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From: Michael Monroe

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Dear Madam MOTB!

First of all, a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and the entire family---- I trust you've been able to find SOME time for yourself despite the crushing workload and of course now, all the

Been thinking about you a lot lately and must share with you that my new year's resolution was to attempt to work more closely with the boss lady in 2010. Apologies in advance ;-)

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To that end, I caught your speech today and it spurred me to post with you directly and follow up on a matter that you and I have discussed briefly and that we've met with State Dept officials about-- as I think there is strong potential for a good fit with what you're working on and in particular, what you framed today. You know I rarely go direct to you on anything but this potential opportunity coupled with the uneasy feeling of my negligent correspondence has led me to you!

As you know, we met with Amb. Stewart last year about our training programs and expressed our sincere desire to offer our expertise in order to expand opportunities and capacity in some of the world's most troubled regions. I honestly cannot tell you how many times I yelled at the TV over the holidays as expert pundit after expert pundit commenting on the latest unsuccessful terror plot never seemed to hone in on the lack of opportunity that exists in so many parts of the world and thus, these young people are coerced into joining a destructive 'movement'. I don't see much difference with disaffected youth in this country although those who seek to do us harm in that manner have of course taken it to an entirely different level.....

Nevertheless, I feel that what we could potentially offer would help address this systemic problem, further your goals, and truly inject into the dialogue some positive stories about the United States' influence/role in the world and in particular, in areas where we may be viewed as 'occupiers' or worse. Heck, maybe as a bonus we'll even get a positive story or two about the American labor movement and/or America's Building Trades Unions but I won't hold my breath in that regard ;-)

What I'm talking about is construction workforce development and on a country by country basis---as we would need legitimate partners to make this work--that would fit into the larger plan, if you will. No one can do this workforce development better than the BCTD and its affiliates. Annually, we along with our contractor counterparts invest approx \$750 million annually on workforce development. Its what we do.

As envisioned (and already put into place in some areas such as El Salvador, Poland, South Africa and Egypt) this would be a knowledge transfer program centered on education, training, apprenticeship and safety/health. We can help folks rebuild short and long term. There would be built in sustainability through trusts funded by employer contributions, it would help 'train the trainers', would get folks working on community projects where they live such as affordable housing as part of their training experience etc etc etc. It could be called the International Craftworkers Service Corps or International Building Trades Service Corps, or the like. We would provide short term technical assistance and establish specialized corps of stand-by reservists who would serve on reconstruction efforts in the wake of natural and man made disasters (so, in a way, this is an extension of the legislation you sponsored in partnership with the building trades that set up the 2nd responders database...??). We could even

model or build on some of our domestic BCTD programs here and target outreach in these countries to and among veterans, women, youth, ethnic minorities, etc. The possibilities are endless. With our help (but think fish proverb!), people in these nations would be working side by side to rebuild their countries, their communities and their lives.

Furthermore, my boss, Mark Ayers, has already been meeting with his European Building Trades Counterparts on several potential global initiatives and there is a sincere desire to partner with U.S. Building Trades unions on an effort such as this (specifically, Mark has met a few times with the head of the Italian BT who is also head of the EU Building Trades as it were.....). Perhaps this could also be an overlay to other work by the U.S. and our allies on the global stage even while we may not see eye to eye on every aspect of our country's foreign policy.

As I stated above and you know, we met with Amb. Stewart on this who has since moved on but I actually think the better fit for this wouldn't be through Asst Sec of Democracy and Human Rights but rather, USAID. So you know— this would be separate from work of the Solidarity Center which as I understand it, works through the Democracy and Human Rights channel. While the goals are ostensibly similar and certainly related, we would want to avoid being lumped in with the human and labor rights agenda solely because of our association with the AFLCIO. If we run through USAID, we could look at country budgets and cross reference those with those nations with workforce development budgets so as to build on existing capacity of sorts-- and this could be countries like Afghanistan, Iraq, Egypt, etc but quite honestly, we are willing to go anywhere in the world you think serves the broader agenda and for the opportunity to advance this very worthwhile and undoubtedly patriotic duty/mission. Specifically, I think this fits with the objectives of "Education and Training, Economic Growth and Humanitarian Assistance" at USAID, but naturally, I would rely on your best judgment on how to pursue this. Perhaps now through all this rambling you can see my attempt at dot connecting here!! This may be the most serious I've ever been about a New Year's Resolution!!!

What do you think? I can put together more detailed concepts and potential budgets for you if you'd like. Whatever you need from me. I know Pres. Ayers and his European counterparts would greatly appreciate the opportunity to sit with you personally to discuss this further if you're so inclined. I would imagine much would need to be done in advance of that potential meeting therefore I would again rely on your best judgment as to where I should go and who I should work with on this. But only if you think this is worth while and something you could support and help shepherd through the vortex if we hit any snags along the way. Otherwise, between us, I'll tell the boss to move on and I'll figure something else to discuss with you as laid out in the terms of my new year's res.....!

I miss you tremendously and truly want to help here. I think this could be a win-win-win-win-win.....

Best,

Mike

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