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Good day, Mr. Loeb -

Ambassador Whitehead asked me to respond to your letter of Decembe, received January 8, on his behalf. The delay in response is my responsibility, for which I apologize.

This year, our public diplomacy efforts have been primarily focused around the upcoming presidential elections. We have been running programs for journalists on responsible election reporting and for over 150 youth throughout the country on non-violent elections. Unfortunately, we were unable to program any events around President's Day.

We have started planning for our Fourth of July celebration and I will bring your letter to the attention of the planning committee. Having visited the Touro Synagogue myself, I understand the importance of Washington's letter to the congregation, and hope we will be able to apply your suggestion in some format.

With regards from Togo,

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