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ALLOCUTION DE SON EXCELLENCE L'AMBASSADEUR, LE GENERAL TIEMOKO MARC GARANGO  
A L'OCCASION DE LA PRESENTATION DE SES LETTRES DE CREANCE A SON EXCELLENCE  
RONALD W. REAGAN, PRESIDENT DES ETATS UNIS D'AMERIQUE

Monsieur le Président,

Son Excellence le Président Saye ZERBO, Chef de l'Etat Voltaïque, m'a manifesté sa confiance en me chargeant de la délicate mais noble mission de le représenter personnellement auprès de Votre Excellence, en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République de Haute Volta.

Très sensible à cette marque de confiance qui m'est faite, je mesure cependant l'importance de la mission qui m'échoit et à laquelle je me dois de consacrer le meilleur de moi-même dès lors qu'il s'agit d'être au service de l'amitié entre nos deux pays dont les populations respectives, sitôt après l'accession de la Haute Volta à la souveraineté internationale, ont appris à se connaître, à se comprendre et à s'estimer, tandis que, parallèlement entre les Etats Unis d'Amérique et la République de Haute Volta une coopération intense, fructueuse et diversifiée s'instaurait.

Mon premier devoir est de saisir l'occasion de la présente cérémonie pour transmettre à Votre Excellence les salutations les plus amicales et respectueuses de Son Excellence le Président Saye ZERBO, Chef de l'Etat et Vous exprimer, Monsieur le Président, et à travers Vous au vaillant Peuple Américain, les sentiments d'estime et d'amitié du Peuple Voltaïque.

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Je voudrais également souligner la joie particulière et l'honneur que j'éprouve à me trouver aux Etats Unis et à servir dans Votre beau, grand et puissant pays pour lequel, malgré la distance, la Haute Volta se sent des affinités, tant il est vrai que les aspirations aux idéaux de paix et du respect des droits de l'homme sont des traits communs aux deux peuples.

Dès lors, les excellents et étroits rapports, les solides liens d'amitié que nos deux pays ont noués et entretiennent ne pouvaient que déboucher sur une coopération fructueuse dont l'intensité sans cesse croissante mérite d'être soulignée.

Monsieur le Président,

En la présente circonstance, je m'en voudrais si je ne saisisais pas l'opportunité qui m'est offerte pour exhalter l'élan de solidarité que Votre pays n'a cessé de manifester à l'égard de nos populations constamment victimes des conditions naturelles particulièrement difficiles. Je me dois également de souligner notre sincère appréciation des efforts que l'US-AID, le Corps de la Paix et les Organisations privées américaines consacrent à notre pays. Il me revient le devoir de renouveler tant auprès de Votre Excellence qu'auprès du Gouvernement et du Peuple Américains, la gratitude du Gouvernement et du Peuple Voltaïques.

Monsieur le Président,

Pays enclavé, soumis à des conditions naturelles peu clémentes, la Haute Volta est beaucoup plus un pays de labeur que de facilité. C'est pour cela que, tout en appréciant l'aide que lui apportent les pays amis tels que le Vôtre, la Haute Volta compte avant tout sur elle-même car, l'aide doit être méritée comme étant le fruit de l'effort personnel. Cependant, nous avons confiance en la solidarité internationale et c'est pourquoi nous espérons

fortement que la Conférence de Paris sur les pays moins avancés et celle de Cancun sur la coopération Nord-Sud seront suivies de mesures pratiques et efficaces en faveur des pays concernés.

Monsieur le Président,

C'est donc sur cet espoir qu'avec les Lettres de Rappel de mon prédécesseur, j'ai l'honneur de remettre à Votre Excellence les Lettres qui m'accréditent auprès d'Elle en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République de Haute Volta, ayant la ferme conviction que pour l'accomplissement de ma mission, Votre sollicitude ne me fera pas défaut, et que je bénéficierai de la bienveillante assistance du Gouvernement Américain.

Vive l'Amitié et la Coopération Américano-Voltaïques!

Son Excellence Ronald Reagan  
Président des États-Unis d'Amérique

— Washington —



Colonel Saye Zerbo  
Président du Comité Militaire de Redressement  
Pour le Progrès National  
Chef de l'Etat de la République de Haute-Volta

à Son Excellence Ronald Reagan  
Président des Etats - Unis d'Amérique  
Washington

Monsieur le Président, très Cher et Grand ami,

Désirant réoccuper le poste vacant de l'Ambassadeur de la République de Haute-Volta aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, après le rappel de son Excellence Téléphore YAGUIBOU, J'ai décidé d'accréditer auprès de votre Excellence, en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République de Haute-Volta aux Etats-Unis d'Amérique, le Général Tiémoko Marc GARANGO.

Les qualités qui le distinguent Me sont garantes du soin qu'il mettra à s'acquitter de la haute mission qui lui est confiée de façon à obtenir la confiance de Votre Excellence et mériter ainsi Mon approbation.

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*C'est dans cette conviction que Je Vous prie, très Cher et Grand Ami, de l'accueillir avec Votre bienveillance accoutumée et d'ajouter foi et créance entière à tout ce qu'il sera autorisé à Vous exposer en Mon Nom ou en celui du Gouvernement de la République de Haute-Volta et surtout lorsqu'il exprimera à Votre Excellence, les assurances de Ma Haute estime et de Ma constante Amitié.*

*Fait à OUAGADOUGOU, le 10 Octobre 1981*

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*Colonel Saye ZERBO*



Son Excellence Ronald Reagan  
Président des États-Unis d'Amérique

— Washington —



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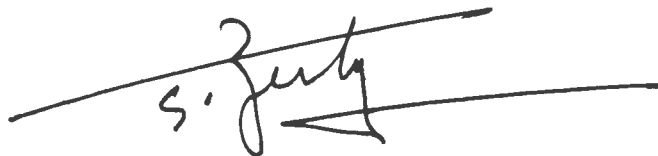
Ayant décidé de confier de nouvelles fonctions à Son Excellence Téséphore YAGUIBOU, J'ai mis fin à la haute mission qu'il remplissait auprès de VOTRE EXCELLENCE en qualité d'Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plénipotentiaire de la République de Haute-Volta,

Je l'ai autorisé à solliciter une audience de congé. Je ne doute pas qu'il profite de cette occasion pour remercier VOTRE EXCELLENCE de toutes les marques de bienveillance dont IL l'a honoré.

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*JE lui ai particulièrement recommandé d'offrir à VOTRE  
EXCELLENCE les assurances de MA haute estime et de MA constante  
amitié.*

*Fait à OUAGADOUGOU, le 10 Octobre 1981*

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*Colonel Saye ZERBO*

EMBASSY OF TUNISIA  
2408 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Remarks of the newly appointed  
Ambassador of the Republic of Tunisia  
HABIB BEN YAHIA  
On the occasion of the presentation  
of his Letters of Credence

Washington, D.C.  
December 8th 1981

Mr. President

It is for me a great honor and indeed a high privilege to present to-day to Your Excellency the Letters by which H.E. President Habib BOURGUIBA accredits me as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of TUNISIA to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The President of Tunisia, when entrusting me with the important mission of representing him in your great country, instructed me to convey to you, Mr. President and to the American people, his high consideration, his deep respect and his great admiration.

This message constitutes the best expression of the solid bonds of friendship between the peoples of the United States and Tunisia. Those ties were forged almost half a century ago, since the start of our struggle for independence, when President Bourguiba declared a very clear and irrevocable option for the family of democratic societies and the Free World, whose ideals and values he cherishes.

Mr. President, both before and after its independence, Tunisia has always relied on your country's continued understanding and support. The Tunisian government is very grateful to the United States for their assistance to Tunisia's own efforts in building up a modern state, a prosperous economy, a remarkable stability, and an open democratic system.

Tunisia, with its deep sense of realities, of moderation and pragmatism, while being proud of its great achievements, still believes that the way to full development and democracy is a long process that must be followed with a great deal of courage, imagination, toil and sweat and yet with a cautious policy that stems from a wise leadership.

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Mr. President, our countries are living in a complex, changing and challenging world, filled with tensions and conflicts and thus so insecure in many respects. Tunisia is indeed gratified to see the United States paying due attention to its legitimate preoccupations for a better security. We are hopeful that your country will continue contributing- through sustained and adequate efforts - to strengthening Tunisia's defensive capabilities and supporting its economic development.

Our forthcoming sixth Plan does offer the best opportunity to further develop our fruitful cooperation in every sector. Tunisia's expectations in this respect are high. President Bourguiba considers it to be a decisive step towards securing forever our country's stability, progress and invulnerability.

Mr. President, Tunisia's active role in the international arena, thanks to its moral weight, has been an effective contribution to the reduction of tensions, to the promotion of peace, justice and a better understanding among nations.

Under the wise leadership of President Bourguiba, Tunisia is thus in a position to offer more for the solution of problems existing in such troubled areas as the Middle East and Africa.

Mr. President, let me assure you that I will spare no effort to work for the further development of the solid friendship and fruitful cooperation existing between our two countries. I am convinced that I can count on Your Excellency's support and kind assistance, as well as those of the United States Officials, in carrying out my mission in Washington.

In concluding my remarks, I would like to convey to you President Bourguiba's most cordial greetings and his best wishes for your health, personal happiness as well as for your family's well-being and for the prosperity of the great American people.



