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Dear Mr. Ezozo,

This is to affirm that based upon our conversations, our recent formal meeting, and other communications over the past weeks, we would be happy to work with the African Diaspora Foundation (ADF) in concert with our colleagues in the UCLA Ralph Bunche Center for African American Studies to create a Peace Studies initiative. We understand that you and your ADF colleagues will be raising external funding toward this goal, and that you would hope that the UCLA African Studies Center might assist you as a "clearing house" for students, speakers, and other persons coming to UCLA under ADF auspices. I would also underscore that whereas your hope to create a Peace Studies certificate program here at UCLA is an admirable one, in these times of statewide fiscal difficulty, our most immediate and pressing need is for scholarship assistance to recruit and support undergraduates and graduate students at UCLA. The need is greatest concerning traditionally less-advantaged students here in the United States, the various countries of the African Americas, and the fifty-three republics of Africa, and we would hope that whatever fundraising the ADF is able to achieve would have such student aid as a first priority. We look forward to the next steps of your admirable efforts.

Best wishes,

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