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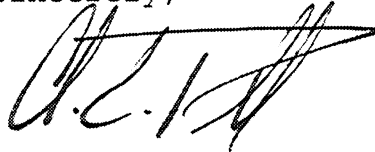
December 27, 2001

Dear Mr. Mutombo:

Thank you for sharing the good news regarding the hospital you are building in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Congolese people will surely appreciate your efforts. The United States Government continues to support a peaceful solution to the crisis in the Congo, and to promote both political stability and economic revitalization. At the same time, we are providing significant humanitarian support, particularly health and food assistance.

I wish you good luck in the completion of your hospital project in Kinshasa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. L. Powell', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Colin L. Powell

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