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The Honorable Myron D. Jackson
Chairman
Committee on Culture, Historic Preservation,
Youth & Recreation
Legislature of the Virgin Islands
Capitol Building, Charlotte Amalie
P.O. Box 1690
St. Thomas, VI 00804

Dear Mr. Chairman,

I am in receipt of the revised agenda for Monday, June 29, 2015 wherein my appearance has been requested from 2:00 to 3:30 pm at the next committee hearing on Culture, Historic Preservation, Youth and Recreation, at the Frits E. Lawaetz Conference Room on St. Croix.

I understand that the purpose of the hearing is to receive an update on the state of Government Houses and their furnishings, art, and historical collections, including Government House in Christiansted, Sion Farm and Bonne Esperance on St. Croix; Government House in Charlotte Amalie, and Catherineberg on St. Thomas; and the Battery and East End School House on St. John.

Ms. Lisa Webster of Government house has compiled the inventories which reflect her work to date. Mr. William Taylor, the architect at work on the restoration of Fort Christian will be available to discuss present conditions at the referenced properties.

Unfortunately, I must respectfully decline your invitation as I am currently traveling and will not be on-island on Monday. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randolph Knight".

/s/

Randolph Knight
Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor