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Letter to President Olusegun Obasanjo

His Excellency President Olúségún Obásanjó, GCFR
C/O Prof. George Obiozor
Ambassador of Nigeria to the United States
Washington, DC, USA

Your Excellency:

On behalf of all Yorùbás in North America, we welcome you to the United States and pray that you archive your objectives for this visit.

We also use this opportunity to congratulate you on several achievements your administration has made over the past few years, most notably your efforts to fight corruption in our great country. Who would have thought it possible that, the Chief of Police would be arrested and charged with several serious crimes?

Since last November, at every board meeting of the Egbé Omo Yorùbá, North America (Egbé), when “Home Issues” are discussed, our Honorable Members never fail to compliment the efforts and achievements of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC). However, several other issues are discussed that are of great concern and we would like to use this opportunity to bring them to your attention again.

One of the primary issues of concern for the Egbé is the issue of the political prisoners imprisoned unjustly since last year. The Egbé continues to be disconcerted with the administrations continued imprisonment of Dr. Fredrick Fáseùn and Òtúnba Gàní Adams. We believes this is a deliberate attempt to dampen the fighting spirits of well meaning Nigerians that are bold enough to stand up and challenge dictatorial tendencies of the government and to speak out for the voiceless and down-beaten masses. The Egbé also believes this is an attempt to disorganize this Yorùbá stabilization group prior to the forth coming national elections. Mr. President, we do not want to believe that these unconscionable acts are your intensions and we ask that they be released immediately to be with their families and to be able to see their private physicians.

Another issue of concern is the issue of Èkó. Lagos State is the financial capital of Nigeria. No nation in this universe would have allowed its economic center or the gateway to its country deteriorate to such a slummy state. The Egbé believes it would take almost a generation to recover from the consequential economic setbacks of this neglect. Some of the damage done can be blamed partially on your former Minister of Works whose primary portfolio appeared to be one of finding ways to frustrate all efforts made by the State Government. But the most culpable reason for the destruction of Lagos State is the unlawful withholding of the local government allocations by you sir, against the ruling of the Nigerian Supreme Court for so long. We urge you to authorize your staff using all available means to proceed with an expedited urgency to improve the great State of Lagos. The whole country stands to gain when Lagos State shines.

Your Excellency, we know your time is precious and we also know that other groups are writing to address other issues that are of concern to all of us in North America. Therefore, we would stop at addressing only these two issues and pray that you consider them and make efforts to positively address them. We thank you for your consideration and wish you good luck on the remainder of your term.

Signed by

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National General Secretary