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Name of Correspondent: Louise Tropp

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Subject: makes suggestions to guarantee payment by countries who do not honor their contracts with American suppliers.

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 - C - Comment/Recommendation
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JUN 22 1983

Ms. Louise Tropp
President
MPI Enterprises
700 Columbus Ave., Suite 7C
New York, New York 10025

Dear Ms. Tropp:

Your recent letter to President Reagan concerning a trade dispute with Air Liberia has been referred to this office. We had been contacted previously on your behalf by Senator Patrick Moynihan.

Following your recent telephone conversation with John Crown of my staff, we communicated with the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia, Liberia in an effort to resolve this problem. Enclosed is a copy of the embassy's interim response addressed to Senator Moynihan, which you may already have received. The embassy is continuing to pursue this matter with the appropriate Liberian authorities. We will be in further contact with you as developments progress.

Sincerely,

Signed

Peter A. Cashman
Director
Office of African Affairs

Enclosure

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Date June 20, 1983

WHITE HOUSE
SITUATION ROOM

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: The President From: Ms. Tropp, MPT Enterprises
Date: 6/15/83 Subject: MPT Enterprises'
debt collecting problem with government of Liberia
WH Referral Dated: June 9, 1983 NSC ID # 148918
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_____ The attached item was sent directly to the Department of State.

Action Taken:

- _____ A draft reply is attached.
- _____ A draft reply will be forwarded.
- _____ A translation is attached.
- X _____ An information copy of a direct reply is attached.
- _____ We believe no response is necessary for the reason cited below.
- _____ The Department of State has no objection to the proposed travel.
- _____ Other.

Remarks:

Walter S. Flannery
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

June 15, 1983

Ms. Louise Tropp
President
MPT Enterprises
Suite 7C
700 Columbus Avenue
New York, NY 10025

83 JUN 20 P6:55

Dear Ms. Tropp:

I have been asked to reply to your letter of May 16 to President Reagan. We regret to learn that your company has been having difficulty in collecting debts under a contract with the government of Liberia. The US Embassy in Monrovia has been apprised of the problems faced by MPT Enterprises and asked to meet with appropriate Liberian government and Air Liberia officials to see if it can help resolve the payments problem.

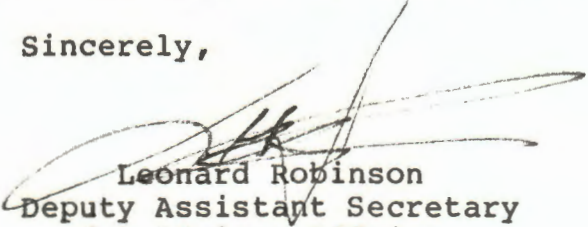
Unfortunately, the Liberian government has faced severe financial problems for the past three years as a result of a sharp downturn in the world markets for its major exports. As a result the government has fallen behind on payments to a variety of creditors. On three occasions the government has had to reschedule its debts to private and public creditors, including the US government. The Liberian government is now adhering to an IMF stabilization and adjustment program under which it has reduced its expenditures sharply. Under these circumstances, it appears unlikely the Liberian government will be in a position to follow through on the purchase of helicopters in the near future. The IMF is, however, urging the government to pay its debts.

As you note in your letter, Liberia is a recipient of US aid. We regard the country as important because of our close historical friendship and because of its strategic value to the United States. Liberia hosts the largest concentration of US government installations in black Africa, as well as one of the largest blocks of US private investment in Africa. Our relations with Liberia are based on a variety of political, historical, strategic and economic factors. Its debts to the US companies are only one element, albeit one we take seriously, factored into our aid relationship with the country.

Information on the economic and financial positions of all foreign countries, including Liberia, is available from the US Departments of State and Commerce. We suggest that you make an effort to check with these departments prior to entering into major transactions with foreign governments.

I understand you have also been in direct contact with the Department of Commerce concerning the debt problem. As noted earlier, we have asked our embassy to look into the problem and do what it can to assist in finding a solution. We will be back to you as soon as possible with the results of this effort.

