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**A record of a meeting between Liberian parliament president and Saddam**

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**Summary:**

This file is a transcription of a meeting between the Liberian parliament speaker and Saddam Hussein. The leaders talk about world, regional, and political issues. Specifically, they discuss the Western powers' attempt to sanction Liberia for diamond smuggling from Sierra Leone.

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(بداية الرسالة)

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البركة لله يومه

علاوة على ذلك  
سبح في كل يوم  
بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم  
الحمد لله الذي هدانا لهذا  
ما كنا لنهتدي لولا أن هدانا الله  
والحمد لله رب العالمين  
والصلاة والسلام على  
سيدنا محمد وآله الطيبين  
الطاهرين  
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Liberian Speaker of the House of Representatives  
(Nyudeh Morkonmana)

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Liberian Speaker of the House of Representatives  
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Welcome and greetings

**Saddam:** It makes me happy to see all of you, after such a long time. It is an honor. The President would like to see you.

**Morkonmana:** America wants to impose sanctions against us, accusing us of smuggling diamonds from Sierra Leone. The sanctions might begin on 20 May 2001. Because of that, the president wishes to meet as soon as possible.

(He reads the letter)

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During our united conference held in Korea, we received a letter...

**Saddam:** ... Greetings... Give my regards to the President, and tell him that that Saddam Hussein and the Iraqis welcome you to visit Iraq at any time you would like and that is convenient to you. Discuss the subject with Dr. Sa'adun Hamadi and Mr. Sahaf. It is important that we welcome Mr. President at any time during the time period that you have stated, 20 MAY, at a time that you would like and is convenient to you. Welcome again.

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For us, any time is good, from now until the 20<sup>th</sup> of May. Right now, the time is right, April has beautiful weather. Not too hot, not too cold. But, if you think the end of April is convenient for you, then you are welcome. If it is after April, you are also welcome. I am very happy to hear that from you, and either way I am sure that it can be arranged. I will write back to inform the President, regarding this letter.

What is your situation?

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**Morkonmana:** - The situation is not very good. Our people want [TN: ILLEGIBLE].

**Saddam:** If you would like to smuggle diamonds through Sierra Leone, then pay money to facilitate Sierra Leone. They don't pay Sierra Leone anything, so they are thieves.

**Morkonmana:** The issue is that we do not need Sierra Leonean diamonds; we have diamonds.

However, the Americans have a female candidate from the elections three years ago and they still want this lady to come back.

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**Saddam:** We know that the American intention is to dig for reasons to weaken nations. Do they have a certain goal for bringing this lady?

**Morkonmana:** History has demonstrated that the blacks used to be slaves in America and then they sent them to Liberia. That is why America considers that Liberia belongs to them. And, that is why they do not want to listen to our nation. They want to keep control over Liberia [TN: ILLEGIBLE].

**Saddam:** This issue is clear... However, America will find many people who will say no to them from time to time.

The most important thing is to send our regards to your President, to strengthen relations with the people, and explain the situation to Sierra Leone that America wants

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to mess up the relationship with the people, and you know that you must prove that you are working in their behalf... that you are one people. And, the only thing that separates you from the people is that you are the leader

**Morkonmana:** Thank you.. We will take your advice, and will prove to the people that we are working in their interest. Our people are afraid of war, because they have experienced it for a long a time. [TN: ILLEGIBLE]

**Saddam:** When the people decide something, no one can stop them. You must depend on God and on the people. Since we are friends, we will be at your side, if God wills.

**Morkonmana:** [TN: ILLEGIBLE]

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**Saddam:** Send my greetings to your president.

**Morkonmana:** I am very happy; I will pass on your greetings, for sure. I will be happy to do that.

**Saddam:** You're welcome here.

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This is a poem by Omar Ibn al-Ward.

[TN: The meaning of this poem may not be exact or certain.]

Leave the memory of songs and flirting  
And decrease the separation and approach sarcasm  
Leave the days of yearning  
For the days of yearning are shooting stars