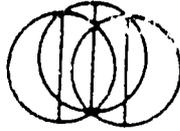


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Dear Mr. McPherson:

On behalf of CCD-USA I want to thank you and the many USAID officers concerned for the financial support and hands-on assistance provided by your agency for our African and Latin America-Caribbean Seminars.

I must, in particular, express our gratitude for the extraordinary assistance provided by Mrs. Beverly Farrell and Mrs. Roma Knee. Without their help I doubt we could have maneuvered our way through the regulatory maze which the Congress has built around USAID! I must in this connection also express my appreciation for the advice and assistance provided by Mr. Richard Derham and Mrs. Travis Horel.

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I am glad to report that the results of the African and Latin America-Caribbean Seminars exceeded our expectation. In both cases we found a lively interest in our goals: to establish an Association of Democracies and an International Institute for Democracy. Perhaps even more interesting was the participants' desire to be part of a network of pro-democracy groups under the aegis of the International Committee for a Community of Democracies--our third major goal.

Roma Knee, who attended our Latin America-Caribbean Seminar, can attest to the interest it sparked among that group of prestigious personalities. I must add that I was much impressed by her wide contacts among them and their obvious esteem for her.

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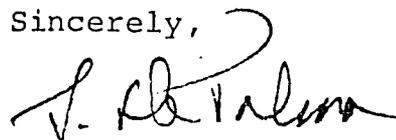
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I have enclosed the final statements of both Seminars.  
We will send you the published reports of the Seminar proceedings when they are printed.

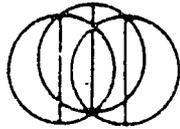
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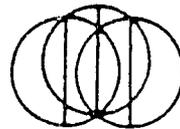
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Enclosures: Final statements of African and Latin America-  
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**FINAL STATEMENT**

The first Regional Seminar of the ICCD was held in Mauritius, May 6 - 8, 1986.

The opening ceremony was held at the University of Mauritius in the presence of the Governor-General. The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Mr. Anerood Jugnauth, Q.C., M.L.A., who made the opening speech in the presence of the Leader of the Opposition, was introduced by Sir Harold Walter, Q.C., as Vice-Chairman of the ICCD. This was followed by a speech from the Pro-Chancellor of the University and messages of goodwill from Prime Minister Seaga of Jamaica, presented by Senator Dorothy Lightbourne, and from the Chairman of the ICCD, Ambassador Samuel De Palma.

There were 16 participants from Botswana, Cameroon, Gambia, Kenya, Mauritius, Senegal, Fiji, Jamaica, United Kingdom and the United States. The working sessions were held under the chairmanship of Sir Harold.

The Regional Seminar discussed the concepts, theory and practice of democracy on the African continent. They noted that although Africa fought for and achieved independence through rallying the people to democratic ideals, there has been a movement away from democratic institutions in many countries. In many cases, even where parliamentary democracy still exists in form, the role of parliament has been reduced in relation to the power of the executive. It noted especially the importance of a strong and independent judiciary in the maintenance of democratic institutions. The conference noted that the existence of multiethnicity and of classes is not insurmountable in the practice of democracy if practical constitutional arrangements are instituted. It called for tolerance, restraint, moderation, flexibility, cooperation, compromise and pragmatism as essential means in obtaining democratic order and for preserving basic freedoms.

The seminar emphasized the importance of promoting development under systems that provide democratic freedoms. It agreed that rapid economic development can succeed best when the individual has the opportunity of self-fulfillment and makes his maximum contribution to the development of the nation.

It also strongly urged the importance of civic and other forms of education of the people in order to advance and sustain democracy and democratic values in Africa. It further expressed the hope that African leadership be strongly attached to democratic values and the maintenance of basic freedoms and human rights.

