



**CECIL WALLACE-WHITFIELD CENTRE**  
**P.O. BOX CB-10980, NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS**

**PRIME MINISTER**

7<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

Dear Mr. Lewis,

I write to acknowledge with gratitude and appreciation the assistance extended by you and your organization, Pathfinders Task Force, supported by Eagle Wings Foundation and the Director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, in providing critical infrastructure surveys and rapid damage assessment on Abaco and Eleuthera in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

The people of Abaco and of Eleuthera are indeed fortunate to count you among their good friends. As you know, the timeliness of the reports was particularly helpful to our National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and to our Ministry of Public Works and Transport as we implemented our emergency response to the storm and commenced framing our post-hurricane repair and reconstruction programmes.

Indeed, the usefulness of those reports caused us to request that you conduct a similar rapid assessment of Cat Island, the Bahamian island most seriously affected by Hurricane Irene. The Ministry of Public Works and Transport has indicated that the SWEAT-MS assessment proved most useful for very quick assessments of road and seawall damage.

I also wish to thank you for donations of emergency relief supplies which were thoughtfully offered to the people of Abaco. You kindly worked together with Mr. Jack Albury and Captain Earnest Dean to arrange for those goods and supplies to be redirected to Cat Island where the need was greater.

Please convey to your entire membership our thanks and appreciation for their assistance. I also thank through you, the various Florida based donors to this effort, notably The Salvation Army, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Christian Disaster Response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Ernest A. Dean", with a horizontal line underneath.

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Captain Earnest Dean