TUNIS, le 17 NOVEMBRE 1981

*Monsieur le Président et Cher ami*

C'est avec un vif plaisir que j'ai reçu le portrait dédié que vous avez bien voulu me faire remettre par Monsieur Francis West Jr. , Secrétaire d'Etat à la Défense, à l'occasion de sa visite en Tunisie.

Je veux vous dire combien j'ai été sensible à ce geste et combien j'en ai été touché.

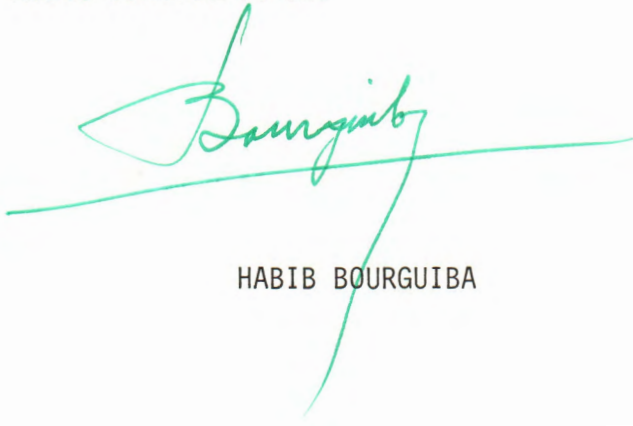
J'y vois, en effet, le symbole de l'amitié profonde qui lie nos deux pays, amitié pour laquelle je n'ai cessé d'oeuvrer et qui constitue aujourd'hui un fondement bien établi de la politique étrangère de la Tunisie.

En vous exprimant mes remerciements, je tiens à vous réaffirmer mon attachement personnel et celui de la



Tunisie pour les nobles idéaux de liberté et de justice qui inspirent la politique des Etats-Unis et de leur Président.

Veillez croire, Monsieur Le Président, à mon amicale et très haute considération.



HABIB BOURGUIBA

SON EXCELLENCE MONSIEUR

RONALD REAGAN

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REMARKS OF THE  
NEWLY APPOINTED AMBASSADOR  
OF CANADA

ALLAN E. GOTLIEB

UPON THE OCCASION OF THE PRESENTATION OF  
HIS LETTER OF CREDENCE

MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT TO YOU A LETTER WHICH ACCREDITS ME AS AMBASSADOR OF CANADA TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ANOTHER TERMINATING THE MISSION OF MY DISTINGUISHED PREDECESSOR, MR. PETER M. TOWE.

MR. PRESIDENT, THE NATURE AND THE EXTENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U.S.A. HAS NO PARALLEL. IT IS A UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP. SHARED IDEALS AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE ITS FOUNDATION. IT IS STRENGTHENED BY THE WIDE RANGE OF PERSONAL CONTACTS AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS WHICH TAKE PLACE ACROSS OUR COMMON BORDER EVERY DAY. THESE ARE THE OUTWARD MANIFESTATIONS OF THE STABILITY AND ENDURING STRENGTH OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

WITHIN THE RECENT PAST, YOUR TWO VISITS TO OTTAWA, AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S TWO VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES, HIGHLIGHT THE MUTUAL IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP. FROM THE OUTSET OF YOUR PRESIDENCY, YOU HAVE EMPHASIZED THE PRIORITY OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS. MR. PRESIDENT, CANADIANS WELCOME THIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN YOUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOUR. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT YOUR INTEREST WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER

UNDERSTANDING OF CANADA, AND OF THOSE ASPECTS OF OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE INTEGRITY AND IDENTITY OF OUR COUNTRY.

THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN THE PAST IN DEALING WITH THE MANY ISSUES WHICH INEVITABLY MUST ARISE AS A RESULT OF GEOGRAPHIC PROXIMITY AND SHARED INTERESTS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFICULT QUESTIONS WHICH WILL REQUIRE CLOSE ATTENTION IN THE MONTHS AHEAD. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE CAN BE DEALT WITH SUCCESSFULLY. I AM ALSO CERTAIN THAT SENSITIVITY TO EACH OTHERS NATIONAL INTERESTS WILL SERVE TO HASTEN A POSITIVE RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES AND THUS STRENGTHEN THE REMARKABLE FABRIC OF OUR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP.

MR. PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TODAY ARE MARKED BY TENSIONS AND UNCERTAINTIES. MAJOR CHALLENGES FACE US ALL: TO SAFEGUARD WORLD PEACE, TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE DEMOCRATIC IDEALS, AND TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PLIGHT OF THE WORLD'S POOR. IT IS CLEAR THAT BOTH OUR COUNTRIES HAVE A GREAT STAKE IN WORLD STABILITY AND GLOBAL ECONOMIC GROWTH. CANADA IS DETERMINED TO PLAY ITS PART IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THESE AND OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS. WE WILL WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH YOUR COUNTRY ON THESE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. YOUR LEADERSHIP OF THE WESTERN ALLIANCE, AND THE HUMAN AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF YOUR COUNTRY, CAN GREATLY CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE SECURE AND STABLE WORLD.

