

Dear Samantha Power,

I am an aspiring Eritrean 11 year old. I would like to congratulate you on your appointment to the Post of US Ambassador to the United Nations and through that to the President Obama's National Security team. You are a scholar with ideas that can benefit not just the U.S. but also the world. You are the icon figure we need at the UN Security Council. As a human right advocate you have written award winning books relating to your personal interests and beliefs. With your book *"A Problem from hell: America and the age of genocide."* You were recognized through your early intellectual career that has taken off ever since. You are a promising figure for this generation. After the so called problem solvers that have come and gone in the United Nations, I think we finally have somebody we can trust. America as you said has not been the greatest universal human right advocate. They may implicate that idea towards people but you can see that it is not true. You yourself have complained about the lack of action the U.S. has had in the human rights affairs that are happening almost everywhere. You understand that this is a conflict that affects everyone therefore we have to take actions that can produce repercussions that will solve these conflicts. You have put yourself in the position to be a leader of this aspiring movement. America, as we know, has not just put a bad impression as human right advocate, but it also has been an instigator of many a human right violations around the world. There have been so many situations that have been hidden from the world that the U.S. has done. The CIA has committed so many crimes, representing abuse of human rights and genocide including all the postwar genocides in Indonesia and etc. Yet you never mention these genocides where the U.S. is the perpetrator. It's looks you are holding back when it comes to U.S.' crimes against humanity. The human rights advocate that you are, you should know what John Foster Dulles, former Secretary of State said about my country of origin: *"From the point of view of justice, the opinions of the Eritrean people must receive consideration. Nevertheless the strategic interest of the United States in the red sea basin and the considerations of security and world peace make it necessary that this country has to be linked with our ally Ethiopia"*. Such has been

the state of affairs of America's foreign policy: disregard to justice, fairness and truth. This was an historic statement that he made that proved the US was undermining Eritrea's rights to exist as an independent nation. Through this misguided policy Foster and his colleagues took it upon themselves to take away the sovereign right of the people of Eritrea. They had to fight for 40 years to reverse this injustice. As you know well, there is a final and binding decision regarding the border between Eritrea and Ethiopia dating back to 2002. Ethiopia in violation to this decision is illegally occupying sovereign Eritrean territory. The person who sat on your chair, Susan Rice, was a known Ethiopian groupie who confessed that Prime Minister Meles was her personal friend at his funeral. Due to this fact and her historical hostilities towards Eritrea going back to 1998, she was working to undermine the Decision and in fact wikileaks quotes her she was advising the Ethiopians to come up with an alternative mechanism to bypass the final and binding decision. Afraid of the US the United Nations has chosen to do nothing about it. To the contrary, again at Rice's prodding and arm-twisting sanctions were imposed on Eritrea based on fabricated allegations. As you can see the U.S. has been a big perpetrator of violating the human rights of the Eritrean people not only in the 1940s but also in this day and age. It is my hope and prayer that you, as a human rights advocate, will get the courage to right the many US wrongs against the people of Eritrea. Deception has been a big asset in our modern world and US diplomats in charge of African affairs have been the leading users of deception. In the process they are hurting US interests and deceiving the American public. As young as I am I believe in truth and justice. America has been hasty to accuse and point fingers at the innocent; this needs to change. You can be an instrument of this much needed change in America's foreign policy orientation, particularly as it relates to Eritrea. You can make a change and lead a revolutionary stand to become an even bigger advocate for the innocent. Eritrea's innocence has been proved without any doubt. It is time to lift the illegal and unjust sanctions.