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Dear Melanne:
As you know, President Sirleaf and Sec. Clinton are meeting on Friday morning of this week.

A key point which Ellen will propose is the creation of a US-Liberian Bi-national Commission to institutionalize the gains in Liberia and ensure that the partnership endures well beyond the present administrations in the US and in Liberia. Such a proposal would allow the priorities (from AFRICOM to food security, MCC) to be categorized, charted, reported on and measured for success.

The Commission would oblige regular meetings and require constant high-level US engagement. Other areas of common concern and shared responsibility such as governance, energy, regional security could be incorporated into such a framework.

The US-Nigerian Bi-national Commission inaugurated in 2010 by Sec. Clinton is a model for consideration.

Given the anticipated departure of Sec. Clinton from the State department, regardless of the outcome of the US election in November, we would trust she would be supportive of such a superstructure to preserve and protect Liberia's future.

The second point, I want to signal is that Ellen would like a few minutes alone with Hillary at the meeting.

Many thanks,
Debbie