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Kristen:

I hope you've been doing well since we last spoke, and thanks again for your assistance last week!

On behalf of my firm, I am writing to request a meeting between Congresswoman Kiggans and His Excellency Ibrahima Touré, the Ambassador of Côte d'Ivoire to the United States, during the week of February 23 or a later date that is amenable to your schedule.

Ambassador Touré is seeking to enter a dialogue with the Congresswoman regarding international trade and security issues central to the relationship between our two countries. Aware of the Congresswoman's interest in these issues and in the region of West Africa more generally, Ambassador Touré can provide important facts and insights that can help to inform the Congresswoman about matters of vital interest to the United States. As you undoubtedly know, Côte d'Ivoire has been a long-time reliable ally of the United States with shared interests and pluralistic values. The Ivory Coast and United States longstanding collaboration, borne out of said values, presents a unique example for the Congresswoman and may be of benefit to her work as Chair of the Women, Peace, and Security Caucus.

Additionally, the United States is an important trading partner for the country, which exports cacao (and is the largest cacao producer in the world), gold, assorted minerals, including rare minerals of such great importance to our own economy, and oil. The Ambassador would welcome the opportunity to brief the Congresswoman about the opportunities to develop closer ties between his nation and ours. He is also eager to discuss matters of security, which are so critical to the stability of the entire African continent.

Ambassador Touré will be joined by members of our ArentFox Schiff team. We appreciate your consideration and welcome any additional questions that you might have in anticipation of an informative and productive meeting. Please do not hesitate to reach out for additional details. I look forward to hearing back from you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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