Republic of Ghana
Accra

Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your wonderful hospitality and many kindnesses during my visit to Ghana. I appreciate your warm greeting at Ambassador Bridgewater's home and your gracious introduction at the launch of the Africa Education Initiative at Accra Teacher Training College.

Your luncheon at The Castle was a highlight of my time in Africa. Barbara and I will always remember our delightful conversations with such interesting and enjoyable people.

Thank you also for your lovely gifts. President Bush and I are grateful for the handsome Kente cloth, and Barbara, Jenna, and I are delighted with the lovely jewelry.

Please give my best wishes to Mrs. Kufuor. I hope to see both of you before long.

With warm regards,

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EC-Ghana

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

The Honorable Pamela Bridgewater
American Ambassador
Ghana

Dear Pamela,

Thank you for your marvelous hospitality during my visit to Ghana. Barbara and I enjoyed staying at your residence and are grateful for everything you did to make our visit so pleasant. Thanks also for accompanying us on our visit to the Accra Teacher Training College and to the Korle-Bu Treatment Center.

President Bush joins me in sending gratitude for your great service to the nation as an ambassador. I appreciate learning your ideas about ways to bridge gaps and strengthen our relationship with Ghana.

I look forward to our next meeting.

With warm regards,

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EC- Ghana

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

Dr. Nii Addo
Program Director
National AIDS Control
Accra
Ghana

Dear Dr. Addo,

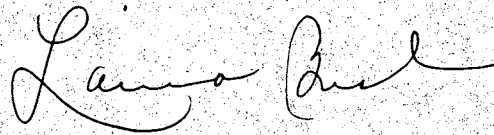
Thank you for your warm welcome when Barbara and I arrived at the Korle-Bu Treatment Center. We are touched by the special gift of the Kente cloth banners.

I appreciate your hosting our visit and especially your serving as moderator of the discussion with the patients. I am grateful to have participated in the conversation and to have learned first hand the stories of the adults and children living with HIV/AIDS. The impact of Korle-Bu on their lives is inspiring.

I admire your hard work to oversee the positive programs that combat HIV/AIDS and that diminish the stigma of the disease. Your leadership sets a great example for other countries.

I hope our paths cross again some day.

With best wishes,

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EC - Ghana

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.
President
South Carolina State University
Post Office Box 7127
Orangeburg, South Carolina 29117

Dear Dr. Hugine,

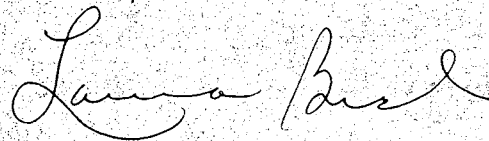
My thanks to you and South Carolina State University for your part in the Africa Education Initiative. Your participation in the Textbooks and Learning Materials Program for African students will benefit many African children.

I am delighted that you attended the launch of the Program at the Accra Teacher Training Institute, as well as President Kufuor's luncheon at The Castle.

Thank you for the handsome desk clock with the South Carolina State University seal. It is a nice reminder of those special occasions and of your commitment to the education of Americans and Africans.

President Bush joins me in sending appreciation and best wishes.

With warm regards,

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EC - Nigeria

THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

The Honorable John Campbell
American Ambassador
Nigeria

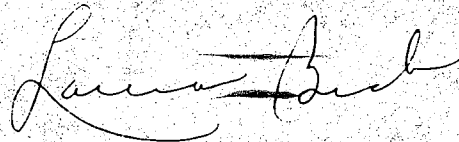
Dear John,

Thank you for welcoming Barbara and me to Nigeria and for your enjoyable company during our visit.

The meeting with President Obasanjo, as well as the visits to St. Mary's Hospital, the National Center for Women Development, and the Secondary Model School were very informative, and I am grateful for your support during my time in Nigeria.

President Bush and I send our deep appreciation for your great service to the nation as Ambassador to Nigeria, and we hope to see you again before long.

With best wishes,

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February 6, 2006

The Honorable Elizabeth Akua Ohene
Minister of State in Charge of Tertiary Education
Accra
Ghana

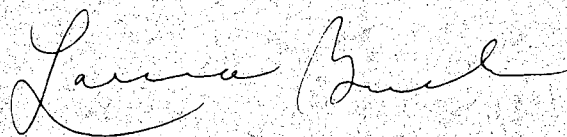
Dear Minister Ohene,

Thank you for arranging such an inspiring event for the launch of the Africa Education Initiative Textbook Program. The setting, speakers and choral performance created a beautiful program.

Your commitment to strengthening education in Ghana is admirable, and I am happy that our nations are partners in this crucial mission.

I appreciate your warm greeting when I arrived and your kind introduction. I hope our paths cross again before long.

With best wishes,

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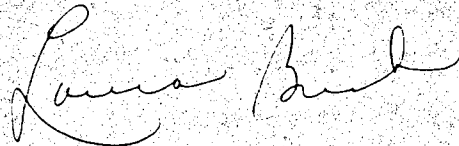
Dr. Margaret Lartey
Korle-Bu Treatment Center
Accra
Ghana

Dear Dr. Lartey,

Thank you for greeting Barbara and me when we arrived at the Korle-Bu Treatment Center. The special Kente cloth banners made us feel very welcome.

Thank you also for showing us the Treatment Center's outpatient services room, counseling center and medical records room. I admire your dedication to combating HIV/AIDS and to the patients in your care. I am glad we met.

