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In light of the fact that President Barack Obama is expected to hold talks with Caricom leaders in Jamaica on Thursday 9th April 2015, before heading to Panama to attend the Summit of the Americas.

Seeing that the United Nations has declared 2015 to 2024 as the Decade for peoples of African Descent; whereby millions of African Descendants – silenced and buried in denial- with the opportunity to rise without shame and guilt to claim their African heritage without fear of reprisals.

In the name of Reparatory Justice, The Caribbean Rastafari Organization (CRO) is calling upon the Caricom heads to revisit the call for a presidential pardon for Jamaica's first national hero, the Rt. Hon. Marcus Mosiah Garvey.

In 2011, the Obama administration rejected a request for a posthumous pardon for Mr. Garvey on the grounds that "*it would be a waste of time and resources since Garvey had been dead for ages.*"

Many are of the view that Marcus Mosiah Garvey was set up by the J Edgar Hoover led Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), fearful of his widening popularity among down trodden US blacks. Garvey was imprisoned for mail fraud totaling US\$25.00 in June 1923, and after spending two years and nine months in prison, was deported to Jamaica on a boat.

The decade for peoples of African descendants is the appropriate time that this extraordinary human being of humble beginnings and strong moral character is pardoned by the pen of the American president.

Respectfully yours

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