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Mr. Algernon Cargill President Bahamas Swim Federation Nassau, The Bahamas

Dear Mr. Cargill

As Minister with responsibility for Youth, Sports and Culture, I write to congratulate the Bahamas Swim Federation (BSF) for its sterling efforts in fielding this year's strong CARIFTA team.

Team Bahamas performed extremely well, earning a second place finish over last year's third place, whilst equalling last year's medal count. Records were broken by two of our swimmers and many personal best times were recorded, speaking to the valiant effort by all of the swimmers.

I must single out the performances of Ashley Butler and Dustin Tynes who broke the two records and the outstanding swimming effort of McKayla Lightbourn who earned the most individual points in the senior girls division. Evanta Gibson is also to be congratulated for setting the record broken by Tynes. With the co-operation of the Bahamas Association of Athletic Associations and the Bahamas Swimming Federation we anticipate holding receptions for the swim and track and field teams in New Providence and in Grand Bahama in the near future.

I once again extend a hearty thanks to you, the other executive members and coaches of The Bahamas' CARIFTA squad for 2009, and wish you continued success in all other competitions scheduled for the remainder of the year. You can be assured of my Ministry's continuing support.

Yours sincerely

Desmond Bannister, MP Minister of Youth, Sports and Culture

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