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Verbatim transcript for 13 Feb 86 Renee Poussaint  
Introduction

INTRODUCTION FOR MS. RENEE POUSSAINT

13 FEBRUARY 1986

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GOOD MORNING,

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IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TO YOU A PERSON WHO COMES INTO OUR HOMES EVERY NIGHT, A GREAT ANCHOR AND A VERY DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN, MS. RENEE POUSSAINT.

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25 October 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Avon O. Harding  
Director of Equal Employment Opportunity

SUBJECT: Keynote Speaker for Black History Month

During the month of February, the Agency, along with the rest of the Federal Government, will commemorate Black History Month. On 13 February 1986, Ms. Renee Poussaint, Washington television anchor woman, will highlight the Agency's observance as our keynote speaker. I would like for you or Mr. McMahon to meet with our guest in your office at 9:45 a.m., prior to her speech and introduce her in the auditorium.

*time?*

Avon O. Harding

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The DDCI will host *A. J. [Signature]*





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9 January 1986

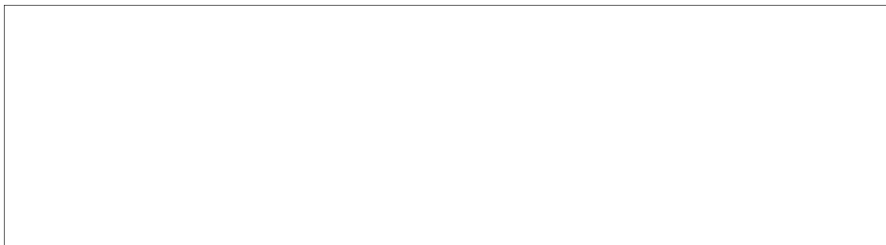
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## NATIONAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH

1. Our Nation commemorates its Black Heritage during the month of February. This year's national theme is "The Afro-American Experience: International Connection." The Central Intelligence Agency joins other groups and Federal agencies in observing National Black History Month.

2. On 13 February 1986, Renee Pouissant, Emmy Award winning journalist and WJLA News co-anchor, will be the keynote speaker for the 1986 Black History Month observance. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Headquarters Auditorium with an introduction by the DDCI. Admission will be by ticket until 9:45 a.m., with open seating from 9:45 to 9:55 a.m. Tickets will be distributed by your Directorate EEO Officer.

3. All Agency employees are urged to attend this program. Special round-trip charter bus transportation will be provided for Agency employees in outlying buildings. Departure times are as follows:



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Immediately following the program, buses will depart from the Headquarters Building at approximately 11 a.m. for return to outlying buildings.

4. There will be an exhibit entitled "Out of Africa" in the Headquarters Exhibit Hall, 1D Corridor, 3 through 28 February 1986.

5. For additional information, call [redacted] Black Affairs Program Manager, or his assistant, [redacted] on extension [redacted]

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