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His Excellency Olusegun Obasanjo
President
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
Aso Rock, Abuja
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Dear President Obasanjo:

Last week I had an opportunity to meet with Liberian President Ellen Sirleaf-Johnson in Washington, DC. Among other things, we discussed the need to bring former Liberian war lord Charles Taylor to justice, and how important it is that he receives a fair and thorough trial. Her call at the U.N. for your country to deliver Mr. Taylor to the Special Court in Sierra Leone (SCSL) must be heeded.

I urge you to abide by Liberia's call and deliver Mr. Taylor to justice. Charles Taylor is a war criminal, and he should stand trial at the SCSL for his egregious crimes. We all have a responsibility to ensure that the circle of violence and impunity is halted, and that people—especially leaders—are held accountable for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

I hope to be able to meet with you during your upcoming visit to Washington to discuss this and other matters.

Sincerely,



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