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Mr. William Stewart
20721 NW First Street
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Hello, Mr. Stewart:

I want to thank you for an enlightened and educational evening as you ushered in the Season of Excellence for the Friends of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) Thursday, February 21, 2008. The "Rhythms of Africa" which took us around the continent through the drums of each culture was superb. The enormity of the number of drums alone was educational and to have knowledge of the country each represented added to our understanding and appreciation of the drum. The music you selected to accompany the stories of the drums was another enlightened experience for many who came.

Finally, I was more than awed by your presentation. You come alive as you play these drums and your entire persona depicts the true essence of your trade. Not only was I and others soothed by the "Rhythms of Africa" but we became immersed in your craft. I do hope you can do this at sometime in the future for our children who can come to learn and appreciate the meaning and significance of the drums in African cultures.

Thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie V. Hunter".

Julie V. Hunter

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Interim Director, African-American Research Library and Cultural Center

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