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Dr. Bedford Nwabueze Umez
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Re: Your correspondence of March 7, 2002

Dear Dr. Umez:

Mr. Mfume was kind enough to forward your petition for the redress of poor and disparate treatment suffered by Africans at the hands of European Airlines to the legal department at the NAACP. I certainly commend your activism and the activism of the 1,230 individuals signing your petition. You have raised an international issue that is deserving of attention.

Based on what you have described, I do not believe that there is currently any action that the NAACP can take on behalf of the petitioners. However, please keep in contact with us and keep us apprised of your efforts. The NAACP would happily consider any requests for specific action that fall within the ambit of our purpose and mission.

We certainly wish you every success in this meritorious endeavor.

Very truly yours,

Eden Brown Gaines
Assistant General Counsel

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