THE SECRETARY OF STATE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20520

His Excellency
Gilberto Gil,
Minister of Culture
of the Federative Republic of Brazil,
Brasilia.

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April 17, 2008

Dear Mr. Minister:

It was a pleasure to see you in Brazil during my recent visit. Thank you for joining me on the tour of the Pelourinho. I was honored to learn about Salvador's culture, and I appreciated your insights on Brazil's history.

Thank you as well for your warm hospitality and the beautiful collection of art books. They are wonderful reminders of my visit.

I look forward Since to your consent

Sincerely,

His Excellency Gilberto Gil.

> Minister of Culture of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Brasilia.