

June 1, 2004

Agrippa Ezozo  
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Dear Mr. Ezozo:

It is my pleasure to provide you with this letter of support for the African Diaspora Foundation. Its work at UCLA and throughout the world community in the areas of peace, nonviolence and reconciliation resonates strongly with our mission here at the Bunche Center. Since the Center's establishment as an organized research unit in 1969, its focus has been on developing research programs aimed at enhancing our understanding of the history, lifestyles, material conditions, and socio-cultural systems of people of African descent in the Americas and throughout the Diaspora.

The African Diaspora Foundation's proposal to create a Peace Institute in association with the Bunche Center and the James S. Coleman Center for African Studies at UCLA would bring together three complementary units whose strengths, and emergent synergies, could produce a first class operation. I would support housing the curriculum development component of the Institute at the Bunche Center should the proposal generate sufficient funding for infrastructure development and maintenance.

Please let me know if I can be of additional assistance in your efforts to bring the Institute to fruition. Should this proposal meet its goals, our Center and the entire campus community would stand to gain a valuable resource.

Best wishes,



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Director  
Professor of Sociology