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HYMAN TOURS TO PROMOTE BOOK THAT TELLS OF FLAWED US POLICY TOWARDS LIBERIA

Lester S. Hyman, a noted Washington, D.C. attorney with 48 years experience in law, government, and politics, has started a tour that started late summer 2003 and will continue through summer 2004 to promote his provocative new book, "United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003: Unintended Consequences?" His 2003 itinerary includes appearances in ten cities in three countries: Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, eight U.S. cities -- New York, Nashville, Sacramento, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Boston, and Chicago, and London, U.K. He is available for additional interviews, and private and public appearances.

Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA, 12 September 2003 -- In conjunction with the late-August release of "United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003: Unintended Consequences?," Lester S. Hyman started promoting his provocative title in a series of media interviews, and private and

public appearances. Scheduled between August and December 2003, this includes book signings in Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, eight U.S. cities -- New York, Nashville, Sacramento, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Washington DC, Boston, and Chicago -- and London, U.K. A noted Washington, D.C. attorney with 48 years experience in law, government, and politics, Mr. Hyman is discussing why U.S. foreign policy has inadvertently propelled Liberia into a humanitarian catastrophe and what the U.S. should do to reverse the suffering of Liberia's three million war-weary people.

Mr. Hyman knows his subject quite well. He was deeply involved in peace resolution efforts during Liberias civil war, and worked with the International Negotiating Network (INN) at the Carter Center with specific reference to Liberia. His opportunity to take part in this work first arose in 1991. At the recommendation of the George H.W. Bush administration, Mr. Hyman

assisted a British citizen in doing business with Liberia at the time the country was headed by two de facto governments: the National Patriotic Reconstruction Government (NPRAG) headed by Charles G. Taylor, and the Interim Government of National Unity (IGNU) led by Amos C. Sawyer. Until 1993 Lester Hyman continued to advise NPRAG on legal matters. After the 1997 national elections in Liberia and into 1999, Mr. Hyman served as United States legal counsel for the Republic of Liberia. In that capacity, he again communicated regularly with Charles Taylor, a man who both fascinates and repels many observers. United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003 helps the reader understand the complexity and failures of U.S.-Liberia relations," and why, since 1989, they were driven by U.S.-Taylor relations.

Lester Hymans analysis is also perfectly timed. With the brutality of the conflict between the countrys government forces and rebel groups, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD) and the Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL), mediated peace negotiations, and the indictment of President Charles G. Taylor by the Special Court of Sierra Leone (SCSL) followed by his resignation from the presidency and exile to Nigeria, Liberias plight has finally gained widespread international attention that is long overdue. Marianne Means, Washington Columnist for the Hearst Newspapers, said: If you want to know the inside scoop on Liberia, this book is an eye-opener..."

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