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Dwayne A. Wynn, President  
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Dear Mr. Wynn:

This is to follow-up on our conversation last week when you inquired about whether organizing a trade mission to Southern Africa creates a conflict for you as chairman of the African Trade Task Force, chief organizer of the mission and president a private company, the Afro-Caribbean Trading Group. I discussed this matter with our general counsel and she and I are of the opinion that serving on this Task Force, organizing this mission and serving as president of a trading company that may do business with Southern Africa in the future does not result in a conflict of interest that would require you to resign from the Task Force.

First, any contract you firm would enter into would be with an entity other than Miami-Dade County. Because you would not be transacting business directly with the County, Section 2-11.1 (d) of the Miami-Dade County Code does not apply in your case. Secondly, based upon the manner in which the task force was created, it could be argued the Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Ordinance would not govern your behavior. Essentially, this is due to the fact, as your letter represents, that the African Trade Task Force was formed by the Mayor and does not recommend legislation or give advice to the Board of County Commissioners.

Finally, I would caution you, however, that you should not in anyway exploit your official position with the African Task Force for your own private gain. Often times, the appearance of impropriety cause the most amount of difficulty for parties who are performing public service.

In closing, we see no legal conflicts with respect to the facts of this particular case. If you wish to discuss this matter with me in greater detail, feel free to call me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers  
Executive Director



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Re : An Opinion.

Dear Mr. Meyers,

Thank you for taking time out of your active schedule to speak with me on Thursday, May 17th concerning your perspective on our intended area of activity. Let me state up front that no one (other than me) has raised this as an issue. I, in an abundance of caution, would simply like to establish this as a non-issue early on in the process.

We will be taking a mission to Southern Africa in July, 2001. I will be (and have been) organizing the mission and logistics from a private sector perspective, with of course, great and immediate benefit ensuing to Miami-Dade County and it's Citizens. Mayor Penelas will lead our mission, and I as Chairman of the African Trade Task Force, will coordinate our mission team. The African Trade Task Force is a Public/Private partnership, and I, as Chairman have encouraged the active promotion of our county's assets and resources in connection with unique entrepreneurial offerings since inception through a period of very positive development.

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I don't believe this should be an area of concern, however, as previously stated, I would like your thoughts and concurring views.

Our contact information remains:

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Should you have any questions and/or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. As always, we appreciate your efforts, and remain, yours for a better community and at your service. Again, thank you, GOD Bless and best wishes.

Sincerely,  
Afro-Caribbean Trading Group, Inc.

*Dwayne A. Wynn*  
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*Per your request.*

*Robert Meyers*