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Fellow Revolutionary:

I am writing to first congratulate you on a job well done. I am proud to know that The Revolution is still alive and strong. Recently, a group of Afrikans in America led by the Honorable Harry Belafonte visited you in Caracas. When Mr. Belafonte exclaimed that President George Bush is a terrorist, and that millions of Americans support the Bolivian Revolution, he was not bluffing.

I, like you come from a strong, Revolutionary, political and social family. I currently am a City Councilman in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I represent one of the most economically depressed areas of the city. Government policy has for decades, given special privilege to corporations over the struggling impoverished citizens of Milwaukee. The disenfranchised citizens that I represent experience poverty; the dissolution of family; and the reverberating effects of United States neo-colonialism and expansion every day. Milwaukee has one of the highest unemployment rates for Black and Latino men (59%), as well as increasingly high rates of murder; drop out rates, and drug dependency in the United States.

As we approach the celebration of Black History Month in the United States, I am asking for your support and unity as we are both oppressed brethren of the same corrupt system- white supremacy, and European imperialistic hegemony. Similar to the oppressed people of Venezuela; Black People have made significant contributions by way of inventions and free slave labor that make Western culture, and imperial expansion the economic success it is today. We must unite and we must be compensated!

We will be working diligently with your Honorable Ambassador, Mr. Bernardo Herrera and Consular General, Martin Sanchez regarding forming a Sister City relationship between Milwaukee and Caracas in the near future. I close by repeating a pledge that Simon Bolivar made on the slopes of Monte Sacro in Rome in 1805, words every Revolutionary should live by, "I swear before you, and I swear before the God of my fathers, that I will not allow my arm to relax, nor my soul to rest, until I have broken the chains that oppress us..."

Peace be with you,
Alderman Mike McGee, Jr.