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May 24, 1995

Dear Friend:

Please join us for a symposium -- *"Nigeria at the Crossroads"* -- scheduled for Friday, June 2 from 2:30 to 4:30 pm in the Gold Room, Rayburn House Office Building in the U.S. Congress. Attached is an announcement describing the symposium and a response form.

The symposium is part of the TransAfrica Forum annual activities which include the Benefit Dinner Thursday, June 1 at the Washington Hilton Hotel and the Ashe Library's *"Africa World Day: Celebrating the Women of Africa and the Diaspora"* on Saturday at the TransAfrica Forum building from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm.

I hope you will be able to participate in the symposium as well as in the other activities. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,



Randall Robinson
Executive Director

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“Nigeria at the Crossroads” A Symposium

Date: Friday, June 2, 1995
Time: 2:30 - 4:30 pm
Place: Gold Room, Rayburn House Office Building United States Congress

You are invited to participate in a symposium entitled *“Nigeria at the Crossroads”* to be held in the U.S. Congress. The symposium, which is co-hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus, will be held in the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building.

Speakers on this topic will include:

PANEL

Ms. Susan Rice	Special Assistant to the President for African Affairs
Dr. Jean Herskovits	Professor of African History, SUNY at Purchase
Dr. Mobolaji Aluko	President, Nigerian Democratic Movement; Professor, Howard University

MODERATOR

Dr. Cherri Waters	Director, Office of Learning and Dissemination, African Development Foundation
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The discussion will focus on the origins of the derailment of the democratic process in Nigeria, the stakeholders in the outcome of the crisis and alternative scenarios that could lead to a resolution acceptable to the majority of Nigerians.

A key purpose of the symposium is to develop practical recommendations that will contribute to the foreign policy debate regarding the direction U.S. policy toward Nigeria should take. Your participation in this discussion will help to ensure that careful consideration is given to this important foreign policy issue.

Please return the enclosed response form as soon as possible by fax (202/797-2382) or confirm your registration with Mr. Mwiza Munthali by telephone at 202/797-2301 ext. 106. There is no fee for the symposium; however, admittance will be based on pre-registration.