With best wishes,

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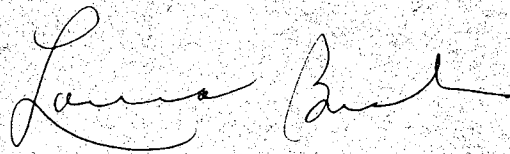
Mr. Calistus Onwuasor
HIV/AIDS Coordinator
Saint Mary's Catholic Hospital
Gwagwalada
Nigeria

Dear Mr. Onwuasor,

Thank you for the beautiful Nigerian dress and handsome hand-carved works of art.

I enjoy your gifts as reminders of your hospitality when I visited St. Mary's Hospital and especially of your great work for the people of Nigeria who are coping with HIV/AIDS. I am glad we met.

With appreciation and best wishes,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo
President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
Abuja

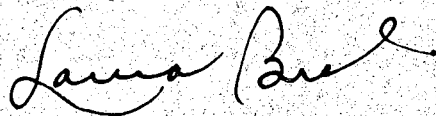
Dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your kind hospitality at the Presidential Villa. I greatly enjoyed visiting Nigeria again.

The sites Barbara and I visited – Model Secondary School, St. Mary's Hospital, and the National Center for Women Development – all reflect the great strides Nigeria is making in education, combating HIV/AIDS, and empowering women. I am glad to have seen them first hand and to have met their remarkable leaders who are working hard for Nigeria.

The handsome sculpture you presented is lovely and a great reminder of my visit and the strong bond of friendship between our nations.

With best wishes,

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February 6, 2006

Mrs. Fatima Baba Goni
Principal
Model Secondary School
Abuja
Nigeria

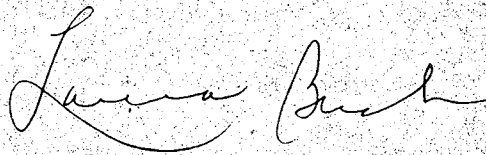
Dear Mrs. Goni,

Thank you for welcoming me to Model Secondary School. I greatly enjoyed visiting Mrs. Chang's biology class and participating in the interesting discussion with the students.

Please extend to your staff my appreciation for their warm hospitality, as well as my admiration for their hard work and dedication to educating Nigeria's children.

The special card the students made for me is on display in my office and greatly admired by all who see it. I will always enjoy it as a reminder of the marvelous students, teachers, and staff I met at Model Secondary School.

With best wishes,

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February 6, 2006

Sister Elizabeth Obasi
Hospital Administrator, St. Mary's Hospital
Gwagwalada
Nigeria

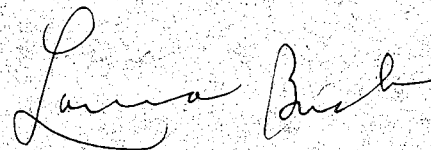
Dear Sister Obasi,

What a pleasure it was to meet you! Thank you for welcoming Barbara and me to St. Mary's Hospital, accompanying us during our visit, and leading our tour of the facility.

I am glad to have met your fine staff and am inspired by their efforts. The patients of St. Mary's show the benefit of the care they receive, and I admire your staff's dedication to responding to the medical and emotional needs of people coping with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you also for your gifts. The beautiful dress and handsome pieces of art are delightful reminders of my visit and of the good work being done at St. Mary's.

With best wishes,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

The Honorable Saudatu Sani
Chair, House of Representatives Committee
on Women's Affairs
Abuja
Nigeria

Dear Chairwoman Sani,

Thank you for serving as moderator for the informative Women Empowerment Roundtable. I am grateful to have learned so much about the work and goals of this outstanding group of Nigerian leaders. Their strength and independence is inspiring.

The roundtable was a highlight of my visit to Abuja, and I am delighted to have participated in the discussion.

With warm regards,

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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2006

The Honorable John Campbell
American Ambassador
Nigeria

Dear John,

Thank you for welcoming Barbara and me to Nigeria and for your enjoyable company during our visit.

The meeting with President Obasanjo, as well as the visits to St. Mary's Hospital, the National Center for Women Development, and the Secondary Model School were very informative, and I am grateful for your support during my time in Nigeria.

President Bush and I send our deep appreciation for your great service to the nation as Ambassador to Nigeria, and we hope to see you again before long.

With best wishes,

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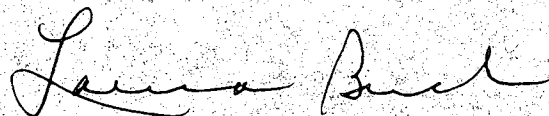
Ms. Afoma Clara Adigwe
President and CEO
Uplifting Women Through Farming
Nigeria

Dear Mrs. Adigwe,

Thank you for your participation in the Women Empowerment Roundtable. The discussion was fascinating and informative, and I appreciate your contributions.

Thank you also for the handsome *Uplifting Women Through Farming* shirts. They are nice reminders of my visit to Nigeria and of the remarkable women I met.

With best wishes,

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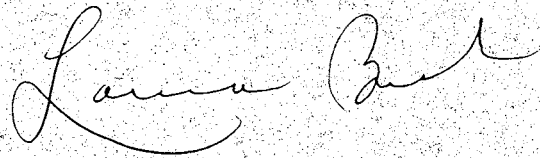
Her Excellency Varbah Gayflor
Minister of Gender Development of the
National Transitional Government of Liberia
Monrovia

Dear Madam Minister,

Thank you for the beautiful traditional African dress, presented on behalf of the women of Liberia.

I greatly enjoyed my visit to Liberia and am honored to have attended the inauguration of President Johnson-Sirleaf. Your gift is a lovely reminder of that special occasion, and I am grateful.

With best wishes,

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