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Subject: Senegal Trip (INQ 12-08)

Ms. Colebrook-Williams,

As we discussed on the phone today, Mayor Pierre has not received a gift of a trip to Senegal in December 2011 if he made a formal presentation there on behalf of the City of North Miami. He was on a panel and discussed the cultural benefits of the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami as well as the sister cities program. All expenses were paid by the Senegal government and the United Nations.

The facts related to this trip are different from the ones dealing with Mayor Pierre's June 2011 trip to Senegal. In that case, we said that the Mayor was required to disclose the cost of the trip as a gift because he did not attend on public business. (RQO 11-18) This latter trip in December need not be disclosed as a gift since the Mayor represented the City in his official capacity and made presentations about the City's experiences.

Sincerely,

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Subject: World Summit of Mayors
Importance: High

Good Morning Michael,

As per our conversation, Mayor Pierre attended the World Summit for Mayors in Senegal and did a presentation on MOCA; as well as discussed the development of a sister city relationship. All expenses were paid by Senegal and the United Nations. Attached is the agenda and the press release by the National Conference of Black Mayors. I also including below the press release by the City of North Miami.

Please confirm whether or not this would be considered a gift a that must be reported on the Mayor's quarterly gift disclosure. Thank you again for your consideration.

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MAYOR PIERRE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN 2011 WORLD SUMMIT OF MAYORS

Conference To Be Held December 15-19 in Dakar, Senegal

North Miami, FL – December 14, 2011 – North Miami Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq. will participate in the 2011 World Summit of Mayors later this week in Dakar, Senegal as a part of a delegation of 30 prominent African-American Mayors representing the National Conference of Black Mayors (NCBM). The summit will allow for a four-day historic dialogue amongst the US Mayors and more than 200 local leaders throughout Africa and the African diaspora.

The mission of the World Summit of Mayors is to discuss and develop strategies to solve common local government issues amongst the local leaders from around the world. Issues such as housing, education, health care, gender equality, clean water and air, waste management, agricultural and economic development, tourism, good governance and public trust will be discussed.

Mayor Pierre will present a session on the effect of art and culture on tourism, drawing from the affect that the Museum of Contemporary Art - North Miami has had in attracting the attention of the global community.

The 2011 World Summit of Mayors Leadership Conference will take place from December 15-19 in Dakar, Senegal. His Excellency Maître Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, will host the conference, which is co-organized by the NCBM, the National Association of Senegalese Mayors (AMS), and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

“The primary focus is restoring, strengthening and uplifting working relationships and collaborations among the various participating leaders, many of whom represent untapped resources and communities throughout the Diaspora,” said Vanessa R. Williams, Executive Director of NCBM.

“It is a great honor to be a part of this historic delegation,” explains Mayor Pierre, “I look forward to collaborating with Mayors around the world to discover solutions to our common problems and to share best practices that we will bring back to implement in our own communities.”

For more information, please contact the North Miami Office of the Mayor and Council at 305-895-9815 or 305-895-9818.

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