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Good day Ms. Heyliger,

Greetings and thanks for your inquiry in regard to ANSAR St. Kitts 2018. I have attached previously published information that I believe will be useful for you and your organization.

It is notable to mention that ANSAR St. Kitts 2018 Local Organizing Committee (LOC), is working arduously to make ANSAR 2018 the best ever. As you will note, the event is from June 22 to 24, 2018. The opening ceremony will be held in Nevis at the prestigious Nevis Arts Theater. The theme for ANSAR St. Kitts 2018, **“Renewing and strengthening our relations, celebrating our achievements and uniting our people.”**

Kindly allow me in summary, bring you up to date with ANSAR St. Kitts 2018 plans and promotions. I have also attached a Press Release #1A dated July 10, 2017 for related information.

The ANSAR Local Organizing Committee (LOC) has had several meetings since January 2017 up until May 2017. As it is customary, since the inception of SKN Returning Nationals Association (host of ANSAR), to have a summer break between June and September as most members are on vacation and off island. However, background work continued with the various LOC individuals. My deputy Chair, Mr. Michael Hendrickson, who were in the US and the UK, did tremendous work in the promotion of ANSAR through the various High Commissions and groups in London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester.

I also was in Canada and the US and circulated information to the current ANSAR Secretariat President, Mr. Constantine Greenaway, who I understand, send information to individuals and the various associations including Montreal, Toronto, New York and the Miami area. I have also received positive feedback from individuals and groups.

It is of interest to note, that we had a challenge that caused some promotional and net-working delays. Almost a year after ANSAR Montreal 2016 delegates meeting, we did not receive the recorded mailing address or contact information of associations' representatives, who attended the delegates meeting. As a delegate in that meeting, I have not received the Minutes of the meeting after over a year since ANSAR Montreal 2016 delegates meeting was held. It is also my understanding that it has not yet been circulated.

However, we (Mr. Greenaway and myself) were also engaged in several interviews when he visited St. Kitts, and was recorded on the (St. Kitts Nevis Information Service) SKNIS website, which is the Government's media and ZIZ Radio Station. I have also done some promotion in Western Canada, (Calgary & Edmonton) and at the University of Alberta, all of which was on Utube. I also was in contact with St. Thomas, USVI, through the local radio station and the Kittitians in Paradise Association, which the President of that association and I are in frequent communication. Hence, I believe that you will now have an accurate and clear picture of what is really going on with ANSAR St. Kitts 2018.

In regard to our program of activities, that is currently work in progress, lease to add, that the attached press release will provide you with an overview of the activities. However, I must highlight again, that the Opening Ceremony will

be held in Nevis. Ferry service will be provided aboard the MV Devonte J (Party Boat) and transportation to and from the Nevis Ferry Terminal are been organized, in a few words, positive things are happening.

The St. Kitts Marriott Resort, will be the home of ANSAR 2018. We have already reserved a block of rooms for the event. In addition, we have been in contact with a number of other hotels for considered rates including Hyatt St. Kitts, for those who may wish something more luxurious, upscale and unique. Royal St. Kitts, (formally Jack Tar) and located next to the Marriott. We have also been in contact with OTI for those who will prefer to stay, near or walking distance along the Irish Town Bay Road, to down town Basseterre, and other hotels that will be posted on our website.

May I hasten to add, that all hotel reservations for accommodation should be made directly with the respective hotels as soon as the links are made and I understand that a registered ANSAR code or directives will be provided. All related information will be posted on our website.

ANSAR St. Kitts 2018 LOC or the host, St. Kitts-Nevis Returning Nationals Association, are not responsible for hotel reservations and or accommodation. We only facilitate and negotiate the best possible rates for attendees to ANSAR. Our website will provide linkage information for booking.

The ANSAR St. Kitts 2018 LOC office have already been allocated, as we have received a small office space in the Pelican Mall in down town Basseterre, next to the building that accommodate the main Post Office. This was provided by the kind courtesies of the Ministry of Tourism; Minister Grant and his support staff were very helpful and we are extremely grateful. We will also establish our official telephone, fax, email and social media contact information, as soon as our website and office are setup.

The ANSAR 2018 Souvenir Journal/Magazine and the Market Place are also very significant for the success of ANSAR. We are encouraging individuals and businesses to consider advertising and to utilize these business networking opportunities that are also of historical values. I have also attached a few of the forms that will be posted on our website in the coming weeks. These may have minimal modification by then.

I trust that I have provided you with a brief summary of our plans that are in progress. Again, and to finally add, that we anticipate our communication net-work including our website and social media to be fully operational within another two weeks. In this regard, there were a few technical challenges due to the recent hurricanes that have caused some delay in the completion of our website.

We thank you very much for your inquiry and please feel free to offer suggestions or for example, perhaps you may have a cultural group or individual, who wish to participate, kindly send that information via DVD recording etc. early, so that it can be reviewed and determine if suitable, and with time permitted in the program for ANSAR 2018.

We are also considering a few after ANSAR events, if possible, to be held before Music Festival. So "Come for ANSAR and stay for Music Festival". You can contact me directly should you have any questions. With every good wish to you and your group.

Best regards,

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