Sincerely,



Leonard Robinson
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for African Affairs

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

JUNE 9, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

REMARKS: ALSO SENT TO DOC

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 148918

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 16, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MS. LOUISE TROPP
PRESIDENT
MPT ENTERPRISES
SUITE 7C
700 COLUMBUS AVENUE
NEW YORK NY 10025

SUBJECT: MAKES SUGGESTIONS TO GUARANTEE PAYMENT BY
COUNTRIES WHO DO NOT HONOR THEIR CONTRACTS
WITH AMERICAN SUPPLIERS

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
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SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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May 16, 1983

148918

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20510

Mr. President:

Subject: Objection to Proposed U.S. Aid
to the Government of Liberia

Sally Kealey

My purpose in writing this letter is to alert you to a serious problem which we have had in dealing with a foreign country and which may be keeping other small businesses like ours from becoming involved in export.

Also if I may suggest that a central registry be established at State Department listing countries that do not honor their contracts or are delinquent in payment to U.S. Contractors. Contractors could then be reimbursed what is owed them before any foreign aid is given. Countries would then not enter into contracts lightly or order material and then not pay for it.

Since 1977 MPT Enterprises has fulfilled contracts for the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force. Our Code No. is 4N719. We became exporters as our business expanded.

On August 18, 1981, we entered into a contract to sell two reconditioned helicopters to the Liberian Government. One to be a Presidential Helicopter, and the other to V.I.P. configuration. Special instrumentation and communications equipment was ordered at the time of inspection. Much of this material was purchased as delivery of the completed aircraft was scheduled for October 1981. When a Letter of Credit was not established, letters and telexes were sent to determine why. No answers were received.

In the spring of 1982, several Ministers contacted us to re-inspect the helicopters. A second inspection was conducted on July 18, 1982. At the same time orders came in for parts for aircraft on the ground (AOG) for Air Liberia. In good faith we shipped immediately and extended \$40,000.00 in credit. Payment was supposed to be net upon receipt.

With the arrival of Liberian President Samuel K. Doe for a State visit in August 1982, we had the opportunity to meet with several ministers in New York City and Washington, D.C. to resolve the problem. It appeared as if all was about to be concluded to satisfaction. Then nothing again.

As you are aware, Liberia is a country that is friendly to the U.S., and receives aid from the U.S. The Liberian President was pictured with President Reagan in the New York Times. The Mayor of New York City, the Secretary General of the United Nations and other dignitaries also honored President Doe on his visit. If that is not a recommendation for a country, what is?

It is for these reasons that I bring this to your attention.

Respectfully,

Louise Tropp
Louise Tropp, President

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cc:

DIVISION OF AERO PROCUREMENT AND TECHNOLOGY INC.



May 16, 1983

Subject: Objection to Proposed U.S. Aid
to the Government of Liberia

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo
Governor of the State of New York
Albany, New York 12224

The Honorable Edward I. Koch
Mayor of the City of New York
City Hall
New York, N. Y. 10007

The Honorable Daniel P. Moynihan
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Kassebaum
United States Senate
Washington, D. D. 20510

The Honorable Charles H. Percy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20510

His Excellency Javier Perez De Cuellar
Secretary-General
United Nations Headquarters
New York, N. Y. 10017

Chamber of Commerce of
Trade & Industry
1 World Trade Center
New York, N. Y. 10047

Chamber of Commerce of U.S.
711 Third Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Ambassador Jones
Liberian Consulate General
300 E. 44th Street 4th Fl.
New York, N. Y. 10017

Hon. Ambassador Joseph Guannu
Embassy of the Republic Liberia
5201 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20011

Liberia Iron & Steel Corp.
1114 Avenue Americas
New York, N. Y. 10036

Liberian Coml. Consulate
150 East 56th Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

