



JIMMY CARTER

June 9, 1998

To Dikembe Mutombo

Thank you for inviting Rosalynn and me to the celebratory dinner of the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation. We have deep admiration for your plans to extend medical care and education to people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Though our full agendas prevent us from participating, we are pleased that Dr. Donald Hopkins will be there to represent The Carter Center. Dr. Hopkins is associate executive director of the Center and is responsible for all of our health programs.

As you launch your foundation, I hope you also will consider providing support for carefully chosen public health programs in the Democratic Republic of Congo, perhaps including river blindness control. Modern preventive measures give us the potential to reach more disadvantaged people than ever before.

Rosalynn and I have found our health work to be immensely gratifying. She joins me in wishing you and the Foundation much success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmy Carter".

Mr. Dikembe Mutombo
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