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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATIVE BROWN'S LETTER OF MAY 17, 1994

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE BROWN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF MAY 17 CONCERNING THE U.S.
GOVERNMENT'S POLICY REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION
IN HAITI. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND ABUNDANTLY REPORTED

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ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN HAITI, INCLUDING RECENT,
INCREASED VIOLENCE IN PORT AU PRINCE SLUM AREAS AND IN
THE PROVINCES. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PUBLICLY CONDEMN THE
MILITARY LEADERSHIP AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES WHO PERPETRATE
THESE ABUSES AND TO DEMAND THAT THE HAITIAN MILITARY, WHO
ARE BOTH RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC ORDER AND ACTUALLY
INVOLVED IN MUCH OF THE REPRESSION, STOP THE ABUSES AND
RETREAT FROM THE POLITICAL ARENA.

AS YOU KNOW, THE U.S. EMBASSY PUBLISHES A COMPREHENSIVE
ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. IN DECEMBER 1993, WE
INITIATED AN ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD TO A HAITIAN HUMAN
RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND PRESENTED THE FIRST OF THESE
POSTHUMOUSLY TO SLAIN JUSTICE MINISTER GUY MALARY, WHOSE
FAMILY ACCEPTED THE AWARD AT A LARGE PUBLIC CEREMONY AT
THE RESIDENCE.

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I PERSONALLY VISIT THE SITES OF SOME OF THE WORST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, SUCH AS THE APRIL MASSACRE AT RABOTEUX NEAR GONAIVES. IN ADDITION, I PERSONALLY WRITE LETTERS OF PROTEST TO GENERAL CEDRAS CONCERNING EGREGIOUS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CONTINUOUSLY URGE THAT AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION OF INQUIRY BE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THESE. THE EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE UN/OAS INTERNATIONAL CIVILIAN MISSION (ICM), BOTH IN HUMAN RIGHTS INVESTIGATIONS AND IN SUPPORTING AND FINANCING THE WORK OF THE ICM IN HAITI, AND CONTINUES TO URGE THAT ADDITIONAL ICM OBSERVERS BE SENT TO HAITI.

THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY PROPOSED AND RECEIVED APPROVAL
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FOR A USDOLS ONE MILLION HUMAN RIGHTS FUND (PATTERNED AFTER A SIMILAR FUND I HAD AT MY DISPOSAL AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH AFRICA), IN ORDER TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH MEDICAL COSTS, LEGAL ASSISTANCE, SAFE HAVENS, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL MEASURES.

IN CLOSING, I WISH TO EMPHASIZE THE COMMITMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENT, THIS EMBASSY AND ME PERSONALLY TO THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HAITI AND OUR DETERMINATION, WORKING WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITIES IN HAITI AND THE UNITED STATES, TO PUT AN END TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN HAITI -- WHICH I JUDGE TO BE WORSE THAN IN THE DARKEST DAYS OF THE DUVALIERS -- MOST OF WHICH ARE DIRECTED AT PRESIDENT ARISTIDE'S SUPPORTERS AND FOR WHICH THE HAITIAN MILITARY LEADERSHIP BEARS RESPONSIBILITY.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN WHEN I AM NEXT IN WASHINGTON AND TO PURSUE THE IMPORTANT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH YOU.
KIND REGARDS.

SINCERELY,

WILLIAM LACY SWING
AMBASSADOR

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