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Honorable Jacques-Edouard Alexis Prime Minister The Republic of Haiti The Embassy of Haiti 2311 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Alexis:

On behalf of Southern Connecticut State University and Voices for Haiti, we would like to invite you to come to New Haven, Connecticut to talk to a local group about "The Successes and Challenges of Haiti at the Beginning of the 21st Century." The audience will be comprised of students, faculty, administrators from local educational institutions, supporters of Voices for Haiti, members of Aid to Artisans, community leaders, and distinguished guests. This event will be a forum for educating people about the realities of living in a developing country. This lecture comes at a time when the university is expanding its international/global programs and will serve as another opportunity for students to learn about another part of the world. The event also punctuates the organized initiatives of Voices for Haiti, in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and Aid to Artisans.

Your presentation is scheduled for 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007 in the Theater of the Michael J. Adanti Student Center on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent Street, New Haven. It would be our honor to give you a tour of the campus at 5:00 and a reception will follow immediately after the talk and discussion.

We look forward to your visit and the opportunity to engage in fruitful discussions about Haiti's past, present, and future.

Sincerely

Dr. Cheryl J. Norton

President, SCSU

Pastor Mario Augustave

Executive Director, Voices for Haiti

