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## Dear CNN & PAHO;

Thank you for bringing to our attention the correspondence that was circulated purporting to be from J/P HRO. This letter is not the opinion of J/P HRO, and was not sanctioned by the Country Director. While we maintain a strong working relationship with PROMESS and have received supplies from them in support of the fight against cholera, we do stand by the accuracy of Dr. Sanjay Guptas' story. We feel the piece realistically reflected the situation Dr. Gupta encountered while he was filming on location.

We were informed of concerns about the facts reported by CNN, and made the decision not to contact CNN to attempt to rectify or update the story. We felt the reporting was accurate concerning the severe delays encountered in delivering supplies; we acknowledge these supplies were received later that day but note that Dr. Gupta would have had no knowledge of this.

I am very glad you brought this to our attention. We are addressing the internal issues that led to this letter being sent out. I assure you my high regard for our working relationship with both PAHO and CNN will be thoroughly communicated to staff at all levels.

Regards,

Sean Penn CEO J/P Haitian Relief Organization