MR. PRESIDENT, IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT AS CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES MULTIPLY, SO THE NEED FOR DIPLOMACY DIMINISHES. IN MY VIEW, QUITE THE REVERSE IS TRUE OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN BOTH COUNTRIES ARE EXPERIENCING PROFOUND CHANGE. IT IS A TIME WHEN BOTH OUR COUNTRIES MUST COME TO HAVE A CLEAR AWARENESS OF EACH OTHER'S APPROACHES TO PROBLEMS. YOU HAVE LAUNCHED A BOLD PROGRAM TO REDUCE INFLATION AND TO RE-INVIGORATE THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY. WE IN CANADA ARE MAKING IMPORTANT STRIDES IN OUR OWN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE WORKING TO CREATE A CANADA WHICH TRULY REFLECTS OUR BILINGUAL HERITAGE -- A COUNTRY IN WHICH THE RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY OF OUR MULTI-CULTURAL HERITAGE CAN FLOURISH. NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES, SO NECESSARY IN A COUNTRY SUCH AS CANADA, ARE PLAYING AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN HELPING TO ASSURE THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ALL CANADIANS.

I TAKE UP MY DUTIES AS AMBASSADOR OF CANADA AT A TIME WHEN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS AND MULTILATERAL CHALLENGES REQUIRE MORE THAN EVER THE CLOSE CONSULTATIONS, SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, AND SENSE OF VISION WHICH HAVE CHARACTERIZED OUR RELATIONS IN THE PAST. AS AMBASSADOR, I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BILATERAL TIES, TO PROMOTE COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, AND THEREBY TO STRENGTHEN THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I AM CONFIDENT OF YOUR SUPPORT, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THAT OF THE MEMBERS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION.

DECEMBER 8, 1981.

To:

The President of the

United States of America,

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Mr President, I am pleased that you have been able to afford me the privilege to present, on behalf of my Government, my credentials to you, as Ambassador to your great country, the United States of America.

Before achieving nationhood my country has had very close and cordial relationship with your country at many levels and this relationship has improved since it became fully internally self-governing on the 27th October, 1969. Since independence, which was achieved on the 27th October, 1979, those strong ties which existed have been strengthened both at the political and economic levels.

Your country shares the same ideals as my own in the pursuit of human liberty, respect for the rule of law, respect for pluralism in the political process and the maintenance of a true democratic parliamentary system. All these and in other areas we share a way of life in common. It is my hope that the establishment of diplomatic links at the Ambassadorial level will now help to cement and deepen our existing relationship and forge new ones that may enhance our endeavours for the mutual benefits of our two countries.

Through me it is hoped that my country of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, may be better able to articulate our national problems and priorities as well as project the well-meaning efforts of your country in a way that may not have been otherwise perceived.

Mr President, our human and financial resources are limited, but not our commitment to those ideals that are high and ennobling.

8th December, 1981



To:

The President of the

United States of America.





ELIZABETH THE SECOND,

by the grace of God, Queen of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and of Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.

To the President of the United States of America.

Sendeth Greeting!

Our Good Friend!

Being desirous of making provision for the representation in the United States of America of the interests of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, We have decided to accredit to You Our Trusty and Well-beloved Mr Hudson Kemuel Tannis in the character of Our Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The experience which We have had of Mr Tannis's talents and zeal for Our service assures Us that the selection We have made will be perfectly agreeable to You; and that he will discharge the duties of his Mission in such a manner as to merit Your approbation and esteem, and to prove himself worthy of this new mark of Our confidence.

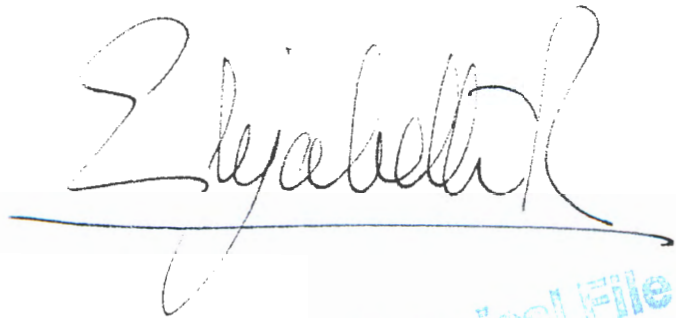
We therefore request that You will give entire credence to all that Mr Tannis shall communicate to You in Our name, more especially when

he shall renew to You the assurances of the lively interest which We take in everything that affects the welfare and prosperity of the United States of America.

And so We commend You to the protection of the Almighty.

Given at Our Court of Saint James's, the Thirtieth day of November, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-one, in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign.

Your Good Friend,

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