The Regional Seminar reviewed the recommendations of the first ICCD Conference at Wingspread, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and made the following observations:

- (1) It agreed on the first recommendation of forming an Association of Democracies at inter-governmental level to
  - (a) assist young democracies or those that are beset by problems of survival;
  - (b) arrange for exchanges of democratic experiences;
  - (c) promote human rights, economic and social justice;
  - (d) act as a forum for the resolution of mutual problems;
  - (e) study the practical possibilities for partnership in the management of economic relations; and
  - (f) pursue efforts to redress the disadvantaged trading position of the Association's developing members and to promote the flow of knowledge and technology to them.
- (2) It expressed interest in establishing a consultative group of democracies at the United Nations at some time in future but did not consider this an urgent objective.
- (3) It endorsed strongly the formation of an International Institute for Democracy that will have full academic autonomy and that among other things will concentrate on teaching and research, particularly in the area of comparative studies, which should focus on the process of transition from authoritarianism to democracy and on problems of development and political stability. It is hoped the Institute will work in close collaboration with universities and other centers of higher learning in Africa. It was clearly understood that such an Institute should be academic in nature.

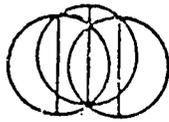
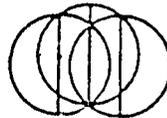
- (4) It adopted the Wingspread resolution on combating violations of human rights and socio-economic deprivations and encouraged intensified cooperation in the elimination of international terrorism and of apartheid and other discriminatory practices.
- (5) It strongly supported the formation of international working groups of experts that will meet from time to time to review and assess the condition of democracy in the region and make recommendations thereon for broad dissemination.
- (6) Finally, the Seminar also supported the Wingspread proposal for the formation of private citizens groups that can promote education on democratic values and principles in their respective countries and establish cooperative contact with similar groups in the region and the world.

Having reviewed and supported the Wingspread proposals, the Regional Seminar made several recommendations which the ICCD and local CCDs should pursue. These are:

- (1) CCD branches should be established in all countries in the region where feasible.
- (2) There should be greater contact and communication throughout Africa among voluntary organizations in order to raise and increase the level of consciousness on the meaning, practice and advantages of life in democratic systems.
- (3) The ICCD should encourage and support individuals, groups and institutions in the region working for democratic ideals.
- (4) The ICCD and its local chapters should support organizations fighting abuses of human rights and help publicize their findings.
- (5) The CCDs should oppose all forms of discrimination be they racial, ethnic or religious.
- (6) The ICCD should continue to organize and hold conferences on democracy both globally and regionally.
- (7) The ICCD should impress upon industrialized democracies of the West the importance of exerting pressure on non-democratic regimes.

In its deliberations the Seminar considered background papers on "The Prospects for Democracy in Black Africa," which reviewed the theory and practice of democracy in the region since independence. A second paper on "Democracy and Development" discussed the importance of social, political and economic development to the existence and practice of democracy and ways in which an Association of Democracies could facilitate development. A final paper on "Democracy in Developing Countries" highlighted the problems of ethnicity, class and the state as they relate to competition and maintenance of political power.

Participants in the Regional Seminar welcomed the open invitation to consider adherence to the ICCD.

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Report on Post Seminar Action in Africa

The excellent seminar of African leaders held last May in Mauritius by ICCD resulted in the endorsement of the Wing-spread proposals and a call for greater cooperation and contact between Africans with interests in democratic development.

In order to capitalize on the momentum generated by the seminar, Amb. (Ret.) Bradford made a five-week trip through Africa in September and October visiting most of the participants and others who had expressed interest in ICCD. The trip, covering eleven countries, was highly successful. ICCD committees are in the process of being formed in Mauritius and Botswana, and the establishment of an African League for the Promotion of Democracy is under consideration.

The League objectives would parallel many of the aims of the ICCD, but would be a separate entity. It would probably include in its beginning representatives from about twelve African nations, which are either actual democracies or a one-party state with democratic tendencies. The League would be composed of three arms: 1, a group to promote democratic development within governments; 2, a group interested in the protection of human rights; and 3, a group of scholars to conduct studies on democracy. While the League would not actually be a part of ICCD, the latter has offered to assist such an organization in a search for funding once it was formed. However, ICCD made it clear that, while it was happy to act as a catalyst, the initiative and ideas must come from the African participants.

Ambassador (Ret.) William G. Bradford