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Chairman Daniel Fils-Aimé Sr.  
Haitian American Historical Society  
9822 N. E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue – Suite #3  
Miami, FL 33138

Dear Chairman Fils-Aimé:

Thank you for your kind invitation to the unveiling of the Haitian Memorial Monument in Savannah, Georgia on October 9 and 10. Most unfortunately, my duties here in Haiti do not permit me to leave at this time to join you for the unveiling.

From the information I see in the packet you sent to me, the monument will make an important contribution to commemorating the history of Haiti and its significant place in the history of the Western Hemisphere. I congratulate you and your society on this achievement and on the work that you do surrounding the goals of your organization.

I hope to visit the monument at some time in the future when I am able to come to Savannah.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kenneth Merten', written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth Merten  
Ambassador