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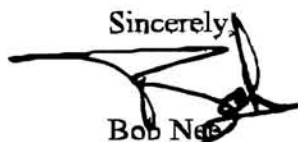
Dear Ms. Newborn:

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me yesterday regarding the detailed conference needs of the 2006 National Association of Black Journalists National Convention. I appreciate the time you spent with me.

As you know, it is imperative for the Marriott to provide an effective convention proposal that accurately meets your association's meeting objectives. Clearly, a significant requirement when selecting a Headquarter Hotel is to have one contiguous space that can accommodate 160 – 170, 10' by 10' exhibit booths. In combination with the exhibit component of the meeting, I understand there to be over 60 breakout meetings, a General Session room, and banquet space requirements. You were very clear during our telephone conversation that, utilizing Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center as an alternative for NABJ exhibit space is not an option. Based on the meeting objectives you have discussed with me, it is clear that the Marriott cannot physically accommodate all of NABJ's meeting, banquet & exhibit needs without the use of the Cobo exhibit space.

Ms. Newborn, I apologize on behalf of Marriott for allowing this process to continue longer than necessary. We are appreciative of your consideration for such a prestigious event and I sincerely hope we will have the opportunity to work together in the near future.

Sincerely,



Bob Neas  
Director of Marketing