Liberian Corporate Services Inc.
5 West 45th Street
New York, N. Y. 10036

Liberian International
American Corp.
1114 Avenue Americas
New York, N. Y. 10036

Liberian Mission To The UN
300 East 44th Street
New York, N. Y. 10017

Liberian Philatelic Agency
299 Broadway
New York, N. Y. 10023

Liberian Services Inc.
548 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Liberian Shipowners Council Ltd.
420 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Mr. Steven E. Halliwell
Frost & Sullivan, Inc.
106 Fulton Street
New York, N. Y. 10038





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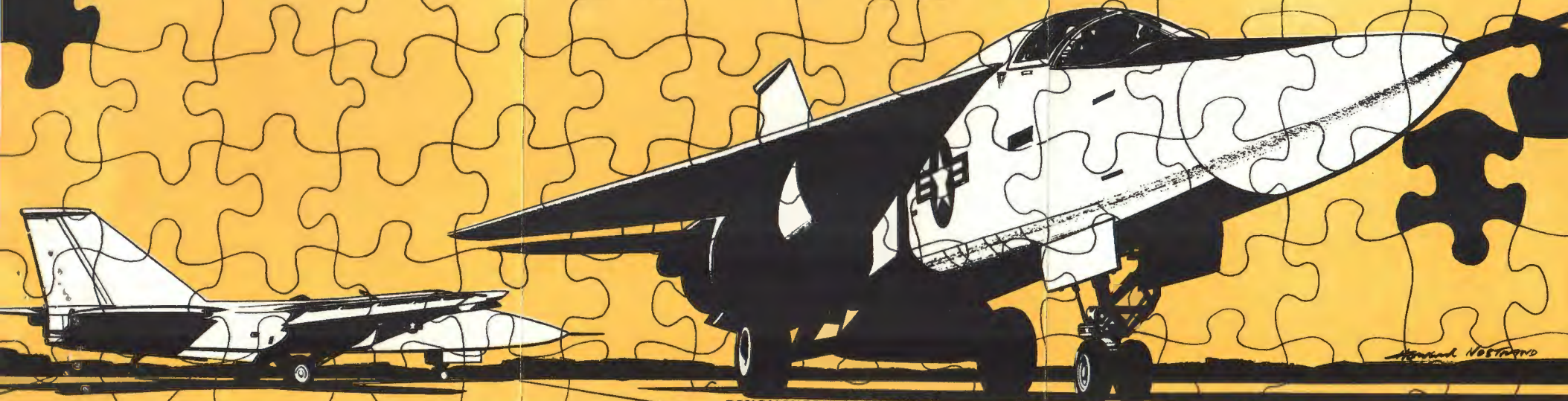
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to spare.



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MPT solves the hard part with parts to spare.

Puzzled?

MPT solves the hard part by finding the spare parts you need — in a hurry. We can always solve your parts problem by supplying any spare part that's needed for whatever flying machine you may have — from a DC3, a C47 or an F4 — or for your favorite helicopter. Most parts are stocked by us — others we find for you.

Location?

MPT is close to all the metropolitan airports,

truck terminals and the Port of New York docks. Response to our customers is prompt — deliveries on schedule!

Parts Overhauled?

No job is too small for MPT — or too big. From an infinitesimal instrument to the IRAN of a complete aircraft, all is painstakingly done to get you in the air again. FAA licensed overhaul facilities are used at all times.

Quotations?

Let MPT quote you on airframes, engines, electronics, communication avionics and instrumentation. We offer you experienced service any place in the world. To discover how you can profit from our kind of first-hand assistance, just give us a call. We're as close to you as your telephone or your TWX/TLX.

Remember!

For solving the hard part when it comes to spare parts, think MPT!



