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JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND THE PRESIDENT OF  
THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT TO MAURITANIA OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY WILLIAM V.S. TUBMAN, PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA.

In response to an invitation extended to President William V.S. Tubman by His Excellency President Moktar Ould Daddah, in March 1967, President William V.S. Tubman, accompanied by Mrs. Tubman and a Party of Five made a State Visit to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania from March 1 - 6, 1969.

During their stay in Mauritania, His Excellency, President Tubman and his Party visited the agricultural and industrial cities of Nouakchott, Kaedi, Atar, F'Derick, Zoueratt and Nouadhibou.

The Liberian Head of State was impressed by the enthusiastic reception received everywhere he went, the growing agricultural and industrial development now taking place in Mauritania, the unity of the Mauritanian People and their loyalty and admiration for their Chief of State.

In an atmosphere of friendship and brotherhood the two Heads of State held a useful exchange of views on regional, African and world affairs and, in particular, reviewed Liberian-Mauritanian relationship. In this connection, they reaffirmed the terms of the Joint Communique issued in Monrovia on March 11, 1967, and again reiterated that the Portuguese Government and the racist white minority regimes in Southern Africa are responsible for the iniquitous policies and inhuman treatment they are inflicting to the Africans.

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In order to accelerate the Independence of the African Territories still under colonial rule, the two Heads of State again pledge their full support to the liberation movements.

They have also shared a common feeling in regard to the realization of the West African Regional institution. In this regard, they view the unity and cooperation of the region as a great source of economic and industrial strength which they believe could contribute to the economic and overall development of Africa and the world. They therefore look forward to the full participation of all the Heads of State of the region at the impending Summit Meeting in Upper Volta.

The two Heads of State also reviewed development in Nigeria and the President of Liberia as a member of the Consultative Committee of the Organization of African Unity apprised his colleague of the latest efforts of the Consultative Committee in the quest for peace and unity in Nigeria. The two leaders are hopeful of the continuing efforts to end the Nigerian debacle and have decided to do their uttermost in assisting to find a solution to the problems that divide Nigeria.

They have renewed their affirmation in the unity and cooperation of the African Continent and are agreed that they will continue to work singularly and jointly for the preservation of the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations.

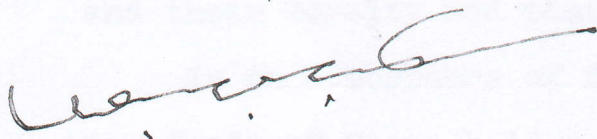
The two Presidents expressed their continued concern over the development of the situation in certain regions of the world.

In this connection they support on the one hand the efforts of the Security Council of the United Nations for the implementation of its Resolution of November 22, 1967 on the Middle East and, on the other hand, they hope for a satisfactory outcome of the present Viet Nam Peace Talks in Paris.

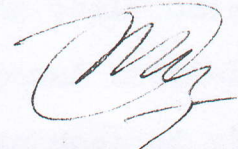
\* With regard to Liberia-Mauritania relations, the two Heads of State, desirous of further closer ties through bilateral cultural, economic and commercial cooperation have concluded and signed at Nouadhibou, Mauritania, a Convention for the free movement of their nationals in each other's country, a Cultural Agreement and a Trade and Commercial Agreement.

The President of Liberia expressed to the President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania his profound thanks and appreciation for the enthusiastic welcome extended him and his Suite throughout the visit.

DONE IN NOUADHIBOU THIS  
SIXTH DAY OF MARCH A.D.  
1969.



William V. S. Tubman  
PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA



Moktar Ould Daddah  
PRESIDENT OF MAURITANIA