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Interview
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FOR: Mrs. Bess Abell
The White House
FROM: John A. McKesson *JK*
Deputy Executive Secretary
Extension 6033 *5126*
SUBJECT: Call by Mrs. Cook on
Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Mercer Cook

Mrs. Mercer Cook, the wife of our Ambassador to Senegal, would like to pay a brief courtesy call on Mrs. Johnson.

Senegal
"on"

Mrs. Cook met Mrs. Johnson when the Johnsons were in Dakar and interpreted for Mrs. Johnson at the time. Ambassador and Mrs. Cook will be in or near Washington through the first week in July and Mrs. Cook could call at any time with a day's advance notice.

I would appreciate greatly if you could possibly arrange an appointment and let me know.

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in State until early in July in Senegal -
interpretation for you when you were in Senegal -
(her husband thru Art to Niger)

PHOTOGRAPH (Sent) "CW"

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Mrs. Katie Louchheim

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September 22, 1964

Mrs. Mercer Cook
(Vashti Cook)

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Senegal
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Sept 26, 64*



Dear Bess:

I've just had a letter from Vashti Cook, wife of Ambassador Mercer Cook, our envoy to Senegal. Quite a dynamic lady in her own right, Mrs. Cook writes, "I was so busy visiting with Mrs. Johnson I forgot to ask for an autographed picture."

Do you think you could arrange this? Mrs. Cook, I know, would greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Katie

Katie Louchheim
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Advisory Services

Mrs. Bess Abell,
The White House,

*always
attach a photo
for cents of 1963 -
it only takes 1/2
much time!*

SEE: Gnagna Diop



Gnagna Diop
AMBASSADEUR DU SENEGAL
WASHINGTON, D. C. AUG 19 1965

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Senegal
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My dear Mr. President and Mrs. Johnson,

This is to thank you for the picture that you so kindly sent us. We will treasure it up as a remembrance of our stay in your beautiful country.

Sincerely yours,



Gnagna Diop

The President and Mrs. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dr. J. Willis Hurst
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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

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White House Invitation
"HH"

September 22, 1966

Dear Bess:

The President has kindly invited me to a luncheon at the White House on the occasion of the visit of His Excellency Leopold Sedar Senghor, President of the Republic of Senegal, on September 28, 1966. I met President Senghor on a trip to Senegal in 1961. I do hate to miss the luncheon but I will be unable to attend it because of an out-of-town speaking engagement which I feel I should not change. Unfortunately you were not on the trip to Senegal but Liz was and you should have her describe the banquet at President Senghor's palace.

Sincerely,

Willis

J. Willis Hurst, M. D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Medicine

Mrs. Bess Able
The White House
Washington, D.C.

President Leopold Sedar Senghor

Senegal
"HH"

*Bess - I am not sure that you handle the luncheon invitation but will appreciate it if you pass the word along. See you soon
Willis*

SEE: His Excellency Leopold S. Senghor

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Mr. Benjamin H. Read

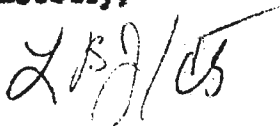
June 2, 1966

Your Excellency:

Thank you for your kind letter of May 6. I am delighted that the American artists and intellectuals who took part in the Festival received such an enthusiastic reception. It was a pleasure to have associated my name with the work of the U.S. Committee for the First World Festival of Negro Arts.

From all accounts, the Festival was a tremendous success. You have my sincere congratulations and my best wishes for the future.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

Festival
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His Excellency
Leopold S. Senghor
President of the Republic of Senegal
West Africa

Senegal
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CC: Mr. Walt W. Rostow

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First World Festival of Negro Arts

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Mamadou Dia

Monsieur Mamadou DIA chez
Monsieur PAUL CITE FLEURS N°
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Senegal
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RUFISQUE (SENEGAL)

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à Madame JOHNSON Présidente
des Etat Unis l'amerique

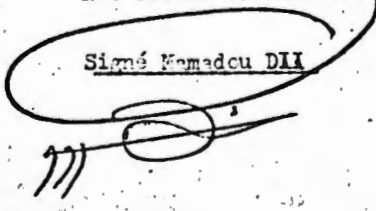
Madame JOHNSON Nère de l'Afrique,

Vous êtes la maman de tous les jeunes du monde, c'est
pour cela que j'ai espoir de vous confier mes problémes et le pense que
vous pouvez me les résoudre il n'est arvié en songe de vous envoyer une
lettre et je veux que ce songe soit réel auprès de vous, j'ai resté de
longue années sans femme, maintenant je veux me marier et n'ai pas d'ar-
gent.

Ces deux causes me forcent a vous écrire et la confi-
ance que j'ai en vous, si je ne l'avais pas songé, ma conscience ne me
pousserait pas a écrire une si haute personnalité je veux que vous m'aidez
d'un peu d'argent que je puisse me marier l'Amérique et très loin du
Sénégal j'espère mais seule la confiance m'a pousse a vous adresser cette
lettre.

Mes Considérations très Hautes.

Signé Mamadou DIA



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"World Festival of Negro Arts"

Dakar, Senegal

February 25, 1966

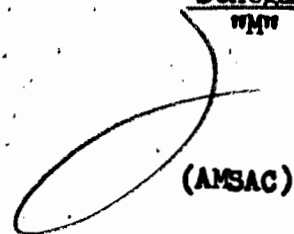
"Stairway to Heaven"

Dear Mr. Long:

Mrs. Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter regarding the World Festival of Negro Arts to be held in Senegal in April.

We understand that the American participation is being handled by the U. S. Committee for the Festival in cooperation with the Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs of the State Department. I suggest that you contact both of these groups about your desire to do a production of Stairway to Heaven at the Festival.

Senegal
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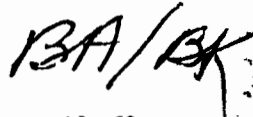


(AMSAC)

With best wishes,

American Society for African Culture

Sincerely,



Bess Abell
Social Secretary

Mr. Howard Roberts

Mr. Richard A. Long
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HOWARD UNIVERSITY

*The President and Trustees
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Howard University
cordially invite you to hear
An Address*

Leopold Sedar Senghor

*by
His Excellency Leopold Sedar Senghor
President of the Republic of Senegal
and to witness
the conferring of the Honorary Degree of
Doctor of Humane Letters*

Senegal
"H"

J

*upon
President Senghor
Wednesday evening, the twenty-eighth of September
at five-thirty o'clock
Cramton Auditorium*

Reception follows