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INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE DATE 830819 RECEIVED DATE 830926
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MR. JUCONTEE T. WOEWIYU
TITLE: PRESIDENT

ORGANIZATION: UNION OF LIBERIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN
THE AMERICAS, INC.
STREET: 3202 SOUTH GROVE STREET

CITY: EAST ORANGE STATE: NJ ZIP: 07018
COUNTRY:

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THEY BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH
SOMEONE IN THE ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR
AFFAIRS RELATING TO THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
TRANSMITTAL FORM

S/S 8330931

Date October 17, 1983

For: Mr. William P. Clark
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Jucontee T. Woewiyu
Date: August 19, 1983 Subject: Liberia

WH Referral Dated: 10/11/83 NSC ID # 169315
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- Other.

Remarks:

Charles Hill
Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

October 14, 1983

Mr. Jucontee T. Woewiyu
President
Union of Liberian Associations in
the Americas, Inc.
3202 South Grove Street
East Orange, NJ

Dear Mr. Woewiyu:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan which has been passed to me for a reply. As the Liberia desk officer at the Department of State, I would be pleased to discuss U.S.-Liberian relations with you and with members of your organization at any time. Please feel free to call or write me directly at the following address:

Mr. Vladimir P. Sambaiew
Liberia Desk Officer
Room 4250
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520
(Tel) (202) 632-8354

Sincerely,

Vladimir P. Sambaiew

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T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

OCTOBER 11, 1983

TO: DEPARTMENT OF STATE

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 169315

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 19, 1983

TO: PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM: MR. JUCONTEE T. WOEWIYU
PRESIDENT
UNION OF LIBERIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN
THE AMERICAS, INC.
3202 SOUTH GROVE STREET
EAST ORANGE NJ 07018

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THAT THEY BE PUT IN TOUCH WITH
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AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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UNION OF LIBERIAN ASSOCIATIONS IN THE AMERICAS, INC.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Juan M. Mucci

August 19, 1983

Hon. Ronald Reagan
President of the United States of America
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Sir:

Through this medium, we, the Liberian People in the United States herewith express our gratification to the People of the United States and to your administration for the parental support our Country and People have received from the United States of America prior to and after the commencement of the Liberian Revolution in 1980.

Our Union is a federation of all Liberian Community Associations in this hemisphere consisting of 18 chapters in the United States, and growing. Its primary purpose is to unify Liberians so as to facilitate concerted action in matters of common interest. The Union is the exclusive representative of our People in the United States.

Our Republic is presently engaged in the most crucial and critical political maneuver ever confronted by any nation in the World--the return from 5 years of military rule to civilian rule. Liberians in the United States are actively involved in the re-construction of the New Liberia. We are anxiously looking forward to freedom.

It is very crucial that a clear channel of communication be established between our Union and the United States Government, for the mutual benefit of all parties.

Hencefore, please put us in touch with someone in your administration who is responsible for affairs relating to the Republic of Liberia.



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Hon. Ronald Reagan
Page 2
August 19, 1983

With sentiment of high consideration and esteem, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

Jucontee T. Woewiyu
PRESIDENT, ULAA

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MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN SAMUEL DOE, LIBERIA

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1983

- PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU AGAIN (PREVIOUS VISIT WAS IN AUG 82).
- EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR COURAGEOUS, FORTH-RIGHT CONDEMNATION OF SOVIETS OVER KAL SHOOT-DOWN AND OF LIBYAN AGGRESSION IN CHAD.
- COMMEND YOUR DECISION TO RE-ESTABLISH DIP-LOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR EXCELLENCY WE ARE INDEED PLEASED TO INFORM YOU OF OUR SAFE
RETURN HOME FOLLOWING OUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE
STOP WE CHERISHED THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED US TO MEET AND DISCUSS
WITH YOU ISSUES COMMON TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE WORLD STOP
THAT MEETING WAS ALSO USEFUL IN RENEWING OUR FRIENDSHIP AND
IMPROVING UPON THE ALREADY CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES STOP PLEASE ACCEPT CMA MR. PRESIDENT THE RENEWED
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION AND ESTEEM STOP CORDIALLY

YOURS CMA

CIC DR SAMUEL K ^XDOE

HEAD OF STATE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PEOPLE'S
REDEMPTION COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

