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February 28, 1984

The Honorable William Lehman
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Lehman:

As a member of Congress you are undoubtedly aware of the continuing political, social and economic degradation Haiti has suffered after twenty-six years of the Duvalier regime. Though the United States has sought the cooperation of the Duvaliers in effectuating certain needed fiscal changes and implementing worthwhile programs that would contribute to the betterment of the Haitian people, obstacles have consistently sprung from within the inner circle of the present Haitian regime. The end result, as corroborated by various GOA and State Department reports, continues to be dreadfully onerous and politically embarrassing to the United States.

We must not deceive ourselves. This situation will never change as long as the Duvaliers are allowed to remain in power. To govern an entire nation without respect for human rights, fiscal integrity and other basic principles of democracy, is in our opinion an intolerable situation.

Furthermore, we should remember that dictatorships of Duvalier's caliber breeds communism. Various examples can be cited to that effect.

The time has come for real and positive changes to take place in Haiti. The upcoming legislative elections scheduled for February 14, 1984 have been classified as a farce by the Haitian people. Political exiles who wish to participate have been denied entry visas by the Haitian regime. Yet 53.2 million dollars have been allocated by Congress to that corrupt government for FY 83-84.

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We further wish to denounce the unconstitutionality of the presidency for life with the right to choose the successor. This represents an anachronism of the nineteenth century. The Haitian people are being manipulated by the barrel of many a gun and have had no choice but to accept the dictatorial whims and personal idiosyncracies of the Duvaliers.

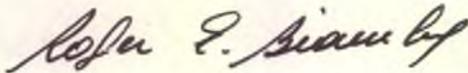
Congress must embrace the cause of the Haitian people and advocate on their behalf against the tyrannical rule of the Duvalier regime. At this juncture, you are the only hope of the Haitian people for a peaceful transition.

We can no longer tolerate a situation where 83% of the people suffer from chronic malnutrition simply because the food sent to Haiti is consistently stolen by corrupt government officials. Children are unable to attend school because the food simply disappears.

It is a political blunder to believe that the Duvaliers can lead Haiti on the road to democracy twenty-seven years later.

We, therefore, appeal to your conscience to help us improve the lot of the Haitian people.

Sincerely,



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March 29, 1984

Mr. Roger E. Biamby
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Dear Mr. Biamby:

Your letter expressing your deep concern about the Duvalier regime has been received.

To address some of the concerns discussed in your letter, Congress has made economic aid to Haiti conditional on progress in making certain improvements. Up to \$24 million of the foreign aid funds may be provided for Haiti if the President determines that the government in Haiti continues to cooperate with the United States in halting illegal immigration to the United States from Haiti, cooperates fully in implementing United States development, food and other economic assistance programs, and makes a concerted effort to improve the human rights situation in Haiti by implementing the political reforms which are essential to the development of democracy in Haiti, including the establishment of political parties, free elections, and freedom of the press. The President will be reporting to Congress on the extent to which the actions of the government of Haiti are consistent with these propositions.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

WILLIAM LEHMAN
Member of Congress

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