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Dear Friends,

The following is a message from Elizabeth Eames Roebing, a member of Asheville Meeting sojourning in the Dominican Republic:

I ask for your Light once again for our island of Hispanola and the 20 million people who live on it. Agence France Presse now reports one death from cholera in Cite Soleil. The UN Health organization reports that cholera is now in the rivers. They estimate that there could be as many as 300,000 cases of this disease in Haiti. Although the global rate of survival is quite high, at about 75%, Haiti is in an extremely fragile state. Since our water systems are conjoint, the Dominican Republic, where 52% of the people are below the global poverty line, is now also at risk.

There are reports that United States pledge of \$1.2 billion to Haiti for the reconstruction after the Earthquake is being held up in Congress until they are assured that the money will not be "misspent". Might there be Friends who are active with FCNL who are capable of finding out exactly what committee or authorizing agency is in charge of this distribution?

Might Friends also consider taking this issue to their respective Peace and Earth Committees for review with the aim of moving it to the top of the list of FCNLs Legislative agenda?

I appreciate your attention, concern and Light.

I am much upheld by your collective strength.

Abrazos,

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