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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEW BOOK TELLS WHY US POLICY TOWARDS LIBERIA LED TO THE 2003 CRISIS

Cherry Hill, New Jersey, USA, 20 July 2003 - **Africana Homestead Legacy Publishers (AHLP)** announces the late-August 2003 release of its forthcoming title, *United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003: Unintended Consequences?*, by **Lester S. Hyman**. A noted Washington, D.C. attorney with 48 years experience in law, government, and politics, Mr. Hyman tells 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.

Les Hyman knows his subject. He was deeply involved in peace resolution efforts during Liberia's civil war, worked with the International Negotiating Network (INN) at the Carter Center with specific reference to Liberia. From 1997 to 1999 he acted as United States legal counsel for the Republic of Liberia. His analysis is perfectly timed. With the brutality of the conflict between the country's **government forces** and **rebel groups**, **Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy (LURD)** and the **Movement for Democracy in Liberia (MODEL)**, mediated peace negotiations since June 4, 2003, and the indictment of President **Charles G. Taylor** by the Special Court of Sierra Leone (SCSL), Liberia's plight has finally gained widespread international attention that is long overdue.

Those in the U.S. and international community will want to know what Hyman knows about Liberia. In his quest to help its citizens, he communicated regularly with Charles Taylor, a man who both fascinates and repels many observers. Once you read *United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003*, you will "understand the complexity and failures of U.S.-Liberia relations," and why, since 1989, they were driven by U.S.-Taylor relations. Hyman outlines how

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the failure of the U.S. to anticipate fully the outcomes of its policies has led to disastrous “unintended consequences” for Liberia. It is then a “case-study on how the United States treats post-conflict nations.” 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...”

AHLP, an independent press founded in 1996, publishes scholarly books on the experiences of African Americans, and Africans on the continent and in the diaspora. AHLP also produces works for other independent presses and self-publishing authors. Starting August 28, 2003 all may order *United States Policy Towards Liberia, 1822 to 2003: Unintended Consequences?* (ISBN: 0-9653308-8-5, U.S. \$25.00) by calling toll-free 800-247-6553. One may also purchase the book online (Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com), or through local bookstores. For more information, contact: Carolyn C. Williams, Publisher and Managing Editor, 856-220-4234 or publisher@ahlpublish.com.