

July 27, 2004

PCV: Danielle Dryke
Country: Mali

RE: Contract Letter of Intent in Relation to RTC

█ I'm going to come see you now, and would like to discuss this statement with you, because I feel as though maybe I could have taken it in a different direction and was struggling with some of the wording, I feel as though it sounds too much exactly like what you promise to do when you sign up to be a peace corps volunteer and the level of remorse and regret that I feel is so overwhelming, but I do feel that this was an isolated incident of poor judgment, and I am learning so much from it, but am not sure if the statement really conveys that.'

I, Danielle Marie Dryke, have learned many very hard lessons through this experience, and recognize first and foremost that I have let myself down in a series of poor judgments, in realizing that my personal safety is my own responsibility and that there are actions that I can take to protect myself from an at-risk situation. I promise always to dress in a culturally appropriate manner(no spaghetti straps, low cut, tight fitting), abstain from the use of alcohol, exclude myself from situations where I am alone with a male host country national/ strange male, avoid isolated areas,,be mindful of my behavior in that I do not send signals of flirting or sexual intention, and whenever possible ask a friend to accompany me places. In returning to Mali I hope to continue my work with the mobile bank that my village and I started, and to start the projects that my counterpart and I have already discussed including starting a radio station, working with the women's association to start an income generating activity and sensitizing the community on a variety of issues including the importance of saving money, accounting practices and basic enterprise development skills. This incident will continue to effect my decisions for many years to come and I will use it as a constant reminder of the possible consequences of poor judgments and disregard to cultural rules and norms. I am capable of making the good judgments necessary to keep myself safe, and promise to put my safety above all else.

Sincerely,

Danielle Dryke
PCV

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Date

9/12/05

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Aug. 3, 2004