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It is with much pleasure and humility that I greet you with the motto of the UNIA: **One God, One Aim, One Destiny and of course, Race First.** You can rest assured that I will work tirelessly to uplift this Noble Race and I promise that "All I have I will give to you."

In effect, Mr. Garvey sold the Black man to himself. Mr. Garvey gave the Black Man a (new) spine so as to stand straight and look the oppressor in the eye; led Black people to see physical beauty in themselves, refused to allow advertisements in his newspaper that would denigrate Black people, portrayed dark skin people as beautiful, told Black people to wear their hair naturally as possible, told Black people to see God in themselves, to portray God in their own images and as like themselves, wrote poetry that elevated the Black Race, wrote the Poem, The Black Woman where upon Mr. Garvey extols the beauty of Black women: "**Black queen of beauty, thou hast given color to the world.**" Indeed, practically every aspect of the organization was designed to bolster the Black man's self-esteem and to foster pride in self. As per Marcus Garvey "After a people have established successfully a firm industrial foundation, they naturally turn to politics and society, but not first to society and politics, because the two latter cannot exist without the former." The lesson must be self reliance economics. This is why we have embarked on an ambitious plan to create wealth for the benefit of this noble race. It is called the Federation of African, Caribbean, and American [**FACA**] Restaurant Owners Corp [**ROC**].

So as to continue the work of Mr. Garvey, we are to Rebuild Our Legacy for A Brighter Tomorrow. This necessarily involves rebuilding the International Headquarters at 1609 Cecil B. Moore Avenue in Philadelphia, PA 19121. This will require a self reliance economics platform. This is where the **ROC** falls into place.

What if we could harness all of those restaurants into a federation that would purchase the dry goods, meats and vegetables in bulk and then sell them back to themselves? That way the cost would certainly be reduced for each restaurant. Also, we would have to hire workers to run the warehousing and to deliver the goods. But more importantly, we circulate the funds in our community, eliminate the middle man who are all aliens while proving to our people that we can operate a business. This is what we call Race First self reliance independent economics.

Michael R. Duncan, PRESIDENT GENERAL