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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:23 PM  
**To:** Alufohai, Desmond U. (ITC)  
**Subject:** RE: Confirmation: African Renaissance Monument trip

Dear Desmond:

I spoke to Gerard in Commissioner Edmonson's office this afternoon and I promised him I would provide you with an opinion by the end of the day. As long as you are traveling on official County business, there would be no prohibition against your trip to Dakar and having the Republic of Senegal pay for your travel. If you were to arrive in the country before the official activities commence or if you stay in country beyond the conclusion of the official events, you would be required to report those expenses as gifts. With respect to the costs connected to official County business, you would have nothing to declare.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Alufohai, Desmond U. (ITC)  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 1:18 PM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** Ojeda, Tony (ITC)  
**Subject:** FW: Confirmation: African Renaissance Monument trip

Dear Mr. Meyers:

Tony Ojeda, Jr., my supervisor asked me to get in touch with you regarding your opinion on my travel to Dakar. I will be accompanying Commissioner Audrey Edmonson to Dakar on the invitation of the Head of State of the Republic of Senegal for the unveiling of the African Renaissance Monument.

I have enclosed the documents sent to me by organizers of the event.

I will appreciate receiving your opinion at your earliest convenience.

Regards

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**Subject:** Confirmation: African Renaissance Monument trip

Dear Mr. Alufohai,

I would like to thank you for confirmation of your attendance at the unveiling ceremony of the African Renaissance Monument in Dakar, Senegal on April 3, 2010.

As you know, the unveiling ceremony will coincide with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Senegal's independence. President Wade is expecting several Heads of State from Africa and other parts of the world in addition to artists, intellectuals, and activists to attend the ceremony and celebration.

The unveiling of the monument will celebrate the unity of Africans across the continent and the Diaspora, and highlight Africa's development progress, including efforts to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and achieve the other Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. The 53-metre (164 ft) bronze statue which stands atop a 150-metre hill in Dakar looking out over the Atlantic Ocean symbolizes in President Wade's words Africa's liberation from "centuries of ignorance, intolerance and racism" as well as a continent overcoming disease, famine and poverty.

**Transportation:** The U.S. delegation will depart from New York (JFK airport) on a charter flight leaving at about 5:00 PM (**please plan to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours in advance**) on Thursday, April 1, which will arrive in Dakar early in the morning of April 2. The return flight from Dakar to JFK will depart late in the evening on Sunday, April 4 and arrive at JFK at about 8:00 AM on Monday, April 5. We will provide further details on the flight times and the JFK gate locations as soon as they are available.

**Accommodations / meals:** The U.S. delegation will stay at the Pullman Dakar Teranga Hotel (telephone 221 33 889 2200; fax 221 33 823 5001) as guests of the government and meals there are included.

**Dress:** Clothing for the trip will be casual for most activities and formal (suits) for the meeting with the President requested for April 2 and the dinner on April 3.

**Activities:** The draft program of activities for the U.S. delegation during the trip includes:

1. The morning of Friday, April 2 will be free.

2. The delegation will meet for a working lunch and briefing at 12:30 PM on April 2 at the Pullman Dakar Teranga Hotel. The briefing will cover the program for the visit and the work of the United Nations in promoting the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, including reversing the AIDS epidemic.
3. For the afternoon of April 2, a visit to Goree Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site because of its historic link to the slave trade, is being planned.
4. A meeting with President Wade is being requested for the evening of April 2nd.
5. The morning of Saturday, April 3rd will be devoted to participation in a conference on African Renaissance with African writers and intellectuals, organized by the famous historian Professor Iba Der Thiam, one of the authors of the UNESCO History of Africa Project.
6. The unveiling of the African Renaissance Monument will take place in the afternoon of Saturday April 3. The event will focus on the theme of the United States of Africa, which the African Union has agreed to establish in 2017. The ceremony will include a Triangular Dialogue between President Wade, NAACP President Benjamin Todd Jealous, and a third dignitary.
7. The delegation will be guests at a formal dinner and cultural performance in the evening of 3 April.
8. Sunday, April 4th will be devoted to the Commemoration of Senegal's 50<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence, with special guests including Presidents, Prime Ministers and other dignitaries from other African countries.
9. The U.S. delegation will depart for New York on the night of April 4, and will arrive at JFK airport at around 8 am on Monday, April 5th.

Cultural activities will feature prominently at the celebrations, and will highlight the unveiling of this symbolic monument as a powerful tool to change cultural norms. The monument is envisaged as a vehicle to overcome stigma and hate, unite communities and nations, and build shared visions as Senegal supports the establishment of the United States of Africa and promotes development and peace on the continent and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, including reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS.

The trip will also be an opportunity for participants from the U.S. to learn more about Senegal, which is becoming a primary trade hub for West Africa due to its political stability, positive economic outlook, and commitment to empowering the private sector. Senegal aims to develop its trade potential through improving infrastructure and developing value-added industries and services.

Attached please find travel facts on Senegal and an update on HIV/AIDS. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information. I look forward to traveling with you to Dakar.

Sincerely,

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