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Yours sincerely,

Susana Malcorra
Chef de Cabinet

The Honourable
Ms. Janice Hahn
Member of Congress and National
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Washington, D.C.



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Washington, D.C.



**Response to Invitation to the Secretary-General: 62nd National Prayer
Breakfast, Washington, D.C., 7 February 2014**

Jackilyn Punsal to: npb

24/01/2014 11:05 PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Daw Yi Mon Aung

From: Jackilyn Punsal/NY/UNO

To: npb@intfriends.us,

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Daw Yi Mon Aung/NY/UNO@UNHQ



Dear Sir or Madam,

Grateful if you can convey the attached scan of formal communication from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General to The Honourable Ms. Janice Hahn and The Honourable Mr. Louie Gohmert, Members of Congress and National Prayer Breakfast Co-Chairs, in regard to the above-mentioned subject.



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The originals have been sent via mail. Kindly confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Ms. Jackilyn Punsal
Scheduling Office of the Secretary-General
Executive Office of the Secretary-General
United Nations
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For Advice: Invitation to the 62nd National Prayer Breakfast _ 7 February 2014 in Washington D.C.

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Katrin Hett, Bertrand
Njanja-Fassu

12/12/2013 06:52 PM

Cc: DPA-OUSG-TPs, Brenda Vongova, Jackilyn Punsal, "Josiane",
Sanghwa Lee

Dear Katrin,

We have receive the attached invitation for the Secretary-General.

We would be grateful if DPA can coordinate with relevant colleagues and provide final recommendation on the following:

- (1) If this event merits the participation of the Secretary-General
- (2) In case the Secretary-General is not able to attend this event even after recommending, we would appreciate receiving advice on the need of representation. If representation is recommended, grateful to receive advice as to the name/title + confirmed availability of the UN Senior Official who should be designated to attend this event on behalf of the Secretary-General
- (3) Whether it would be necessary for the SG to send a message to this event (we assume no, but kindly advice)

Regards and many thanks in advance.

Alex



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Fw: For Advice: Invitation to the 62nd National Prayer Breakfast _ 7 February 2014 in Washington D.C.

Alessandro Caselli to: Alexandra Barahona Posada
Cc: Katrin Hett, DPA-OUSG-TPs, Bertrand Njanja-Fassu, Jackilyn Punsal, Josiane Ambiehl, Sanghwa Lee

27/12/2013 12:55 PM

Dear Alexandra,

after having consulted with Americas Division of DPA I am here sending you the information requested as per your email below:

The National Prayer Breakfast is held annually on the first Thursday of February and has been attended by sitting US Presidents since 1953. Members of the US Congress host the event, which is organized by a conservative religious organization, The Fellowship Foundation.

In our view, there is no reason why the Secretary-General should feel compelled to attend; we suggest that he declines. The event is a social occasion, with a religious, somewhat ecumenical character, attended at a high level by US authorities and international invitees. The only reason to accept would be if it is felt that the Secretary-General would benefit from being present at a large gathering in which he may have an opportunity to socialize with US authorities, albeit superficially given the large number of guests. It bears mention that the invitation does not foresee a specific speaking or honorific role for the Secretary-General, in fact, the hosts even call on the Secretary-General to pay for attending.

It would not seem necessary, nor appropriate for the Secretary-General to delegate his participation to another official.

No statement would be needed for his participation.

The Americas Division of DPA has consulted UNIC-Washington on this advice and they concur.

Do not hesitate in contacting us for any clarification.

Best wishes,

alessandro

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Office of the Under Secretary-General
Department of Political Affairs
United Nations, New York, NY 10017
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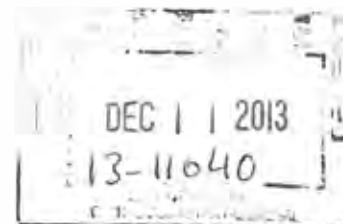
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December 6, 2013

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United Nations Headquarters
New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Secretary General and Mrs. Ban:

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We also hope you can join us for the International Luncheon on Wednesday, February 5, at 12:30 p.m. (seating at 12:15). This luncheon has traditionally been a time to honor you and the other Representatives to the United Nations as well as the Diplomatic Corps of the United States. The international guests attending the National Prayer Breakfast are also invited to attend the Luncheon. This year we are hosting a special dinner for the Representatives of the United Nations, which will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5. Both the luncheon and dinner will be at the Washington Hilton.

The cost for attending the breakfast, the luncheon and the dinner is \$150 per person. The cost applies if only one of the meals is attended. Should you decide to attend, please be advised that the refund deadline is January 17, 2014.

Your prompt response is essential and greatly appreciated. If you are able to attend and plan to stay at the Washington Hilton, please make your reservation directly with the hotel. A hotel information card is enclosed for your convenience. We hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion.

Sincerely,


Louie Gohmert


Janice Hahn

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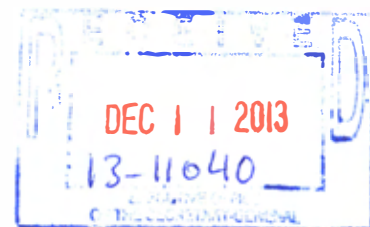
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