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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 29, 2005

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

STEVE HADLEY *SH*

SUBJECT:

Response to Chairman Bryant of Liberia

*Approved  
for AP  
BK  
12-29-05*

Purpose

To respond to an invitation from Chairman Bryant to attend the inauguration of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf as President of Liberia.

Background

Chairman Bryant has invited you to attend the inauguration of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf as President of Liberia on January 15, 2006.

Attached at Tab A is a response to Chairman Bryant indicating that given our unique bilateral relationship and the importance you place on promoting democracy, economic recovery, and reconstruction in Liberia, you have designated Secretary Rice to lead the Presidential delegation to the inauguration.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the letter at Tab A.

Prepared by: Mark Swayne

Reviewed by: Cindy Courville

Attachments

Tab A Response to Chairman Bryant

Tab B Cable

Tab C Incoming Correspondence

cc: Vice President  
Chief of Staff  
Assistant to the  
Vice President  
for National  
Security Affairs

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 29, 2005

His Excellency  
Gyude Bryant  
Chairman of the National Transitional  
Government of Liberia  
Monrovia

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the January 16, 2006,  
inauguration of Liberian President-elect Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf.

Given our unique bilateral relationship and the importance that I place  
on promoting democracy, economic recovery, and reconstruction in  
Liberia, I am pleased to designate Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice  
as head of my Presidential Delegation to this historic event.

The United States takes pride in the important contributions that we  
have made toward peace and stability in Liberia. We are committed to  
continuing close cooperation with the Government of Liberia and to  
support the ideals of freedom and prosperity for all Liberian citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GWB", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George W. Bush