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DATE 17 OCT 83

MEMORANDUM FOR STATE SECRETARIAT

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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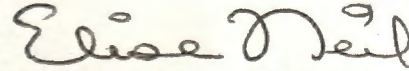
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FOR ROBERT M KIMMITT

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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DATE RECEIVED: MAY 18, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. BENNIE D. WARNER

SUBJECT: WRITES CONCERNING THE RESTORATION OF
DEMOCRACY IN LIBERIA

ROUTE TO: OFFICE/AGENCY (STAFF NAME)	ACTION		DISPOSITION	
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Date May 30, 1984 WHITE HOUSE
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For: MR. ROBERT C. McFARLANE
National Security Council
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Reference:

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Date: May 4, 1984 Subject: Liberia

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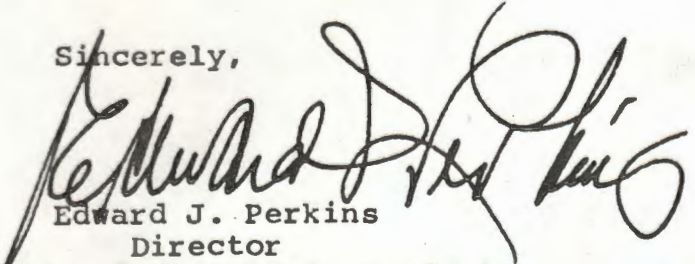
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May 4, 1984

NSC
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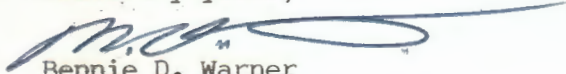
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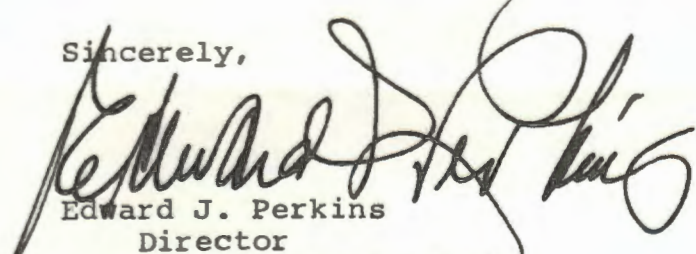
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The President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am herewith forwarding to you a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory as a further proof of the fears and misgivings of the people of Liberia.


The plan and design of Mr. Doe and his advisors is exactly to perpetuate themselves in power and impose their rule on the Liberian people.

For whatever the enclosed letter may be worth, we pray that the real and long term interest of the Liberian people for true democracy and freedom will not be sacrificed for the short term selfish ambitions of Doe and his men.

The people of Liberia are looking to the United States and the Reagan Administration for assistance to return to a democratic rule by means of a free and fair electoral process whereby the Liberian people, without intimidation and coercion, will choose their leaders. We have our eyes on El Salvador and other places where the United States and other freedom loving groups are monitoring free elections. The people of Liberia - both at home and abroad - definitely do not want Doe as their civilian president. Thus, he should not be forced on the people by any means.

With sentiments of high esteem.

Sincerely yours,


Bennie D. Warner
Former Vice-President of Liberia

26 MAR 1984

February 29, 1984

Dear Sir/Madame:

The attached letter is a self-explanatory advise and suggestions given to the Liberian Head of State, Mr. Samuel K. Doe, by one of his closest advisors and ministers. This is just one of the latest means/tactics being used by Mr. Doe and his People's Redemption Council Government to stay in power in Liberia.

We need your help. With your political, economic and international support, we are sure that Mr. Doe will return Liberia to a democratic/constituted civilian government in 1985 as promised. But without your pressure, we are afraid that Mr. Doe will be in there for a long time.

We are therefore requesting your political, economic and all other international support in order to exert pressure on Mr. Doe to return our country to a democratically-elected civilian administration in April of 1985.

