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To: International Programs

From: Dr. Patricia A. Wilson  
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Re: \$2,000 Advance for International Travel to Ghana, Africa  
July 30, 2000--Aug. 12, 2000.

Attached are items, for your consideration, related to my trip San Diego to Ghana, Africa (by way of New York, New York), July 30-August 12, 2000.

- 1.) Please be advised that I left from San Diego for Los Angeles on July 29, 2000, and from LA to New York on July 30, 2000. The trip to Senegal and Ghana, West Africa departed New York on 7-30-00.
- 2.) We left for Ghana on July 30, 2000 and returned to N.Y. on Aug. 12, 2000.
3. The following items were included in the expenses for the payment of \$2,000:

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| a. Airfare--Round-Trip New York to Africa | \$1,856. 00 |
| b. Room and Board                         | \$1,714.00  |

Receipts for the above items are attached. However, please be advised that these receipts in no way document all of my expenses. There were additional meal charges, baggage tips, passport charges, etc.. These were not included.

My report is attached.

Dr. Patricia A. Wilson  
Travel Report  
Senegal/Ghana, West Africa  
July 30--August 12, 2000

Ghana is an excellent location for this University to market its programs, because, presently, the demand for university courses can not be met in Ghana. There are many more students wanting to attend the University than the University can accommodate. Additionally, SDSU can add to the knowledge base relative to public administration which is fundamental to a comprehensive governmental infrastructure.

The possibility of a student-exchange program was explored during this visit. Such a plan could serve to address the needs of this country in a substantial way, as well as provide whole country as a learning laboratory and community service opportunity on an international level for our students. The knowledge learned in our public administration courses is badly needed in this "fairly recent independent" country which is still struggling to build a viable and effective governmental infrastructure.

Although there is much that needs to be accomplish both aboard and at SDSU before a comprehensive student-exchange program can be established, we (Dr. Shirley Weber and I) have initiated the beginning steps.

We were successful in meeting with officials at the University of Ghana and the University of Cape Coast for the purpose of discussing and designing such a program. On August 9, 2000, we met with Samuel Kwasi Adjepong, Vice-Chancellor and Professor Emmanuel Adow Obeng, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Coast. This dialogue resulted in positive discussions and interest in a student-exchange, as well as a faculty exchange program. Many of SDSU's courses offerings in several disciplines are a part of their undergraduate studies, which will enhance the transferability of courses, which in turn, will improve our chances of a successful exchange programs. The same is true for an exchange program with the University of Ghana at Legion.

On August 10, 2000, we met with Prof. Samuel Tetteh Addo, Dean of International Education Programs. The University of Ghana at Legion is very much suited to implement a student exchange program in public administration. On this campus there exists a "Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration and, there is also a "School of Administration."

This trip was a good start. However, there remains much to be accomplished at SDSU. We intend to pursue the possibilities. We have examples of how such programs can be structured. Presently, we are pursuing the assistance of other appropriate University officials for the purpose of bringing such a program into fruition.