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Via Electronic Mail:

Re: UPDATE ON TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS

Dear all:

I hope you've had the opportunity to view our video and media reports from my August 2023 appearance before the Kenyan Senate's *Ad Hoc* Committee and my press conference from Nairobi the following day. These events showed great progress. Since my return to Washington, I've continued my work with Joe Szlavik of Scribe Strategies & Advisors to promote my compensation legislation for the victims and to advance the Committee's plans to travel here to meet their U.S. Senate colleagues in support of my proposed compensation legislation.

Two recent events over the past week are critical to our efforts:

First, as you may know, a Continuing Resolution (CR) was passed by our Congress and signed by the President on September 29, 2023. The CR provides funding for the U.S. government until November 17, 2023, at which time either new appropriations bills, another CR or an omnibus budget bill will need to be passed by both houses and signed by the President.

I drafted our proposed legislation so that it can, if necessary, be included in budget bills. Though there was no opportunity to schedule Kenyan Senate-to-U.S. Senate meetings in advance of the September 30, 2023 deadlines, but Mr. Szlavik and I are encouraged by the continuing interest here in finally resolving the victim compensation claims through the U.S. Victim Compensation Fund and other devices in the coming days, weeks, and months.

Second, on October 3, 2023 a paper was filed in the Kenya Senate explaining the *Ad Hoc* Committee's need for an extension of its work through November 10, 2023. That paper can be viewed here: <https://musolinodessel.com/order-paper>.

Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks also to those of you who have apprised me of some divisive efforts last month in Nairobi, including in particular a groundless critique circulated in Nairobi on September 17, 2023. I've agreed to requests to respond, but I wanted to conduct an investigation first. Here is what I discovered.

1. In mid- September, a small group of Kenyans falsely claimed that the Vance Center in New York criticized my proposed US legislation and had agreed to draft its own US

legislation. This small group also claimed that my proposed legislation had been rejected as inadequate for 25 years. After receiving a copy of these written claims, I contacted counsel for the Vance Center, who assured me in writing that the Vance Center had no role at all in the claims, and did not "... hold those views."

2. As for the history of my proposed legislation, I note that it follows and relies in part on my 2022 judgments, and amended legislation that did not exist until 2014. Needless to say, no one rejected my proposed legislation over the last 25 years or even over the last 25 days, so far as I was informed. To this moment, no one has directed to me a single specific criticism of my proposed legislation, which was drafted with considerable care and sensitivity to the many complex interests involved in securing just compensation for the bombing victims.

These disappointing schemes have already caused division and damage to our efforts. With the *Ad Hoc* Committee's mandate extended for little more than a month from now, and with US budget debates facing a November 17 deadline, and because 2024 is a presidential and House election year, with an additional one-third of the Senate also up for election, the damage inflicted on our legislative efforts is exacerbated.

I urge you, therefore, to be cautious when you receive any requests for support or when you receive information which is not suitably verified.

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We will be scheduling a webinar in October to address these and other issues. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. If you have questions that you would like to present, please forward them to me at your earliest convenience,

Sincerely,

Philip Musolino

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