Ban on political activities must be lifted on April 12, 1984 as was also promised to the Liberian people back in 1980.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF LIBERIA



THE EXECUTIVE MANSION
MINISTRY OF STATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIRS
MONROVIA, LIBERIA

March 22, 1983

PRC/I/SF/3/'83

CIC Dr. Samuel K. Doe
Head of State & Chairman
People's Redemption Council
Executive Mansion
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Sir:

As you requested, per our discussion regarding possible strategies for remaining in office beyond 1985, it is my opinion that several essential steps will have to be taken if we are to minimize the effect such a decision will have upon your credibility as Head of State. Since it is obvious the greatest opposition will come from the Americans I think we should do everything humanly possible to placate them into supporting you, economically and politically. For this to happen, however, the following moves must be considered:

1. Remove all known MOJA and PPP sympathizers from the public eye through reassignment or dismissal from Government and private positions.
2. Re-establish diplomatic ties with the State of Israel.
3. Adopt a sharp stance in both the domestic and international arenas against Soviet policy.
4. Dissipate all domestic opposition through strategy if possible; crush with force if necessary.

A. It is no secret that the present U.S. administration would reach to any lengths in preventing any Socialists (who go about calling themselves "Revolutionaries") from gaining popularity in Liberia. It would be wise, therefore, if these individuals could be made to identify themselves and be released from their positions as soon as possible.

B. Given America's past record in supporting the State of Israel, and knowing the role Jews play in the economic and political affairs of the U.S., it is my belief that re-establishing ties with Israel will win you enormous support in American circles.

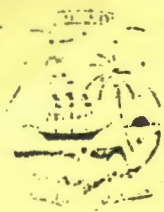


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C. President Reagan's views against Soviet advances makes this an appropriate time to express support in international forums and whenever possible for U.S. policy in Africa. It would be expedient to denounce Socialist philosophy and those individuals and governments associated with it including the Ethiopian and Libyan friendship with the Soviets. Condemn all Soviet expansionism in Africa, especially Chad, and you will convince the U.S. that ideologies other than Western-based Capitalism have no place in Liberia. It may be helpful to label any internal activists as Socialists.

To be totally convincing in the "pro-American" attitude, it may be necessary to acquire a Foreign Minister with whom the U.S. will be comfortable, a distinction I think Mr. Fahnbulleh does not enjoy. I propose that someone be selected with a reputation for being cordial with the Americans. Perhaps a Statesman from the Tubman era would be a good compromise. Such a move will not only be met with approval from the Americans but will undoubtedly win your needed support among the "Old Guard" here who are still, to a great extent, the economic backbone of this county.

D. Once Liberia receives her blank check of support from America it is possible to begin the last, but the most formidable task, the total elimination of potential opposition. As we agreed in our discussion, it may be anticipated that the most vigorous opposition to your staying on will come from Nimba County. You may be assured that the leading voice will be that of your "friend" Thomas Quiwonkpa.



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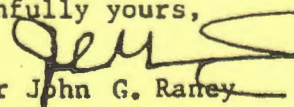
Sir, I am speaking from a long history of personal experience with Nimba people, as you are aware. After working with them for a number of years at Yekepa, I am convinced they are troublemakers who do not hesitate to organize themselves. You may recall that Nimba was the strongest base for the PPP. Nimbaians seem to love politics, thus, the removal of Thomas and his supporters from the Army and positions of Government must be gradual and most carefully planned. This is critical to the future of the PRC, as I view it. Such a move can be quickly balanced, however, by promoting Abraham Kollie and some of the other boys from Lofa so that any support in Nimba will be more than regained. The people of Lofa are known for being good soldiers and loyal followers so in the event the pressure against Quiwonkpa causes difficulties, soldiers from Lofa and of course, Grand Gedeh can be utilized to crush anything that arises. Regardless of the risk, I believe you will agree that Thomas and the other "Nimba heroes" must be totally discredited, if not totally eliminated.

