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Dear Congressman McGovern,

Thank you for meeting me and my colleague in January, when we discussed the ongoing genocide in Sudan. We spoke about the relation of the racism in the US, and how it might resonate with the racist nature of the genocide. Your suggestion to consider the CBC as the possible vehicle encouraged us to make contact with all the CBC members, sharing 9 emails with each of them. The emails included updates on the ongoing violence in Sudan, reportage on your Special Order on the House floor, and articles by Nicholas Kristof (NYTimes) and Molefi Asante (Amsterdam News).

Our most recent email asked for meetings with all the offices, of which about 10 responded and met us last week. Our 'ask' was simple: acknowledge that the genocide in Sudan is ongoing and is racist in nature; be prepared to share this with your colleagues in some forum, so that there would be a critical mass to move the State Department to stop the appeasement of Khartoum and seek the means to end this genocide.

Thus far, we have presented our case in person to Congresspersons Clarke, Bass, Rangel, and to the staffers of the offices of Senator Booker, Congresspersons Jackson Lee, Brown, Moore, Adams, Clyburn, Plaskett, Rush, Payne and Conyers. We believe there is a receptivity to the simple ask, and that this could be the basis for a forum of some sort, where meaningful steps could then be entertained.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you again, and to share with you the experiences we have had. We can certainly benefit from your wisdom and guidance in moving this problem towards resolution.

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