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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone and has the honor to refer to the Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Sierra Leone Regarding the Consolidation and Reduction of Certain Debts Owed to, Guaranteed by, or Insured by the United States Government signed in Freetown, Sierra Leone on April 25, 2003.

The Embassy of the United States has the further honor to refer to the message from the Chairman of the Paris Club of December 27, 2004 advising the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of the decision of the Paris Club to extend the consolidation period in the Agreed Minute on the Consolidation of the Debt of the Republic of Sierra Leone, signed in Paris on October 16, 2001, and as amended on July 10, 2002. In keeping with this decision, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Article II, paragraph 2 of the Agreement to read: "Consolidation Period" means the period October 1, 2001

through June 25, 2005, inclusive.

If so amended, the amounts consolidated and reduced will be adjusted accordingly, in conformity with Article III, paragraph 2 and Article IV, paragraph 2 of the Agreement. We will undertake to notify the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone of those amounts in the coming weeks.

If the foregoing is acceptable to the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, the Embassy of the United States of America proposes that this note and the Ministry of Finance's reply note shall constitute an amendment to the Agreement, which shall enter into force upon written notice to Sierra Leone from the United States that all U.S. domestic legal requirements for entry into force of the amendment have been fulfilled.

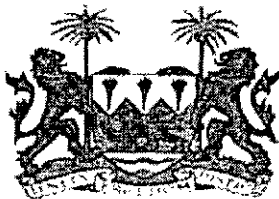
The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Sierra Leone the assurance of its highest consideration.

The Embassy of the United States of America

Freetown November 2, 2005



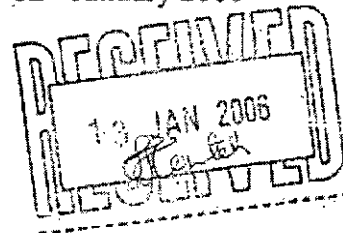
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Your Excellency

EXTENSION OF THE CONSOLIDATION PERIOD TO JUNE 25 – 2005

Following my letter of November 4, 2005 and our meeting of today, I hereby convey Government's acceptance that the Note Verbal from the Embassy of the United States of America dated November 2, 2005 and this letter constitute an amendment to the Agreement signed on 25 April, 2003 on the consolidation and cancellation of debt owed by the Government of Sierra Leone to the Government of the United States of America.

In this respect, I wish to request, on behalf of the Government of Sierra Leone that the Government of the United States of America extends the Consolidation Period from October 1, 2001 through June 25, 2005.

The Government of Sierra Leone avails itself of the opportunity to renew to the Government of the United States of America the assurance of its highest consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John O. Benjamin".

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