I respectfully submit my suggestions, Mr. Head of State, and am confident that we are on the road to success with these ideas and others which will surely emerge as we work together. I have no doubt that once these critical steps are taken it is certain that the people of Liberia will overwhelmingly support a continuation of your leadership in 1985.

May God Bless you and your endeavors!

IN THE CAUSE OF THE PEOPLE, THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES!

Faithfully yours,


Major John G. Raney
Minister of State

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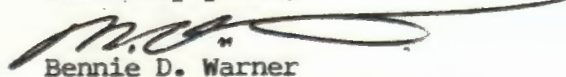
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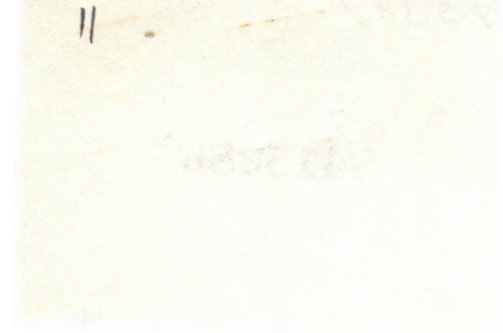
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DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 27, 1984

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JUCONTEE T. WOEWIYU

SUBJECT: WRITES REGARDING CONDITIONS IN LIBERIA AND
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Date September 21, 1984

For: MR. ROBERT C. MCFARLANE
National Security Council
The White House

Reference:

To: President Reagan From: Mr. Jucontee T. Woewiyu

Date: August 27, 1984 Subject: Current conditions
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Molly O'Dea
for Charles Hill
Executive Secretary

September 18, 1984

Mr. Jucontee T. Woewiyu,
President of the Union of Liberian
Association in the Americas Inc.
3202 South Grove St.
East Grange, NJ 07018

Dear Mr. Woewiyu:

Your recent telegram to the President concerning current conditions in Liberia has been referred to my office for response.

In August, the Government of Liberia arrested or detained ten political figures, including Dr. Amos Sawyer and some members of the former military council who are being investigated for alleged coup plotting against the Government of Liberia. The Liberian Government has released limited information on the charges against those arrested and their status. In a press conference aired on Liberian television August 23 former Justice Minister and Special Elections Commission member Isaac Nyeplu made allegations against Dr. Sawyer and others. Mr. Nyeplu claimed that Interim National Assembly Speaker J. Nicholas Podier had told him of the "Sawyer Group effort" to recruit Podier into a coup plot.

The U.S. Government has expressed its concern on numerous occasions, both privately in bilateral demarches to the GOL and as a part of a joint Western demarche to the Acting Foreign Minister, that the individuals arrested should receive full due process of law and that their human and civil rights should be protected. We note the Liberian Government's assurances and public statements that those individuals charged will be given full due process according to Liberian law and that they will be accorded a speedy and fair trial.

We have also expressed, privately and publicly, our concern over the August 22 violent confrontation at the University of Liberia and over the closure of the University. We understand that a Government Commission now has been formed to consider how University services can be continued. In public statements about the August 22 clash at the University, the Government of Liberia has acknowledged that there were 102 injuries, 5 from gunshots. The U.S. Government has deplored this outbreak of violence, especially in a period when the ban on political parties and activities has been lifted and Liberians are preparing for elections and a return to constitutional norms.

The U.S. Government continues to be strongly supportive of the transition process leading to elected constitutional rule which has been initiated by the Government of Liberia. We note President Doe's recent assertion that the transition to elected constitutional rule will continue. We trust this transition will continue according to the timetable announced by his government.

We will continue to monitor developments in the case of Dr. Sawyer and other detainees. The Government of Liberia is aware of our concerns and we will continue to express these concerns at every appropriate opportunity.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Perkins
Director
Office of West African Affairs

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MR. PRESIDENT:

WE ARE SURE THAT YOU HAVE BEEN APPRAISED OF THE RECENT EPISODE OF MURDER AND TERROR COMMITTED BY HEAD OF STATE SAMUEL K. DOE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA. THIS SITUATION BEGAN WITH THE ARBITRARY ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT OF SEVERAL PROMINENT LIBERIAN POLITICIANS AND ACADEMICIANS INCLUDING DR. AMOS SAWYER, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE THAT WROTE THE CONSTITUTION RECENTLY APPROVED THROUGH PUBLIC REFERENDUM. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1984, ABOUT A WEEK AFTER DR. SAWYER'S ARREST AND DISAPPEARANCE, STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS ASSEMBLED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA CAMPUS AT MONROVIA TO PROTEST THE DETENTION AND POSSIBLE EXECUTION OF PROFESSOR SAWYER. MR. DOE UNLEASHED A CONTINGENT OF SOLDIERS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO (SHOOT TO KILL). IN EXECUTION OF DOE'S ORDER, THE SOLDIERS FIRED DIRECTLY INTO THE CROWD INSTANTLY KILLING SEVERAL STUDENTS AND WOUNDING HUNDREDS OF THEM.

GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCEEDED ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ENORMOUS AID HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF SOPHISTICATED MILITARY HARDWARES AND OUTRIGHT CASH GRANTS FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE LIBERIAN MILITARY PAYROLL. AMERICAN GUNS AND BULLETS ARE THE WEAPONS USED TO KILL THESE INNOCENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND A MULTITUDE OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PERSONNEL EXECUTED BY MR. DOE SINCE 1980.

SIR, THE PRESENT NIGHTMARE AND HORROR IN LIBERIA ARE NOT THE RESULT OF A STRUGGLE AGAINST SOCIALIST FACTIONS IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM AS MR. DOE HAS BEEN TRYING TO IMPRESS ON THE FREE WORLD. BY HISTORY, CULTURE AND NATURE, LIBERIANS HAVE NO TOLERANCE FOR SOCIALISM. BUT WE

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES, MR. DOE HAS DECREED THAT THE WOUNDED SHOULD NOT BE TREATED IN GOVERNMENT FACILITIES OR AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE LIBERIAN PEOPLE HAVE HAD IT WITH MR. DOE. HE MUST GO EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. LIBERIANS ARE DETERMINED TO ERADICATE THE TOTALITARIAN-MILITARY DICTATORSHIP IMPOSED BY MR. DOE, AND WE WILL SUCCEED. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO SO WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE BY OUR SIDE AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS DONE THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION.

WHILE WE DO NOT HOLD THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR MR. DOE'S BARBARIC BEHAVIOR, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT HIS REPRESSIVE

MUST HASTILY WARN THAT IF THE UNITED STATES FAILS TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE REINSTITUTION OF CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT IN LIBERIA THE SO-CALLED SOCIALISTS WILL SUCCEED.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE FOLLOWING FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THROUGH YOUR ADMINISTRATION:

1. THAT AN UNCONDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE MASSACRE OF INNOCENT AND UNARMED STUDENTS AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF DR. SAWYER AND OTHER POLITICIANS BE COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY.

2. THAT AN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID SANCTION BE IMPOSED AGAINST MR. DOE'S GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY.

3. THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT PUBLICLY DENOUNCE THE DOE GOVERNMENT FOR THE MASSACRE OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS AND ITS FOUR YEAR HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS.

4. THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INFLUENCES THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW ITS MILITARY PERSONNEL AND SECURITY NETWORK WHICH PRESENTLY FORMS THE BASIC CORE OF DOE'S INTERNAL REPRESSIVE SECURITY NETWORK.

5. THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT INFLUENCES THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF RETURNING THE COUNTRY TO CIVILIAN RULE.

WHILE WE ANXIOUSLY AWAIT YOUR FAVORABLE REACTION TO OUR PUBLIC

OUTCRY, SOME OF OUR BRIGHTEST YOUNG SCHOLARS ARE BEATEN TO DEATH IN
MAKESHIFT CLINICS IN LIBERIA. KINDEST REGARDS.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

JUCONTEE T. WOEWIYU

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